

The following is a short synopsis of my forthcoming novel, *She Struggled to Stand*:

Widowed suddenly, Corinne is beset with financial troubles and sandwiched between raising a teenage daughter and caring for an aging, critical mother. Her mother's failing health and Corinne's overpowering sense of duty lead her to reach out to her older sister, Della, a distant figure in the women's lives. As Della becomes more involved, her actions create problems for Corinne regarding her mother, daughter, and, eventually, herself. The story focuses on Corinne's growing self-awareness as revelations from the past force her to break free and fight to preserve her dignity, integrity, and well-being.