

Author Interview With Samantha Baca by Itsy Bitsy Book Bits

For those new to your work, please tell us a bit about yourself, your books and your genre/s

- I've been published since April 2020 and write both steamy contemporary romance and romantic suspense. I focus a lot on small towns packed with strong family/friend bonds and cinnamon roll heroes.

What lessons have you learned as a writer?

- To always trust what the book wants you to write and to stay true to yourself.

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

- Pay off all of my debt, set up savings for my daughters, and travel the world.

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

- I try to do as many acts of kindness as possible. Sometimes that's making sure someone has a hot meal, other times it's donating clothes or household items around town to those who need it. I try to spread joy and kindness wherever possible. I do a lot of giveaways in my reader group when I can so those who can't afford to buy physical books have a chance to own one.

If your life was a song what song would it be and why?

- Walking On Sunshine because I truly am and life has been very good to me. I'm blessed to have a happy, healthy family and to do something that I love.

Name two authors you wish more people knew about

- Stephanie Renee and Jessica Aiken Hall

What are some of your hobbies?

- Painting, knitting, singing, playing video games, and reading.

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

- I love to see what emotions my books made someone feel or how they related to something in them.

What are you currently working on?

- Second Chances (Beaumont Creek Book 2)

What books are currently in your to-read list?

- The list is soooo long-- currently reading The Accidental Pinup by Danielle Jackson

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

- I don't think that I have one yet, but I'm also super behind on catching up on my reading so I try not to watch the movies until I've had a chance to read the book first.

What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

- That I have a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Health Education

If you could slip into the life of one of your characters, would you? If yes, who and why?

If no, why not?

- This is such a hard question! I want to be all of them!!

What is your favorite family tradition?

- Christmas Eve- spending the day together as a family, playing games, and opening one present that night

Its Release Day! How do you celebrate?

- My husband and I celebrate with a release day dinner. Usually take out from somewhere.

If you came with a warning label, what would yours say?

- Caution: Overloaded with coffee and extremely sassy

What gives you inspiration for the stories you write?

- I hear the stories in my head. They play out in my mind like movies and don't stop until I write them down. I never draw on real life experiences and go where the books guide me.

What is your writing routine with a new book? Do you outline your stories or do you do what the characters tell you to do as you go along? Mix of both?

- I let the characters guide me and am usually just as surprised as everyone else by what happens.

What is your favorite reading spot?

- My couch

What has been your most rewarding experience since publishing your work?

- Being a featured author in Colleen Hoover's Bookworm Box and being selected to be a participating author in Vi Keeland and Penelope Ward's Cocky Hero Club

How do you overcome writer's block?

- I walk away, soak in a bath, and play games on my phone that don't require much attention so I can zone out. Once that happens, the book will usually start flowing again. If not, a new one usually will.

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