

SOOT

by Mickey Getty

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Synopsis

"The mine steals everyone I love. It's taking me too, piece by piece."
— Bridie O'Doyle, 1887

Bridie O'Doyle lives a harsh life. The young daughter of a poor coal miner, she lives in a Pennsylvania mine patch town. When her father dies in the mine, she is left orphaned in the care of her relatives, struggling at the mercy of the cruel mine bosses and indebted to the company store. She swears vengeance upon Frank Gowen, the railroad and coal mine kingpin.

Soot weaves history and fiction into a powerful coming-of-age story. Bridie's struggle mirrors that faced by real-life women in nineteenth-century coal towns, and her search for revenge delves into a long-standing historical mystery—the violent death of Franklin Gowen.

About the Author

Mickey Getty is an award-winning author, writing coach, speaker, and fine art photographer.

Mickey is the recipient of numerous awards, including the fiction award from The Pennsylvania Writers Conference for "The Birth of William," an excerpt from her novel *The Junk Lottery*. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University where she studied writing and health administration. She resides in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Blurbs

"*Soot* offers up history, romance, madness, murder, and a possible solution to a real-life mystery... all done in a delicious style that grips you without trying to impress you. In short, it has everything you could hope for in a rousing good read."

— Becky Masterman, Edgar Award Finalist Author of *Rage Against the Dying*

"*Soot* sees life in the anthracite coal fields of Eastern Pennsylvania in a post Molly Maguire world through the eyes of Bridie O'Doyle... In oppressive circumstances she finds love and loses it, gives generously of her herbal knowledge, and encounters her most hated enemy who needs healing. Does she avenge the wrongs of her past life or move closer to the light? ...Does she let past wrongs overcome her healing touch?"

— Francis Mulligan, author of *Spanish Market: The Twice Told Tale of Pepe Ramos*

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