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## What's the perfect training for a budding private investigator? Being a mom

It would be easy to say that Diana Orgain, author of ***Bundle of Trouble: A Maternal Instincts Mystery***, is tapping into the Mommy market, appealing to women (and men) taking care of children who want a little adventure in their lives and find it in the pages of a comedic mystery novel about a mom who becomes a private investigator.

It would be true, too. But it wouldn't be the whole story. Orgain, a consultant in the San Francisco area, did start writing her novel after having a child. But she's also an experienced playwright and actress who has been after laughs and adventure for her whole career.

"When I was on-stage I loved getting the audience to laugh," she says. "So, entertaining people is definitely top of the list. I'm drawn to mystery because I love the puzzle. I was the kid who was always reading Nancy Drew and watching Scooby Doo!"

In ***Bundle of Trouble***, first-time mom Kate Connelly may have found the perfect work-from-home Mommy job: Private Investigator. Kate imagined she'd spend her maternity leave crooning lullabies and snuggling her beautiful new baby. But then she receives a disturbing phone call telling her that a body has been pulled from San Francisco Bay, and the police think it may be her brother-in-law.

For Orgain, the idea of putting an "ordinary" mom in an extraordinary situation appeals on a number of levels. There are the laughs that can be gotten from someone in the wrong position trying very hard to do the right thing, but there is also the satisfaction of seeing those "ordinary" skills used in solving a murder.

***Bundle of Trouble*** is the first in a series of Maternal Instincts mystery novels. It will be published by Berkley Prime Crime in August.

Review copies and interviews upon request.