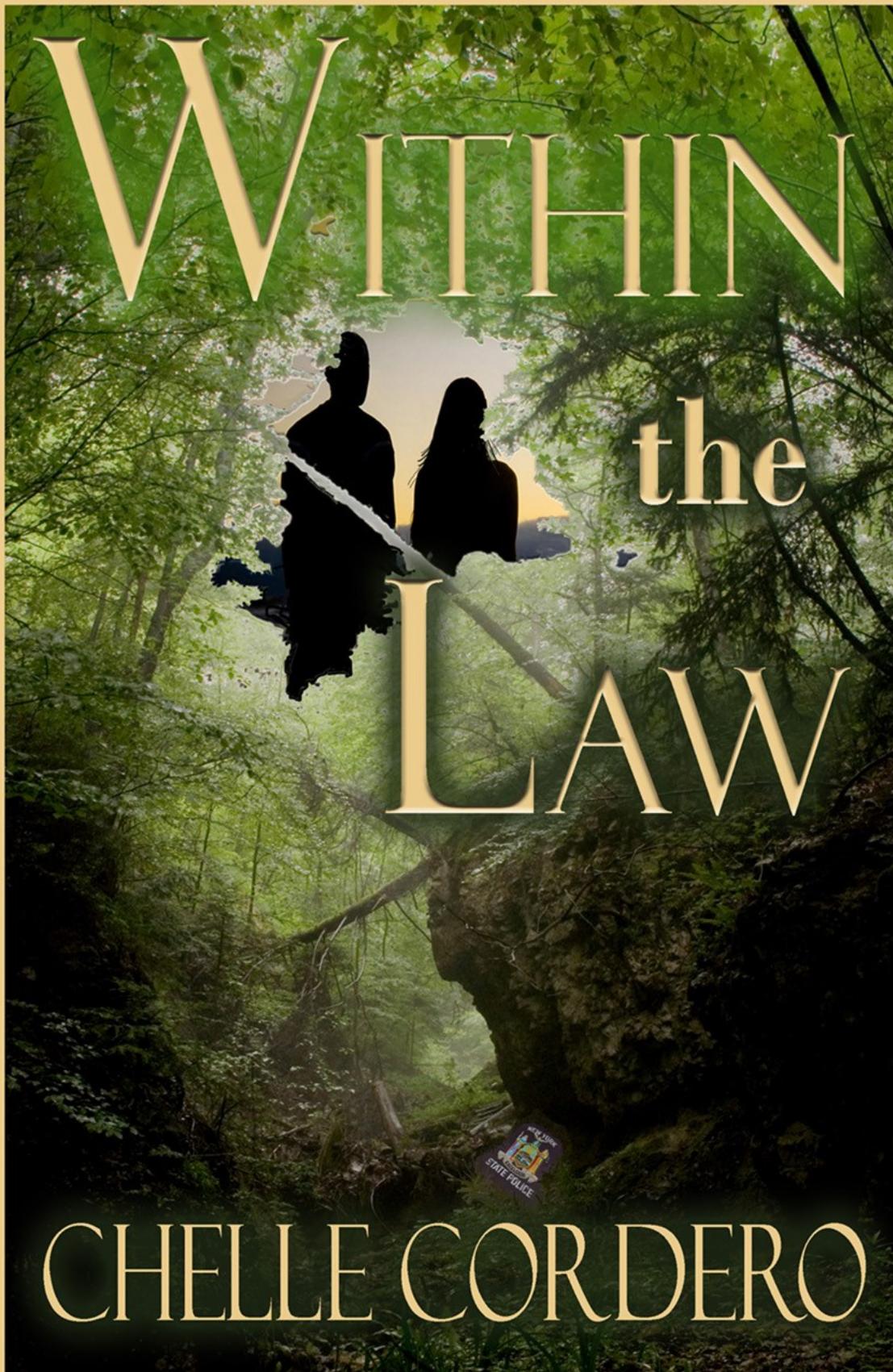
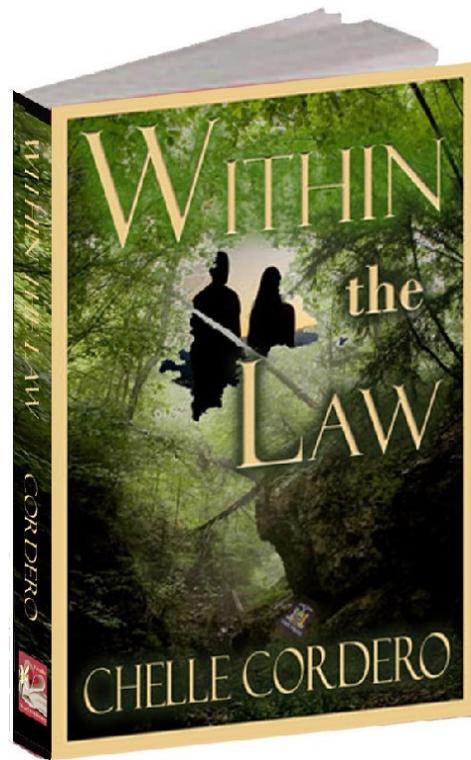


Within the Law Book Club Extras





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By Chelle Cordero

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His Lucky Charm and *Within the Law* are two highly sensual, romantic and edge-of-your-seat tales. Although *His Lucky Charm* and *Within the Law* are two separate stories, they are woven together by a common thread—cousins Caitlyn Smythe and Tom Hughes. Some favorite characters appear in both novels and allow the reader to become totally absorbed into the family.

Book Club Discussion Guide

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1) Tom Hughes is a New York State Trooper. What kind(s) of law enforcement officers are there in the area you live in? If there is more than one kind, do you know what their immediate jurisdiction and responsibilities are? In an emergency, how would you reach your local law enforcement?

2) In the story *Within the Law*, Tom is involved in a rescue (a car of teenagers goes off a bridge into the water). The rescue is successful, but Tom is taken to the hospital after swallowing water. Alli panics when she receives a phone call to pick him up at the hospital. It is often very stressful for family members of first responders (police, fire, ems) to accept that their work puts them in harm's way. Do you think you could live with that fear on a day to day basis?

3) Alli is a lawyer. She explains to Tom at one point that it is her job to make sure everyone who is accused of a crime is defended fairly and entitled to a trial by a jury of their peers. Tom has difficulty accepting this since, as law enforcement, he feels his job is to get law breakers off of the street. Television often plays on this clash between law enforcement and defense lawyers. How do you feel about it?

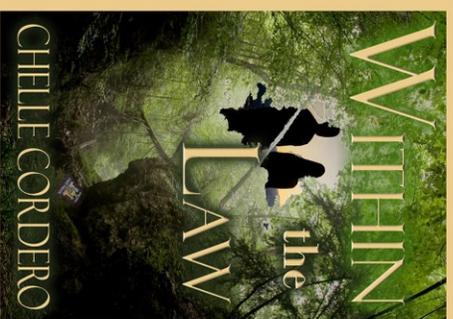
4) Tom Hughes' character was created in a previous book by Ms. Cordero, *His Lucky Charm* (formerly called *Forgotten*) along with other characters Caitlyn, Brandon, Sylvia and Walter. Even though the books are stand alone stories, how does it make you feel when a character "lives on" beyond the place you first met them? What are your expectations when a character makes repeated appearances in several stories?

5) Alli's first marriage ended badly – there were no children. Even though she doesn't want anything to do with her ex-husband, her parents continue the relationship with him. Do you feel this is alright? If a family member decides to continue having a relationship with an ex, what limitations and precautions make sense to protect the individuals involved.

6) Most of the story *Within the Law* takes place in the Adirondack region of New York State. The Adirondacks are known for their mountains, lakes, forests, hiking trails and charming villages; in the winter the area is a haven for skiers and known for year round fishing, camping and scenic drives. Only a few hours from major northeast metro areas, the Adirondacks are a popular vacation spot. Have you ever visited the Adirondacks? What areas near you sound like they might be an equivalent destination?

7) Sylvia and Walter Hughes raised Tom and his cousin Caitlyn. Now that the couple's children are grown and on their own (married and getting married), the senior Hughes are retired and enjoying life together. Tom is embarrassed when his mother makes it clear that she and her husband are still quite romantically involved. There's been a lot of talk lately that life (including sex) continues well on into the golden years for many. Thinking of your older relatives, how does this make you feel? Depending on your age, is sexuality important in your own life now and/or in later years?

8) Tom's behavior PRE-Alli isn't sterling. He made some decisions (such as an affair with a married woman) that even he admits were ill advised. He also is known for his temper which, for the most part, he has learned to control. If a person has "changed their ways", how much should a potential partner consider past decisions when getting involved?



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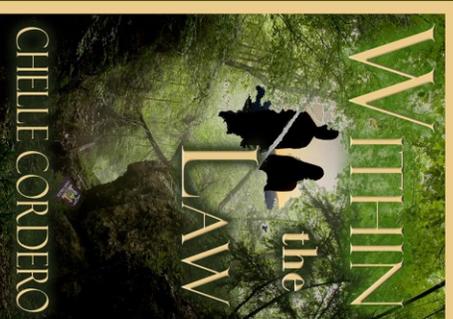
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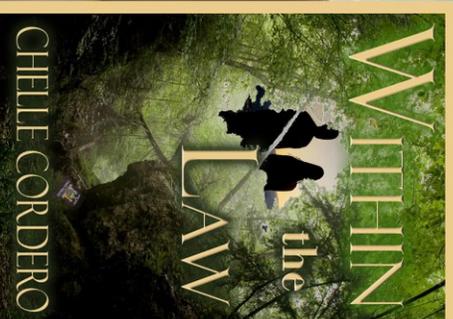
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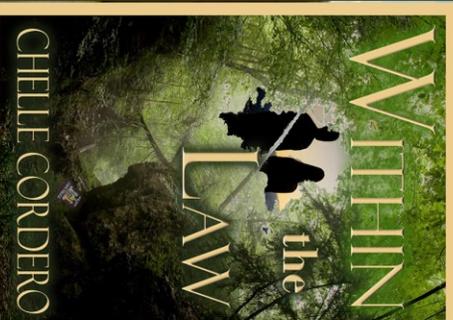
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More by **Chelle Cordero**

Bartlett's Rule

Bartlett's Rule shares the story of Lon and Paige's love affair; a romance filled with hardship, emotion, danger and triumph. Falling in love was never the challenge; being there for each other, knowing just what to say and making it work is the real test. Paige and Lon are real; they are human, they cry and they laugh. Paige has to learn to trust. Lon has to learn to be patient.

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Courage of the Heart

Courage Of The Heart shows us that sometimes love is the only cure for the very deepest of emotional wounds. The story of the two lovers takes a series of unexpected and fast paced turns where lives, sanity and love are put in jeopardy. Their commitment to one another results in a spirit that binds them together and helps them to overcome physical and emotional dangers.

Final Sin

Deputy Sherriff Commander Jake Carson has his hands full... investigation of a brutal multiple homicide, a troubled son and a vindictive ex-wife. He meets young, free-spirited paramedic Julie Jennings. When Julie becomes the subject of an obsession, it puts both of them in danger...

A Chaunce of Riches

Ben Johnson was hired as a bodyguard for a rich widow and her kid, but he never expected to be working for the woman who had abandoned him just when he had needed her the most. Damn it all, he still wanted her. Samantha Chaunce never thought she would have to explain why she married the rich man instead of Ben. Or that her husband had been murdered...and Ben was the prime suspect.

Common Bond, Tangled Hearts

Layne Gillette's world is turned upside down when a man she has never met shows up to lay claim as the father of her 6-year old son. When Layne's abusive "ex-husband" shows up, they are torn apart by danger, kidnapping and lies.

His Lucky Charm

What happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas... this time it follows Brandon and Caitlyn across the country and into a world of espionage and danger. The one thing that Brandon knows for sure is that he can't afford to lose his lucky charm, Caitlyn.

Hyphema

Hyphema: Bleeding in the eye caused by trauma... Matt Garratti, a paramedic from New York, moves his wife and son to North Carolina to work at his dream job as a flight medic. Pakistani born Sudah, his wife, receives frosty stares and insensitive comments from their new neighbors... Matt wonders if he is pursuing his dream or bringing his family into a nightmare from which they may never wake.

Non-Fiction

Living, Breathing, Writing: A Lesson A Day

A complete month of lessons about the craft of writing and being a writer, from time management to social networking, organizing queries to publication, and more. In the Bonus Section of this book you'll find more than 50 brain-starting exercises to help you get those words on paper.

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Chelle Cordero writes stories of Passion and Suspense. Vanilla Heart Publishing has published nine Cordero novels: Bartlett's Rule; His Lucky Charm; Within the Law; Courage of the Heart; Final Sin; Hostage Heart; A Chance of Riches; Common Bond, Tangled Hearts; and Hyphema. She is currently working on her tenth novel and promises another action packed adventure and heartwarming love story. Chelle has been writing both fiction and non-fiction for the bulk of her adult life and has been with Vanilla Heart Publishing since early 2008.

Her books have earned many plaudits which includes: Bartlett's Rule was named one of Carolyn Howard-Johnson's Top Ten Reads for 2009; Final Sin was an Honorable Mention in the Fiction Category of the 2010 NY Book Festival and a 2009 Pushcart Prize nominee.; Hyphema won the Dec 9, 2011 Friday Book Cover Vote on the Shades of Love website; A Chance of Riches was Winner of D. Renee Bagby's readers' choice for The Best Overall First Chapter, April 2010; and Hostage Heart, Final Sin and A Chance of Riches had top ten finishes in the 2009 Preditors' and Readers' poll. Chelle was also featured in "50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading" published by The Author's Show in 2010.

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