



# New York Times and USA Bestselling Author Jodi Thomas

Inducted into the Texas Literary Fall of Fame (2022)

The stories Thomas has committed to paper have earned her an impressive list of distinguished awards:

- Her first book, *Beneath the Texas Sky* (1988), won the National Press Women's Novel of the Year in its category.
- Book two, *Northern Star* (1990), was named best novel by the (Texas) Panhandle Professional Writers and the Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc., an organization of writers' groups from several states.
- Book three, *The Tender Texan* (1991), was Thomas's first national bestseller and won her the first Romance Writers of America's RITA, the \$1.5 billion romance publishing industry's equivalent of an "Oscar."
- In 1995, *To Tame A Texan's Heart* (1994) received the second RITA for Jodi.
- Book twelve, *To Kiss a Texan* (1999), was her first novel to score on the USA TODAY Best-selling Books list.
- For *The Texan's Wager* (2002), sixteen was the magic number. As Thomas's sixteenth novel, the book scored number sixteen on the NEW YORK TIMES extended bestseller list.
- Her second contemporary, *Finding Mary Blaine* (2004), won the National Readers' Choice Award.
- In July 2006, Jodi was the 11<sup>th</sup> woman to be inducted into the RWA Hall of Fame for winning her third RITA in the category of short historical romance for *The Texan's Reward* (2005).
- In 2009, Jodi received the National Readers' Choice Award for two of her books: *Twisted Creek* (2008) and *Tall, Dark and Texan* (2008).
- In 2010, *The Lone Texan* won the Reader's Choice 2009 Best Western Romance from Love Western Romances.com.
- In 2011, Jodi won a RITA for *Welcome to Harmony* (2010) and the Booksellers' Best Award for *Somewhere Along the Way* (2010), Romantic Times' Romance Pioneer Award, Reviewers' Choice Award and Best Western Romance for *Texas Blue* (2011)
- In 2013, Jodi won a Holt Medallion for *Wild Texas Rose* (2012) and the West Texas Books Festival's A.C. Green Award
- In 2014, Jodi Thomas won the National Readers' Choice Award's Contemporary Single Title for *Can't Stop Believing* (2013)
- In 2016, Jodi won a Holt Medallion for *Ransom Canyon* (2015)
- In 2018, Jodi won the National Readers' Choice Award for *Indigo Lake* (2017)
- A Texas Kind of Christmas (2019) won first place at the National Federation of Press Women's Communications Contest (Professional) in 2020.
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