

Susan Albert

“An Illinois native, Susan grew up on a small farm near Danville, where she loved walking through the fields, bicycling and—of course—reading. She read the Little House books so often that she practically memorized them, and was a devoted fan of Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers. So it’s no great surprise that she began her writing career when she was still in her teens, selling short stories for young readers to magazines like *Calling All Girls*, *Jack and Jill*, and *American Girl*.

But that writing career had to wait almost three decades. Marriage, kids), college and graduate school, and appointments as an English professor and university administrator intervened. It wasn’t until midlife that Susan decided that it was high time to do what she loved most. She left the university, returned to writing, and never looked back. A prolific writer who is always exploring and experimenting with form and style, she is the author or co-author of over 130 mysteries, historical and biographical fiction, memoir, and nonfiction.”

Blood Orange

Characters:

China Bayles

Ruby Wilcox

Ramona

Kelly Kaufman

Jessica Nelson

Ronald MacDonald

Christopher Burgess

Charlie Lipman

Sheila Dawson

Maria Blake

What did China do before she opened her shop?

What special abilities does Ruby have? Does Ramona share those abilities?

Why did Kelly come to the B & B? What happened to her?

What clues does the murderer leave behind?

What is Jessica's work and is she good at it?

What other charges is the murderer facing?

Charlie opens his mouth - why?

What happened to Ronald?

Hospice reimbursement arrangements are complicated. Discuss.