



Ginger Gold Mysteries

Q&A WITH LEE STRAUSS

What was the inspiration behind Hailey Higgins controversial decision to become a doctor?

The pre-war years were the beginning of feminism as we know it. WWI brought middle-class women out of their homes and from underneath their husbands in ways that had never been seen before. Corsets were tossed along with a lot of the Victorian age sentiments and women were no longer satisfied with nursing and teaching as their only vocational options. The field of medicine, like many others, was largely a man's world and women were indeed pursuing it. Plus, I needed a best-friend character who could contribute intelligently to the solving of the crimes.

How do you hope the Ginger Gold Mystery series will impact readers?

I hope readers will grow to love the characters, especially Ginger. Ginger Gold is a strong, intelligent, passionate woman who has suffered great loss. She's compassionate and kind, yet there's a frailness and insecurity to her. I think most readers will find something that they relate to that pulls at the heartstrings as well as tickles their intellect as they try to figure out whodunit.

What was the inspiration behind Ginger Gold's love of fashion? Do you consider yourself to be a fashionista like Ginger?

Who doesn't love 1920s fashion?! I'm obsessed with everything to do with the 1920s including the fashion. Strangely enough, I'm not what you'd call a fashionista, unless working in your pajamas has become a recent trend. 😊

