

# SANDRA'S SYNDROME

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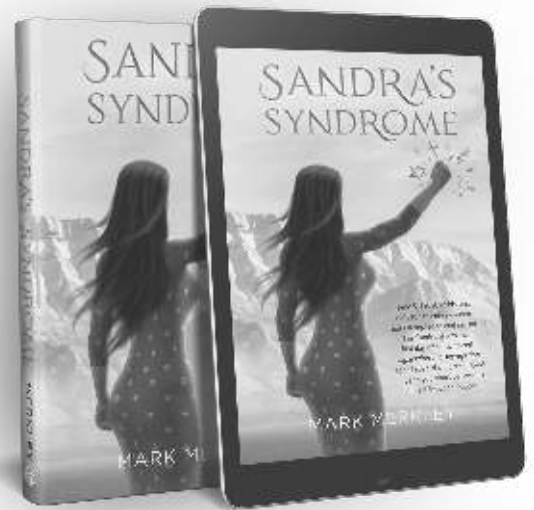
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## SANDRA HAS A SECRET

**Secrets are cruel challenges.**

Especially a secret God gave Sandra that not even He can accept and refuses to tolerate. Sandra is a Mormon girl, but this story is not about Mormons. It is about an explosive secret, racial bigotry, superstition, and bias toward uncommon people—a mixture with the power to transform humanity.

**Humorous, thoughtful, sensual, and a gripping page-turner to the end**, *Sandra's Syndrome* gives readers a beloved heroine at a time when humankind needs one like never before. June 8, 1978, an historic date for an entire church that attempted to end racism. For Sandra, it was the first day of battle to end **separation and segregation** for all special children of God ... and you won't believe the miraculous conclusion.

A love story of true-life fiction.

## ABOUT MARK MERKLEY



Mark Merkley is an author and retired university instructor. He has a MA and BA in Organizational and Interpersonal Communication from Brigham Young University. Mark was trained formally as a technical writer and has recently delved into the world of creative writing. He believes that humor within creative storytelling possesses greater emotional opportunity to provide readers personal understanding of characters and their experience with complex issues. An avid reader, Mark first received his inspiration for Sandra's Syndrome from a character in Kathy Reichs' bestselling novel, *Bones Never Lie*. After spending several years cultivating the idea

in his mind, he decided to start writing it two days after his retirement. It is controversial. However, religion and science must engage common ground to understand the misunderstood and accept the uncommon. That common ground is the battlefield for the victory of social acceptance and inclusion.

When Mark is not behind a computer, he spends time playing softball and basketball; he enjoys puzzles and decision-making problems. Mark hosts uproarious parties and game nights for his friends. They bond over their love for travel, new experiences, fine tastes, and adventure. Love and acceptance are consistent.

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