

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** [Denver, Colorado, United States of America 12/7/2022]

A book for our times! The debut novel by Donna Lawrence, *Miss Virginia and the Sweet Sisters*.

***“For a mixed-race girl in 1967, acceptance amid life and death is hard-won.”***

*~ tagline from Miss Virginia and the Sweet Sisters.*

For her debut novel, Ms. Lawrence weaves the story of a mixed-race girl growing up in civil-rights-era Kentucky, where intraracial racism proliferates and a long-ago murder still haunts the town. “Intraracial racism wasn’t often spoken about during the 60s,” Donna says. “Colorism, as it’s called, is a thing that seems to have grown with time. Exploring how this issue shapes the growth and nature of a young girl of mixed race was an intriguing aspect to explore. Added to this story is the resilience one develops when confronting fears in the face of evil.”

In *Miss Virginia and the Sweet Sisters*, we are immersed in the world of Kentucky bluegrass horse country, coming-of-age wonders, and the mysteries of life experienced by a young girl, Lindsey Hollis. The backdrop of murder and the seedy side of small-town life heightens the suspense interwoven with the racial tension of the late 1960s Kentucky South. Will Lindsey find the courage to persevere and save herself and her friends before the killer strikes again?

“I hope the message this story imparts resonates with today’s readers. Yes, it is a time-worn story of acceptance, but one that harkens back to values we seem to have lost along the way, especially today.” Donna continues, “In this raw, gritty, authentic, and heartwarming tale lies a timely message I believe needs to be told. After reading it, I hope others will feel the same way.”

**Editorial Reviews:** *What a story! Absolutely superb!* ~**Natli VanDerWerken**, MSCIS, International Award-winning Author.

#### **AUTHOR BIO:**

Donna Lawrence writes in the genre of women's fiction set in historical periods, even touching on coming-of-age in small-town America. *Miss Virginia and the Sweet Sisters* is her debut novel. A collection of short stories and poetry is scheduled for release soon. As of 2020 and 2021, two of her poems are featured on the 9/11 Memorial Website. Donna Lawrence was born and raised in Kentucky but is a long-time resident of Colorado. She is currently working on her second novel and posts monthly on her personal blog.

#### **Purchasing Details:**

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