

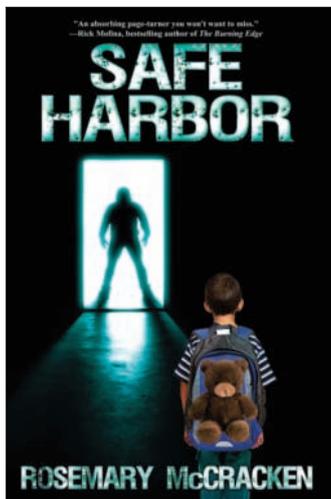
# Financial advisor is heroine of new murder mystery novel

A woman visits financial advisor Pat Tierney at her office and leaves behind a very precious asset – her seven-year-old boy. This child, Pat discovers, is the son of her own late husband.

The next day the woman is murdered and police believe the boy is also a target. Pat rallies to protect him and embarks on a search for the killer, uncovering a scheme involving illegal immigrants and money laundering. This is a brief plot summary of *Safe Harbor*, the debut novel of author **Rosemary McCracken**, published by **Imajin Books**.

Readers of *The Insurance and Investment Journal* will be familiar with the non-fiction work of Ms. McCracken, one of our regular freelance contributors who, as a journalist, specializes in writing about personal finance topics and financial industry news.

Why did she decide to write a fiction book featuring a financial advisor as the heroine? Ms. McCracken says she was looking for



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an interesting central character for a mystery series and first thought of a journalist. Feeling it was too

close to home, she abandoned that idea in favour of a financial advisor since she has written about personal finance for several years and has interviewed countless financial professionals.

"I attend their conferences. I know the issues they face and their concerns...The best of these people are committed and caring individuals; they help their clients realize many of their dreams." These committed professionals sparked the character of Pat Tierney. "Pat cares about her clients. She has sleepless nights during down markets. She's a champion

of small investors."

*Safe Harbor* was launched as an eBook in March and paperback in April. Ms. McCracken is already hard at work on the sequel.

"I'm just finishing the first draft of the sequel, and I'll spend the summer doing a massive rewrite... The story opens about two months after *Safe Harbor* ends. Pat goes up to Ontario cottage country, about a two-hour drive north of Toronto, to supervise the opening of a branch of her investment firm. There's no getting away from murder, of course, and Pat also encounters a gang of bikers and the folks who run the local grow-up."

Ms. McCracken says there will definitely be a third book in the series. "After that, who knows? I'll have to see how Pat feels about letting me chronicle her life and career."

The paperback of *Safe Harbor* can be purchased at Amazon.ca: <http://amzn.to/LMaT4h> and at Barnes & Noble: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/c/rosemary-mccracken>

The ebook can be purchased at Amazon.com: <http://amzn.to/wAQpJN>

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