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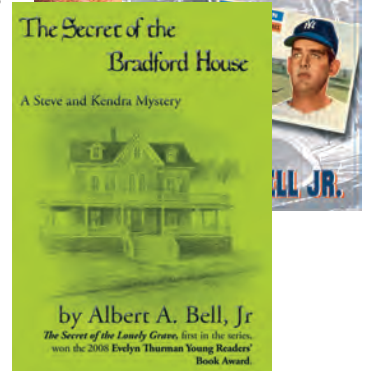
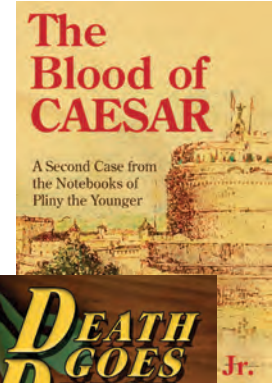
Albert A. Bell, Jr.

author of *The Blood of Caesar*, one of five **Best Mysteries of 2008** from *Library Journal*, one of the **Pliny Mysteries**, and the contemporary YA series **Steve and Kendra Mysteries** featuring the latest: *The Secret of the Bradford House*

Albert Bell discovered his love for writing in high school, with his first publication in 1972. Although he considers himself a “shy person,” he believes he is a storyteller more than a literary artist. He says, “When I read a book I’m more interested in one with a plot that keeps moving rather than long descriptive passages or philosophical reflection.” He writes books he would enjoy reading himself.

A native of South Carolina, Dr. Bell has taught at Hope College in Holland, Michigan since 1978, and, from 1994 - 2004 served as Chair of the History Department. He holds a PhD from UNC-Chapel Hill, as well as an MA from Duke and an MDiv from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to psychologist Betty Jo Barnes Bell; they have four children and a grandson.

Bell’s published works include contemporary mysteries *Death Goes Dutch* and *Kill Her Again*. His nonfiction works include, *Resources in Ancient Philosophy* (co-authored with James B. Allis), *Exploring the New Testament World* and *Perfect Game: Imperfect Lives*. His articles and stories have appeared in magazines and newspapers from *Jack and Jill* and *True Experience* to the *Detroit Free Press* and *Christian Century*. In historical fiction, *Daughter of Lazarus* and *All Roads Lead to Murder*, were followed by *The Blood of Caesar*, selected as one of the **Five Best Mysteries of 2008** by *Library Journal*. *The Secret of the Lonely Grave*, first in the series of **Steve and Kendra Mysteries** for young people, won a **Mom’s Choice Silver Medal** and the **Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Award**. The latest in that series is *The Secret of the Bradford House*, published by Ingalls Publishing Group in 2010. The next mystery in the Pliny series, *Corpus Conundrum* is due out in 2011.



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