



**NAME:** David Ciambrone Sc.D., FIOF

**GENRE:** Mystery Adventure Novels

**Q & A:**

*What has been your most rewarding moment as an author?*

Being asked to speak at writer's conferences and at quilt guilds, prompted by my series *The Virginia Davis Quilt Mysteries*.

*What kind of research goes into writing your novels and how much time does it take?*

A lot. You have to know a subject pretty well to use it in a story. Also, it helps to write about places you have actually been in order to capture the feelings, sights, smells and character of it.

*If you could offer one piece of writing advice to a novice author, what would it be?*

Get in a critique group.

*How often do you write, and do you have a strict routine and writing plan?*

When possible - daily.

*Have you ever based characters on real people? Give us a couple of examples.*

YES! Donna in the Virginia Davies series is a real woman and friend who lives in California. Camille, in the newest novel, is a friend here in Texas, and I used a real police captain in another series.

*How do you find your ideas for a book?*

The Internet, newspapers, friends, other books, experiences I've had.

**AWARDS:** Sage Award 2008, Texas Mystery Book of the Summer award 2009-*San Gabriel's Secret*, American Academy of Environmental Engineers 1998- *Waste Minimization as a Strategic Weapon* (non-fiction)

## **BIOGRAPHY:**

Dr. David F. Ciambrone, ScD, FIOF, is a retired aerospace/defense company executive, scientist, professor of engineering, forensics consultant and best-selling, award-winning author. He lives in Georgetown, Texas with his wife Kathy. He has published twenty-five books (including the *Virginia Davies Quilt Mysteries*), both fiction and non-fiction, written two newspaper columns and numerous technical journal articles.

Dave speaks at writer's groups, schools, colleges, libraries, quilt guilds, writer's conferences, and international business/scientific conferences. He is a member of Sisters in Crime, San Gabriel Writer's League, Writer's League of Texas, Mystery Writers of America, and International Thriller Writers.

President Clinton appointed him a U.S. Treasury Commissioner and to the management board of the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC). Dave is a Fellow of the International Oceanographic Foundation, has a Bronze Trowel Award from the Archaeological Institute of America, and is a member of the Order of Merlin of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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