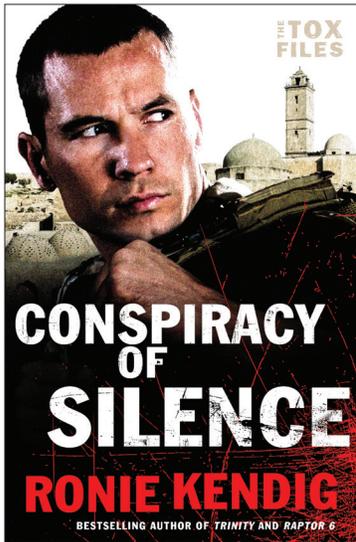


**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH RONIE KENDIG**



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**1. What makes your new series, THE TOX FILES, different from your previous novels?**

In so many respects, THE TOX FILES is exactly what I've been writing all along—it's fast-paced, action/adventure, and has a paramilitary team, a touch of romance, and a mission. But this new series brings to my Rapid-Fire Fiction an element that has made me very excited to write: ancient history. Interwoven into each mission is an artifact being used to wreak havoc. I've had so much fun writing this series, and I really believe readers will love these adventures!

**2. Your novels feature multiple points of view and threads that weave into a compelling story. How do you pull it all together?**

I confess it's pretty challenging to pull all the threads together seamlessly (ha, see what I did there?), but the way I've attempted to leave no thread hanging unintentionally is by entering The Pit. Most of our basement is unfinished, so I had my husband hang grease boards all along one wall, screwing them into the studs. My brainstorming wall is where I plot the stories (something this seat-of-the-pants writer never thought she'd do) and lay out the various threads and how they should grow. It's amazing to see it like that!

**3. THE TOX FILES pits your main characters against some of history's most ancient artifacts. What sort of research is involved in preparing for each story?**

THE TOX FILES has stretched me as a writer more than any other series I've written, because the research is demanding and intense. However, God has really blessed me with some amazing contacts—archaeologists, doctors, theology professors, EOD techs. I want to get it write—er, right! I've had to study ancient history, and it's amazing to learn about all the cultures and interweaving of beliefs and ramifications, wars, and controversies.

**4. In The Warrior's Seal, the e-novella prequel, you introduced a military working dog, and you own a retired MWD—is that a coincidence?**

Oh, you caught that, did you? No, no coincidence at all. Two and a half years ago, our family adopted a retired military working dog named VVolt N629. As a patrol/explosives detection dog in the Air Force, VVolt was deployed to Kuwait and he has also done POTUS and FLOTUS detail. He's an intense, focused, but quirky dog. And I could not resist the opportunity to give VVolt some fame in THE TOX FILES.