

Author Interview With Phoebe Alexander

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How Did You Get Into Writing?

- I've been writing songs, poems and stories since I was about 4 years old. I wrote my first book at age 8, and my mother, a teacher, insisted I learn how to properly punctuate dialog and all of that. So I got a very early start! I'd written 16 books by the time I graduated from high school, but I set all those aside for years until 2012, when my friend talked me into getting back into it again.

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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'd love to write historical romance someday.

Who are some of your inspirations?

- My inspirations are the other indie authors who have dug their heels in and found success in this challenging industry.

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- All of them do ;)

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- I don't get to read very often these days (because I'm an editor too) but when I did: Jodi Picoult, Tracy Chevalier, Judy Blume, Ken Follett, L.M. Montgomery

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

- I write the blurb first usually, then some character details. Then I dig in. If I do make an outline, it's usually for the second half of the book once I figure out what's going to happen. I mean, after the characters tell me what's going to happen LOL.

What are some of your hobbies?

- I live near the beach so going there when I have time, traveling, museums, Broadway shows, playing the piano, swimming, hiking.

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

- I've attended several signings. I love meeting readers who are very familiar with my work and have been waiting a long time to meet me. That's the best, and I've had that experience a few times now.

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

- I love hearing that my books have made a reader think or feel.

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

- Good question. I have so many, you know! Possibly Garrett from The Navigator.

What are you currently working on?

- I'm writing an erotic rom com about a hotwife as well as a contemporary romance novel to be published under my other pen name.

What's your writing routine?

- I generally work on editing first (for clients) and take care of my social media stuff, then write for a while. Then I take a break to edit and social media, then write again. I kind of go back and forth. I work 10-14 hour days most of the time, and rarely take a day off.
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Do you have any superstitions when it comes to writing? If so, what?

-Nope

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

- The more you write, the better you get at it.

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- They mostly just come to me. I have some characters with simple, common names, and others with very unusual names like Journey and Valley.

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

- Possibly Anne of Green Gables

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- Getting a 5 star review or a note from readers about my work is literally the best thing ever.

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

- Pay off all my debts and travel the world, writing as I go.

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

- I run a support group for indie authors with 4000 members. It's very time-consuming but rewarding.

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

- Publish a LOT sooner!