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Author's True Identity Theft and Stalking Trauma Ignite Mystery Novel Claudia Whitsitt's *Identity Issues* a Wild Tale of Friendship, Identity Theft, and Murder

December 15, 2012 - The first time author Claudia Whitsitt's phone rang and a man from another country claimed to know her husband, she tossed it off as a case of mistaken identity. When a woman phoned years later, claiming her husband had fathered her child, she gave her husband the third degree and then let it slide. By the time the third person came forward, stalking her at work, she understood the terrors of identity theft. Channeling those raw emotions onto the page gave Claudia some relief, and also gave birth to impetuous amateur detective Samantha Stitsill.

In the first book of the Samantha Series, *Identity Issues*, Teacher Samantha Stitsill discovers the identity of her husband's identity thief and begins trailing him, unwittingly placing those she loves most in mortal danger. She vows to do *whatever it takes* to protect them and finds herself on a one-way street to Hell.

"You can't imagine how frightening it is to have a parent come to your school, ask your colleagues intimate questions, and then, after a meeting at parent/teacher conferences, accuse you of being married to her husband. It was a surreal experience that I had to share." Ms. Whitsitt said. "While Samantha is a lot like me, she's also far more daring than I am. She's the woman I imagine I would be if I let loose my inner detective. Of course, she gets in more trouble than I do, too..."

Identity Issues is available at Amazon.com.

About Claudia:

Claudia Whitsitt is an award-winning author and veteran special education teacher living in Michigan. Her experiences with identity theft led her to sit down at the keyboard and type out the story. Her Books include *The Wrong Guy* and *Identity Issues*, Available from Amazon.com. The second of the Samantha Series, *Intimacy Issues*, will be released Spring 2013.

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