

Author Interview with Nivia Borell

How Did You Get Into Writing?

· Since I can remember, I had either a pen in my hand or a book to read. I believe my passion for reading led me to write. And once I started scribbling my thoughts down, the need and desire to continue to explore and dig more into my mind never vanished.

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

· Contemporary Romance

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

· Dystopian fiction.

Who are some of your inspirations?

· Maya Angelou, Amelia Earhart, Simone de Beauvoir

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

· Not really.

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

· Jane Austen, Mia Sheridan, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Kristen Ashley, Penelope Douglas, Jamie McGuire, Katy Evans, Tillie Cole.

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

· I am a plantser, kind of a combination between a plotter and a pantsier. I start by delving and capturing the story's elements in my mind and then taking notes. And when I start writing, the story just flows.

What are some of your hobbies?

· Besides reading, gliding, astronomy, traveling.

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

· Not yet, but I hope I will.

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

· How my writing and story awakes emotions in my readers. And definitely, "I loved the story so much I can't wait to read what comes next."

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

- With Alexander Hope. I still can't get inside his head, and it's maddening. I would lock us in a room, and ask him a hundred questions.

What are you currently working on?

- I work on two projects right now, editing the sequel to Shattered love, Healing love, and revising the third and final book in Bria and Damien's story, Endless love.

What's your writing routine?

- Cup of coffee, typing, typing, typing, and then wondering when did the day turn into night.

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

- When a compelling story idea finds its way inside my head, I dive right into it. I am afraid if I won't, it will disappear.

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

- If there is a story brewing inside your mind, then write it down. No one else can write it as you would.

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- My characters choose their name, after countless suggestions from my part. They know what they want. I am a mere instrument they pick to write their stories. LOL

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

- Pride and prejudice.

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I am a Marvel and DC fan(Batman, Scarlet Witch, and Black Widow are my favourite superheroes). I have an unapologetic sweet tooth, especially when it comes to macarons(does anything tastes better? Not for me.) I love to be in nature. I could spend hours gazing at the night sky. By now, I believe my TBR list will outlive me.

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

- Donate and build my own version of Belle's Library in Beauty and the Beast.

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

- To my shame, nothing worth mentioning.

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

- Be patient and when you feel overwhelmed, remember Ernest Hemingway's quote on writing, "We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master."

