

“Dogtown is a crackerjack novel with insight into the human condition.” John Lutz



Douglas Anne Munson was born in Crossville, Tennessee on February 17, 1948. Her childhood was spent moving from town to town before her family finally settled in southern California.

Douglas attended the University of New Mexico, where she majored in Latin American studies, and lived for a year in Ecuador. She then attended the UCLA school of Law and became an attorney. In 1990, Douglas published a novel called *El Niño*, which had been written while working as a dependency court attorney in Los Angeles. Douglas went on to publish two mystery novels under the name of Mercedes Lambert—*Dogtown* in 1991 and *Soultown* in 1996. After leaving the law profession, Douglas moved to the Czech Republic, where she was diagnosed with a return of the cancer she had successfully fought in the late 1980s. Douglas returned to the United States in 2001 and sought medical treatment in Connecticut. She died on December 22, 2003 at a hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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