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Evelyn Palfrey is a native Texan and a lawyer who writes romantic suspense for the 'marvelously mature'--because romance is just as sweet with a little gray at the temple. She is the author of four novels, *Three Perfect Men*, *The Price of Passion*, *Dangerous Dilemmas* and *Everything In Its Place*. Her novels deal with issues that are common to the middle passage of life, and reflect her 25 years practice of criminal and family law—and her love of RV travel.

Evelyn began writing fiction in 1995, driven by the realization that although many romance readers were like her—at middle age and starting a new phase of life—they weren't represented as romance heroines. *Three Perfect Men* was born as the first book of a trilogy about three women who had been college roommates in the '60's. *The Price of Passion*, a novel about marriage and betrayal, followed the next year. Her sister's remark about the absence of full-figured women as romance heroines propelled her to write *Dangerous Dilemmas*. Her fourth novel, *Everything In Its Place*, grew out of recognition that many women who thought they had finished raising children, are now raising grandchildren.

Her next venture is a story in the anthology, *Cougar Tales*, with Sandra Kitt and Laura Parker.

Evelyn's novels have been on the Essence Magazine bestseller list, the BookSense '76 list, and have been Black Expressions selections. *The Price of Passion* was awarded Best Multicultural Book by Romantic Times Magazine.

Evelyn's story, "The Lady at the Bus Stop", was published in *Chicken Soup for the African-American Soul*, and her story, "Mama's Hands", was published in *Chicken Soup for the African-American Woman's Soul*. She has also been a contributor to Black Issues Book Review.

Evelyn was nominated for a Career Achievement Award by Romantic Times. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Austin Public Library Foundation, Travis County Lawyer Referral Service, Austin Community Radio, Inc., Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, and the State Bar of Texas. She is currently on

the Board of the Writers League of Texas and is active with Austin Romance Writers of America.

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