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Notes About the Author and This Story

Sue Grafton was born on April 24th, 1940, in Louisville, Kentucky in the U.S.A. Her father, C.W. Grafton, was a writer of mystery stories. Before she became a novelist, Sue Grafton wrote scripts for TV plays.

"A" is for Alibi was her first crime detection novel. The main character of the story is Kinsey Millhone, a thirty-two-year-old female private detective¹. After *"A" is for Alibi*, Sue Grafton wrote *"B" is for Burglar* and *"C" is for Corpse* which are also about Kinsey's cases. The author is going to write twenty-six stories about Kinsey Millhone, one for each letter of the alphabet.

Sue Grafton now lives with her husband in Santa Barbara, California.

In this story, Kinsey Millhone lives and works in a town called Santa Teresa in southern California. Santa Teresa is not a real town, but most of the other places that Kinsey visits are real. Some of them are in the state of Nevada, to the east of California. California is a large state on the west coast of the U.S.A.

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