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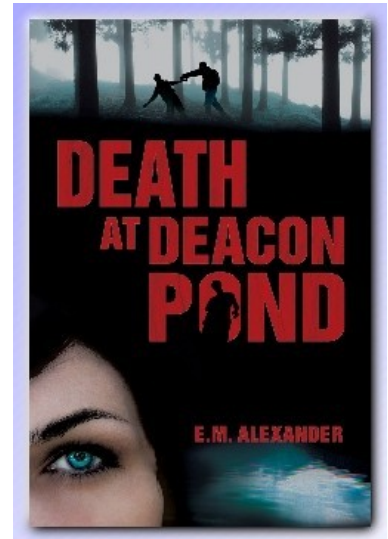
## Author's Page ~ Elaine Alexander

### "Death at Deacon Pond" By Elaine Alexander

A young woman's psychic ability entangles her in a chilling murder mystery that will keep teen readers guessing! Ever since her father's suicide, Kerri Langston has been tortured by visions of his violent death, leading her to believe that he was murdered. With no way to prove her theory, her psychic visions only serve to upset her mother and give her the reputation of being a "freak." When Kerri stumbles upon a body in the woods near Deacon Pond she realizes her visions are not limited to her father's death, and that her strange connection with the dead might help solve a crime – if she can convince the police to trust her this time. What Kerri doesn't know is that there is someone close to her who will stop at nothing to ensure that her visions remain hidden. In this small town full of skeptics, who can she trust?

Readers will be drawn in by how the protagonist deals with typical teen issues like falling in love, having a dysfunctional family, losing a parent, and feeling isolated. These problems plague her almost as much as do her frightening visions of death, giving the book a strong sense of realism.

E. M. Alexander began working at the age of six, delivering newspapers up a steep, and decidedly creepy, hill called Robert's Rd. She has worked as a student library aid, a pizza maker, a tee-shirt maker, as well as a receptionist and bill-collector. Currently, she is a freelance writer for a local community newspaper, The Reminder. One of the 2006 recipients for the Barbara Karlin Grant, E. M. Alexander resides in Connecticut with her husband, Phillip, and her son, Ethan. "Death at Deacon Pond" is her first novel .



"I like horror because there's something about a scary story that stays with you, long after you've left it. It's pops into your head when you wake up in the middle of the night to a strange sound. It's there in the shifting shadows in your room, in the creepy cellar you played in as a child. A good horror story truly haunts you. It lives in the dark corners of your mind and jumps out at you when you least expect it. And, let's face it. No matter how scary the story is, we always go running back for more."

The author has more 'in the works':

#### **ANGLER FISH -- Completed Manuscript, 800 words**

What is life like for a hunter, lurking in total darkness, 4000 meters below the sea's surface? The answer can be found in my 800 word non-fiction piece, entitled "Angler Fish: The Black Devil of the Deep." This manuscript, which placed second in the 2006 Smart Writer's W. I. N. Competition and was honored with a SCBWI's Barbara Karlin Grant, will appeal to independent readers who enjoy reading about unusual creatures from the sea.

#### **APPLE MOON -- Completed Manuscript, 65,000 words**

Apple Moon, a historical novel set in 1911, is partially based upon the true life accounts of Orphan Train Riders.

#### **STRAWBERRIES FOR SUSANNAH -- Work-in-Progress**

It is the spring of 1829, and sixteen year old Susannah Occuish much to be grateful for. Her indentured service at Morehouse Manor is almost over. But, trouble is brewing between the miners and the Cherokees when gold is discovered in upstate Georgia. Susannah's family Cherokee skin makes them a target ...



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