



## Dana Stabenow Biography

Dana Stabenow is pure Alaska. Born in Anchorage in 1952, she was raised on a 75-foot fish tender in the Gulf of Alaska. She survived the 1964 Great Alaskan Earthquake and went on to graduate from Seldovia High School and earned a journalism degree from the University of Alaska.

Stabenow helped construct the TransAlaska Pipeline and later worked for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company at Galbraith Lake and BP at Prudhoe Bay. The oil jobs paid the bills and her frequent airfare to Hawaii, but in 1982 when she turned 30, she decided to go back to school. She achieved a Master of Fine Arts degree from U.A.A. in 1985. Stabenow then set out to, as she says, "sell a book before I went broke."

Stabenow says her first book, a science fiction novel called *Second Star*, fell with an "almighty thud" on the marketplace and was never heard from again. Then her editor came upon Stabenow's first Kate Shugak mystery, *A Cold Day for Murder*. The rest is literary history. *Cold Day* won a prestigious Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America. Later Stabenow vaulted onto the New York Times Bestseller List with her thriller, *Blindfold Game*. Her latest Kate Shugak novel, *Whisper to the Blood*, also made the NTY bestseller list. *A Night too Dark*, the 17<sup>th</sup> novel in the Kate Shugak series, is slated to be released in early 2010.

### Kate Shugak Series

A Cold Day for Murder  
A Fatal Thaw  
Dead in the Water  
A Cold-Blooded Business  
Blood Will Tell  
Breakup  
Killing Grounds  
Hunter's Moon

Midnight Come Again  
The Singing of the Dead  
A Fine and Bitter Snow  
A Grave Denied  
A Taint in the Blood  
A Deeper Sleep  
Whisper to the Blood  
A Night Too Dark