

The history of CHAIM:

CHAIM is Hebrew for life and is pronounced “HY-IM” or “CHI-IM”. In my Love Inspired Suspense books, it is an acronym and means “Christians for Amnesty, Intervention and Ministry.

CHAIM was started by a group of Christian men from Texas who’d served in Vietnam and returned home with the intent of forming a protection agency for Christians who needed them all over the world. Those men were:

**Gerald Barton (wife Sally Mae was once a CHAIM operative)
John Simpson (wife Rita Simpson--Mary Kay rep)
Alfred Anderson (wife Lulu Anderson (blonde and rich)**

They formed an elite team of special operatives to protect Christians in need, sometimes going into other countries to rescue people in danger. They went on to hand-pick college students and seminary students (mostly men) and trained them using special ops and military type training. The agents are experienced in everything from security to getting out of tight situations, negotiations and interrogation. They work closely with law enforcement but have certain boundaries on what they can legally get away with. They use modern technology and Bible verses and symbols to correspond with each other.

The team in my books includes:

**Book One: Secret Agent Minister
Devon Malone (Georgia) Code name: The Pastoral**

**Book Two: Heart of the Night
Eli Trudeau (Louisiana) Code name: The Disciple**

**Book Three: Code of Honor
Brice Whelan (Ireland and Georgia) Code name: The Shepherd**

**Book Four: (release date 2010)
Shane Warwick (England and Texas) Code name: The Knight**

**Book Five: (released date to be announced)
Luke “Paco” Martinez (Arizona) Code name: The Warrior**

**Kissie Pierre (Louisiana) Code name: The Woman at the Well
(technology/research back-up) Secondary character.**

Synopsis of books:

Secret Agent Minister:

Retired CHAIM agent Devon Malone is a minister in Georgia who must go on the run with his church secretary Lydia Cantrell when someone sets out to kill both of them. When they discover Devon's friend dead in Devon's hotel room at a conference in Atlanta, Devon has to get Lydia away from the men trying to kill them. Suspecting his old friend Eli Trudeau of coming after Devon because of a rescue mission years ago that went bad, Devon takes Lydia to the CHAIM fortress of Eagle Rock near Austin, Texas. Eli is still bitter after losing his wife and unborn baby to an enemy of CHAIM. But when Devon takes Lydia to Colorado, hoping to find Eli there at a remote cabin, Eli reveals the real culprit behind this vendetta. And Devon is forced to tell Eli a secret he's been keeping from everyone, even Lydia.

Heart of the Night:

Eli Trudeau leaves New Orleans and heads to Maine to find the son he never knew about, only to see that son with the woman who's been raising him for the last five years—Devon Malone's sister Gena Malone Thornton. Based on some horrible truths he found out while trying to help his friend Devon, Eli has a feeling Scotty isn't safe and soon, his gut instinct proves to be true. He takes Gena and Scotty on the run in order to find out who would want his son dead. A man with an eye-for-an-eye revenge sets out to punish Eli by making him choose between his son Scotty, or Gena, the woman Eli has fallen in love with.

Code of Honor:

Brice Whelan has been in love with Selena Carter since he came over to America from Ireland to attend college in Georgia. When Selena's powerful father, a CHAIM member, hires Brice to go to a remote village near the Argentina/Brazilian border to rescue Selena, Brice sets out to bring the devoted missionary nurse home to Atlanta. Only it appears the gang that murdered most of her co-workers follows Selena home. Brice must protect her, but Selena has her own ideas about who's trying to kill her. And she can't share that information with anyone, especially Brice.

Upcoming books:

(Working Title) One Knight in Texas (The Knight)

When British CHAIM agent Sir Shane Warwick is hired as a bodyguard for a Texas widow and socialite who happens to be the daughter of legendary CHAIM founder Gerald Barton, he knows he might be in over his head. Someone wants Katherine "Kit" Atkins dead and Shane is the only man

who can keep her safe. The mystery involves her late husband and could possibly involve her best friend, too.

(Working Title) The Heart Hunter (The Warrior)

CHAIM operative Luke “Paco” Martinez has gone to the one place where he can be alone and find solitude—his grandfather’s remote ranch in Arizona. But when a CHAIM social worker shows up after Paco makes a desperate late night call after suffering post-traumatic stress from serving in the Middle East, he wishes he’d never picked up that phone. Laura Walton is shy and reserved but Luke brings out her protective instincts. She wants to heal this wounded warrior. When someone follows Laura to Luke’s remote ranch, Luke is forced to take her on the run with him. They go to the CHAIM stronghold of Eagle Rock and there along with the other CHAIM agents, become trapped in a terrorist takeover. Luke has one more chance to make things right so he can be with the woman he loves.