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NOTOWN

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA. – NOTOWN is the first book of The Midnight Valley Quartet. It follows a day in the life of Randi Jo Gaylor, who has decided to kill her second husband. A coal miner's daughter who strived to rise above the poverty of Eastern Kentucky only to find herself embroiled in crimes not of her own making, Randi Jo tells us about the events that brought her to this terrifying day. Author Tess Collins explains, "Many novels center around one incident or a particular period of a character's life. NOTOWN follows the characters for a lifetime, hitting on the significant episodes that shaped them and tells their story in a way that justifies their choices. I guess you could call NOTOWN a fictional biography."

Tess Collins is a coal miner's granddaughter, raised in a southeastern crater town Middlesboro, Kentucky. Her novels include: THE LAW OF REVENGE, THE LAW OF THE DEAD, THE LAW OF BETRAYAL and HELEN OF TROY. Her non-fiction book HOW THEATER MANAGERS MANAGE is published by Rowman and Littlefield's Scarecrow Press. Miss Collins received a B.A. from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. from The Union Institute and University.

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Synopsis of NOTOWN:

Randi Jo Gaylor's family is poorer than dirt. Yet the little girl survives with an optimistic attitude despite imagining a Fear Angel haunts her. Through four decades, she covers up murder and betrayal by others until a threat against her daughter forces her to take an action she never thought herself capable of... killing a man she'd once loved.

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