



The Lei Crime Series™, by Toby Neal, debuted with *Blood Orchids* in Dec. 2011 and have become genuine online bestsellers, with ebooks downloads of over 500,000. Leilani Matsumoto Texeira, the protagonist, is a local girl detective with a complicated past that strikes a chord anyone who wants to learn something about the “real Hawaii.”

Lei leaps before she looks into solving crimes that draw the reader into the issues of life in the islands—including cockfighting, sex crimes, art smuggling, human trafficking, drugs and poaching. In each book Lei goes to a different island—in *Blood Orchids* she’s on Big Island, in *Torch Ginger* she goes to Kaua`i, in *Black Jasmine* she’s on Maui and in *Broken Ferns*, she’s on Lanai and Molokai, in *Twisted Vine* she’s back on Oahu.

The books have been positively reviewed on GoodReads and Amazon and average 4.5 stars on hundreds of reviews including the following: *“Now that I’ve finished them all, I am going to have to join LTA (Lei Texeira Anonymous). Toby Neal knows how to engage and involve the reader. This series is a must read for all fans of mysteries, a true tour-de-force. I for one, cannot wait to see what she comes up with next.”* (Paul Janes-Brown, reviewer)