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A Letter from Author James M. Tabor

Naming Names

If I had to sum up *The Deep Zone*'s protagonist in two words, they would be "beautiful" and "indomitable." How do you name someone like that? Serendipity works in strange ways. Long before I wrote *The Deep Zone*, I was sitting on a stool next to Emmy Lou Harris in a bar where she was playing and I was working. On her lap she held a child. She said, "This is my daughter, Hallie. Hallie, this is Jim."

"Hello, Hallie," I said. "I love that name. It was my mother's name, too."



"That's nice," Hallie said. She was about five and radiated the same heavenly, ethereal beauty that marked her mother's music.

"Would you mind keeping Hallie company while I do the next set?" Emmy Lou asked.

"My pleasure," I said. "Is it okay if Hallie has a Coke?"

"Orange juice, please," Emmy Lou said, and OJ it was.

Emmy Lou led off with "Queen of the Silver Dollar," which always made me want to cry. Hallie and I played a game with straws. That was the extent of my relationship with Emmy Lou Harris and the beautiful Hallie. But such things stay with you, especially if a couple of months later you see Emmy Lou on the cover of *TIME*.

A few years after playing straw games with Hallie while her mother sang songs that made even hard saloonists weep, I was a cop on the streets of Washington, D.C. My commanding officer was Lt. Joyce Leland, as remarkable—and indomitable—a woman as any I ever met. Proof: at a time when there were few women cops, let alone commanders, she retired as *Deputy Chief* Joyce Leland.

Fast forward some decades to an author in search of the right name for his beautiful, indomitable heroine. There it was: *Hallie Leland*. Thank you, serendipity.

Review

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“Thriller fans should pay attention.”—*Library Journal*

About the Author

James M. Tabor is the bestselling author of *Blind Descent* and *Forever on the Mountain* and a winner of the O. Henry Award for short fiction. A former Washington, D.C., police officer and a lifelong adventure enthusiast, Tabor has written for *Time*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *Outside* magazine, where he was a contributing editor. He wrote and hosted the PBS series *The Great Outdoors* and was co-creator and executive producer of the History Channel’s *Journey to the Center of the World*. He lives in Vermont, where he is at work on his next novel.

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