



Hello, my name is Travis W. Inman. Thank you for stopping to review my life.

I grew up in the ranch country of West Texas and worked as a cowboy until I completed high school and left home for college. I graduated from seminary in Dallas, Texas, and served a year in the mission field in Haiti, Mexico, and South America. After a series of unfortunate events involving a car and a bicycle, (and some profound immaturity), I returned home from Guadalajara, Mexico and married my sweetheart, Sarah, my wife of more than 20 years.

We have two children—a true gift from God.

Over the years, I have struggled to find my place in the world. I truly thought I was intended to be a missionary on a foreign field, but God repeatedly redirected my steps. I would be honored to return to full time mission work, but I have learned to trust God's plan for my life. Since I graduated from seminary, I worked as a taco maker at a Taco Bueno in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, worked as a clerk in a department store, dug ditches in the oil field, worked as a correctional officer, sold real estate, enlisted in the Army, returned to real estate, dabbled in new home construction, worked as a researcher for the Scurry County Museum, joined the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a field agent, and later became an Instructor with a law enforcement training center. While I served in the Army, I overcame a devastating hip injury and was able to walk again despite the odds.

Writing is a life-long passion. I realized I had a knack for story telling when I wrote a short story in junior high in my English lit. class about a soldier facing insurmountable odds while defending a hill in France during WWII. Through my teenage years, I won a few contests and awards for my poetry and short stories. Later, in my college days, I contributed to various newspapers and publications. I even managed to publish a few small items on Internet sites that no longer exist. My writing include children's literature, crime stories, drama, sci-fi, action adventure, short stories, one act plays, and love stories. I absolutely love writing short stories, which is handy, as my ADD lends tremendously toward brevity.

We currently live in the Idaho mountains, where we are extraordinarily happy. We also "enjoy" home schooling our children. Gasp! If we survive the home schooling experience, I might post a story about that—provided my hands stop shaking long enough to type a few words onto my computer screen.

Thank you for your interest in who I am. I would love to hear from you. Email if you have any thoughts you would like to share with me, or if you would like information on how to obtain a personalized copy of my book.

How did I get published? Well, since you asked, one day my heart stopped. No, it really did. For about 12 seconds, my heart stopped beating, which led to doctor appointments, which turned into surgeries, and resulted in a new titanium heart valve. Well, let me tell you, recovering from that surgery was tough, and I was not able to return to work. I was also bored. I had a story idea that I wanted to tinker with, and I sat down at my computer and began typing. Six weeks later, *When Love Calls* emerged from my printer and became a reality.

I never imagined I would be a romance writer, as my story lines tend to delve into awkward and unpopular themes. Nevertheless, *When Love Calls* met with success. No one was more surprised than I. After I self published *When Love Calls*, I was noticed by an independent publisher, Taegais, who saw potential in my work. My editor, Amy, told me, "*When Love Calls* is a good story. But, if you want it to be great, you need to rewrite it." I agreed—without knowing what she meant. When she returned my manuscript with more than 2/3 of the story missing, I felt my heart stop. She kept pushing me to do better. I returned the manuscript to her and she returned it. "You can do better," she would encourage me. So, again, I rewrote. The whole process took more than a year, but a new book emerged from the ashes of the old. It was actually a new story with a familiar thread. Since it was a new story it would need a new title; we decided on, *When Love Called*. The new book had depth to it. Amy finally dug up the jewel she was searching for and knew all along was there.

The *Glenfield Series* is now a reality! If you enjoy *When Love Called*, you will appreciate the much anticipated sequel, *Then Came Grace*, which follows Caton and Lily for a few more years, while allowing Mariah to develop as a character herself. I also add some interesting background to Mrs. Davis. Don't worry, I wouldn't dare skip Jayne, as she is one of the most loved characters I've created. Her story is complicated, and her journey will change everyone's life. *Then Came Grace* is a story you will find compelling and meaningful. The third story to the series, *A Matter of Justice*, will turn a corner and explore a part of Jayne's life that will satisfy your demand to know more about her, and will give you a glimpse of Justice, Texas, the distant hub of all my work. The fourth book, presently called *A Twist of Ivy*, is going to take us back to Glenfield, where Lily is the only suspect in an international jewel heist, and her life becomes very complicated. We will journey across Europe and South America in this fast moving, action packed adventure, and the whole gang will play a part. Mrs. Davis' troubles will be addressed, and the story will come to a full conclusion. Unless... oh, never mind. You probably wouldn't care anyway...