

## **Author Interview with Brooke May**

How Did You Get Into Writing?

- I've always had an overactive imagination and used to tell my best friend stories off the top of my head and always dreamed of being an author. When I had my youngest I decided to make my dream a reality. So while he napped I started writing my first book.

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

- Romance

Is there a genre you've always wanted to write in that you haven't yet?

- I have a horror story idea and have tried off and on for a few years to write it but the voices aren't speaking to me.

Who are some of your inspirations?

- My family and close friends. My inspiration really just comes from myself but i occasionally pull on something from my life.

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- A Few of Them

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- Jodi Ellen Malpas, Rachel Van Dyken, Mimi Jean Pamfiloff, T.M. Frazier... to name a few.

What's your writing process look like? (Outline or go with the flow of your character)

- I'm a massive planner. I start off with character development, move to webbing and outlining, and then finally write. I always write a second draft and then listen to my own words on my kindle. I find I connect with my characters and story better through that.

What are some of your hobbies?

- Fishing and spending time in the mountains with my family is a huge family hobby. For myself, I like to read, occasionally draw, and take pictures.

Have you attended any signings? If so, what was your favorite thing about it?

- Yes and by far the best part is meeting and talking with readers and authors.

When reading reviews, what is something you love to see written?

- That I made the reader cry. It's the whole sorry not sorry deal. My words make me cry so I hope they do the same for readers.

If you could spend the day with one of your characters, who would it be and what would you do?

- Axle Ryan, it would feel like spending a day with Deadpool, minus the cancer. We would probably find some sort of trouble to get into and get muddy doing it.

What are you currently working on?

- I am currently working on two things. A short story that will be free. It is a continuation of my novella Wildfire Knockout. And I'm working on my first rom-com / stand alone.

What's your writing routine?

- I write in the mornings after I get kids to where they need to be for the day. I always have a cup of coffee, cup of green tea, and glass of water next to me.

Do you have any superstitions when it comes to writing? If so, what?

- Yes, I don't like talking much about what I'm working on because I fear I'll lose my muse. So I'm hush hush until the rough draft is done.

What is the best writing advice you've ever received?

- Write for yourself

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- Some I look up in baby name sites or books, but most just come to me.

What is your favorite book made into a movie/tv show?

- Oh! This is a tough one! I loved Vampire Academy, but the best has got to be Holes.

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I won't write just one sub-genre of romance. I get bored and like different things so you'll never know what I will come out with.

If you won the lottery what would you do with the money?

- Pay off my house, update vehicles, put funds aside for my boys for college or trade school, or whatever they choose to do, and sit on the rest. I won't give up working or change my life.

In your everyday life how do you give back to the world?

- I do my best to help others. I donate well loved hand-me-downs and books my kids have outgrown.

If you could give your younger self one piece of writing advice, what would it be?

- Start sooner! Put yourself out there and love who you are and what you right.