



Hi friends,

Thank you so much for choosing to read *Dead Drift* with your book club. I'm extremely grateful. I know there are so many wonderful books out there you could have chosen, and I deeply appreciate you picking *Dead Drift*. I hope you enjoy Luke and Kate's adventure, along with the conclusion to my Chesapeake Valor series. I've loved spending time with the 'gang' and will miss them as I move onto my new Coastal Guardian series. Although, I'm really looking forward to sharing a whole new cast of characters working in the Coast Guard Investigative Service in Wilmington, North Carolina. Get ready for warmer weather, sandy beaches, adventure, daring rescues and, of course, a murder or two.

In *Dead Drift*, Luke Gallagher and Kate Maxwell have been recently reunited after an eight-year separation and the sparks are ready to fly. With both being strong-willed, and deeply affected by the time apart, will the two be able to find common ground in time to stop a threat of colossal proportions—one that could destroy the country that they love and live to protect? Hope you'll enjoy finding out in their story.

To enhance your book club fun, I've included some special extras for your group. Inside this Book Club Kit, you'll find discussion questions, character dossier, a quiz, game and much more! Hope they help to make your meeting memorable.

If you'd like signed bookplates or signed bookmarks for your club members, feel free to shoot me an email and I'll be happy to get some in the mail to you. I also adore chatting with fellow readers and would be honored to chat with your book club via phone, FaceTime, or Skype. Just email the details to me at dani@danipettrey.com and let's set something up (schedule permitting).

Enjoy the adventure!

Dani

Dani Pettrey & Blind Spot Q&A

1. Can you share a little about yourself?

My husband Mike and I have been married 25 years. We have two beautiful daughters, two adorable grandsons, one awesome son-in-law, and a one-hundred and twenty pound Newfoundland puppy who looks more like a bear than a dog, but who has the sweetest temperament ever. I love hiking, kayaking, traveling, the beach and am always in search of the world's best iced mocha. I love connecting with readers, so please drop by www.danipettrey.com and say hi!

2. How long have you been writing?

I've been writing for fourteen years, published for seven, and my tenth book will release in July. It was a long, slow journey getting published, but it was definitely God's perfect timing, and it's been a whirlwind ever since.

3. What do you enjoy most about the writing process?

I love so many aspects of the writing process. Everything from daydreaming the initial idea, watching the characters come to life during the first draft, fine-tuning and deepening the story threads during the revisions—I love all of it. I even adore the scent of fresh ink and feel of warm paper as it comes out of the printer. I know it's such an author thing to say, but it's true. The most satisfying aspect, however, is hearing from my readers. Every contact literally makes my day.

4. Can you tell us a little about Blind Spot?

Blind Spot features federal agent Declan Grey and crisis-counselor Tanner Shaw as they face down one of the greatest terrorist threats to American since 9/11.

5. Is there a theme to Blind Spot?

I don't set out to write a story with a particular theme in mind. Rather, I sit down and write the story the Lord lays on my heart, and then I look back and discover the common theme running throughout the characters' journeys. Hope is the theme of Blind Spot. Hope in friendships, family, loved ones and, most importantly, hope in Christ and all that we have in and through Him and His constant presence and love.

6. Your heroine, Tanner Shaw, works to combat human trafficking and continues to help victims make a new life for themselves in the aftermath. How does she handle combating such darkness and evil in the world?

Tanner's hope, faith in God, and in His calling on her life, equips her in the battle to break the chains of atrocious bondage for victims of human and sex trafficking. Her faith sustains her through the darkness and the battle is worth every scare she endures to help set just one woman free.

7. Are there any organizations combating human trafficking that you'd like to highlight?

Thankfully, there are many organizations and individuals battling this horrific human rights' violation. Two that come to mind directly are:

International Justice Mission: www.ijm.org

Araminta Freedom Initiative: www.aramintafreedom.org

8. How did you go about researching Blind Spot? Any area of research you found particularly compelling?

Research for Blind Spot involved a wide array of topics—everything from motorcycle skills, to weapon choices, police procedure, bombs, and, most heartbreaking, the epidemic of human trafficking.

9. What are you working on now? What can readers look forward to next from you?

I'm currently working on two projects. I'm revising book four of the Chesapeake Valor series, which will release in July. I'm also extremely excited to be partnering again with Dee Henderson and Lynette Eason on a novella collection. When those projects are complete, I will dive into my new series, Coastal Guardians, which features Coast Guard Investigative Service special agents and is set in coastal North Carolina. I'm thrilled to be able to bring new characters and new settings to my readers in the coming years.

Meet the Characters

PERSONAL DOSSIER



LUKE GALLAGHER

DATE OF BIRTH: FEBRUARY 17, 1987

HEIGHT: 6'2

EYES: VIBRANT BLUE

HAIR: DARK BROWN

PHYSIQUE: ATHLETIC AND TONED.

INTERESTS: TRAVEL TO EXOTIC PLACES, ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY AND OFF-ROADING, ESPECIALLY AT THE BEACH.

PERSONAL DOSSIER



KATE MAXWELL

DATE OF BIRTH: MARCH 21, 1987

HEIGHT: 5'7

EYES: BLUE

HAIR: BLONDE (MOST OFTEN IN A PONY TAIL)

WORK: PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR SPECIALIZING IN HACKING.

INTERESTS: SAILING, TRAVELING, WATCHING OLD SITCOMS, AND SWIMMING.

Secret Agent Password

**In Luke's role as an operative, he used codewords for missions.
Practice your spy skills with this word game!**

How to Play:

1. Cut out the words below into strips. Fold them over and put them in a hat or basket.
2. Divide the group into two teams, then have one representative from each team choose a slip of paper. It is their job to describe the word on the paper to their teammates.
3. One clue-giver starts and may say only one word as the clue. If their team does not guess correctly, the second clue-giver gets a chance to give a one-word clue, and so on.
4. Once the word has been guessed, distribute points to the team (10 points if they guessed correctly after only one clue was given, 9 if two clues were given, 8 if three clues were given, and so on).
5. Play again with new clue-givers until all papers are gone.

JUSTICE	UNDERCOVER	RENDEZVOUS
DEADLINE	ANCHOR	WITNESS
LIGHTHOUSE	SECRET	MYSTERIOUS
EPIDEMIC	GLOBAL	EAVESDROP
HACKER	HARBOR	DISASTER

Which Chesapeake Valor Job Should You Have?

Find out what exciting, crime-fighting career you might want to consider, based on characters from Dani Pettrey's Chesapeake Valor series! Answer the questions below and jot down the letter that sounds most like you from each question.

- 1. Faced with a frustrating situation or person, how are you most likely to respond?**
 - a. Start by making sure I need to be involved; if so, confront the issue directly.
 - b. Finding an innovative solution that will hopefully solve everyone's problem.
 - c. Bringing in the appropriate authority if needed, otherwise, try to ignore your frustration.
 - d. Diffuse the situation by communicating well and understanding others' points of view.
 - e. Deciding not to let it distract you and stay focused on the positive.

- 2. Pick a pet:**
 - a. German Shepherd
 - b. Cockatoo
 - c. House plant
 - d. Kitten
 - e. Tropical fish

- 3. Which of these documentaries would you watch with interest?**
 - a. The Making of Mt. Rushmore
 - b. A Century of Art in Advertising
 - c. Semper Fi: A Look at Navy SEAL Training
 - d. Understanding the Global Refugee Crisis
 - e. The Many Adaptations of Sherlock Holmes

- 4. This would be the *worst* career for you:**
 - a. Preschool teacher
 - b. Accountant
 - c. Car salesman
 - d. Truck driver
 - e. Singer/songwriter

5. You're off on a date with your special someone...pick a restaurant:

- a. A classy seafood place
- b. Brunch bistro
- c. Fancy steakhouse
- d. Fun ethnic restaurant
- e. Cheery café or bakery

6. Others have said that they appreciate your

- a. Honesty
- b. Creativity
- c. Dependability
- d. Compassion
- e. Loyalty

7. Which of these interior design styles appeal most to you?

- a. Rustic
- b. Nautical
- c. Minimalist
- d. Cozy
- e. Tuscan interiors

8. You would get most excited about winning a \$100 gift card to...

- a. An outdoors/sports store
- b. A craft/hobby store
- c. A grocery store
- d. A global market
- e. A favorite restaurant/coffee shop

9. Time for a weekend staycation! What are you most likely to do?

- a. Check out the cabin and hiking trail in a nearby state park.
- b. Tour an art gallery or get tickets for a theater production.
- c. Research the highest-ranked attractions or restaurants in your area and try a few out.
- d. Take a cooking or pottery-painting class with some friends.
- e. Enjoy the peace and quiet of a bubble bath, take-out, and a movie in.

Quiz Results

Mostly As: Park Ranger

Like Griffin McCray from *Cold Shot*, you love the outdoors and having time to think and reflect, but also have a killer sense of humor and a desire for adventure. Your ability to follow the rules and look out for others would make you great for any national park's team...just make sure you don't pick the one national park that suddenly becomes a crime scene.

Mostly Bs: Crime Scene Photographer

Like Avery Tate from *Still Life*, your creative side makes you perfect for a career that takes an outside-of-the-box look at ordinary details. In life and in art, you're able to capture the possibilities of what might have been and what could be. But be careful...some pictures should never be taken...

Mostly Cs: FBI Agent

Like Declan Grey from *Blind Spot*, you're relentless in your search for answers and have a strong protective instinct, putting yourself in danger before letting anyone else be at risk. Any government agency would appreciate your commitment to honesty, ability to think logically, and quick reactions. If your investigations lead you the way those in the book did, though, you'll need all your courage and skills to tackle the killer cases.

Mostly Ds: Crisis Counselor

Like Tanner Shaw from *Blind Spot*, your innate compassion would make you the perfect advocate, particularly for those who need it most, like refugees and victims seeking justice after trauma. People are always your priority, and you're able to find shared humanity even in those with whom you seem to have nothing in common. That same instinct may put you in the middle of danger, especially if the FBI gets involved...

Mostly Es: Private Investigator

Like Kate Maxwell from *Dead Drift*, you probably have an eye for detail and a passion for justice. You are constantly curious and fiercely loyal to those you love and to causes that you deeply believe in. That loyalty may get you in trouble from time to time...or, if you follow Kate's path, put you in harm's way while trying to stop a terrorist attack.

Charm City Trivia

Did you know?

- The first United States post office system was inaugurated in Baltimore in 1774.
- The first dental school in the world was founded in Baltimore in 1840.
- The first telegraph line in the world was established between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore in 1844.



- The first professional sports organization in the United States, The Maryland Jockey Club, was formed in Baltimore in 1743.
- Baltimore was the first city to implement a 311 service as a non-emergency hotline.
- The first successful manned balloon launch in the United States, operated by 13-year-old Edward Warren, was launched from Baltimore in 1784.
- Francis Scott Key wrote the National Anthem while watching the bombardment of Fort MCHenry during the War of 1812.
- During the 1800s, Baltimore served as the second greatest port of entry for United States immigrants.
- The USCGC Taney, the last ship to survive Pearl Harbor afloat, is docked in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.



- Famous major league baseball players Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, Jr., Billy Ripken, Lefty Grove, Frank "Home Run" Baker, and Harold Baines were all born in Baltimore.