

# SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why did you write *Hassie Calhoun: A Las Vegas Novel of Innocence*?
2. What inspired the characters in your novel?
3. What kind of research did you do before or during the writing?
4. What are your plans for the rest of the trilogy?
5. Why is Frank Sinatra such an iconic figure for your novel?
6. Other than Sinatra, who influenced your portrayal of Hassie as a singer and aspiring song writer?
7. As someone who has been involved in the music industry, how well do you think your novel portrays the era you've written about?
8. How do you think woman in the music business are treated today compared to the options available in the 50s and 60s?
9. This book is not based in fact, but do you think most women can relate to the personal struggles of Hassie? How do you relate?
10. The mythical subtext of the novel evokes a different idea of the era. What gave you this idea and what is your reasoning?