

Author Interview With Cynthia Cooke by Itsy Bitsy Book Bits

How Did You Get Into Writing?

- Always loved to read and wanted to stay immersed in the worlds I was reading. Writing seemed like the next best step!

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

- Romantic Suspense and Paranormal Romance

How many published books have you written?

- 30

Who are some of your inspirations?

- So many over the years. Love Anne Rice, Nora Roberts, Lisa Jackson, Iris Johansen.

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- All my stories have some personal aspects of my life in them.

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- Ted Dekker, Justin Cronin, Nora Roberts, Harlan Coben, Sheryl Woods, Charlaine Harris, Anne Rice

Do you write one book at a time or do you have several going at a time?

- I can only write one at a time.

What are some of your hobbies?

- I like to walk on the beach and go hiking with my daughter.

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

- Getting letters from readers telling me how much my work has meant to them.

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

- I love reading readers interpretations of my stories. Sometimes they see things I hadn't thought about. It's very enlightening.

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

- Shay Mallory in Running With Wolves. She's in the processing of changing into a wolf shifter so she sees the world a little differently. The story takes place in the California Mountains outside Mendocino. One of my favorite places. Would love to go hiking in the mountains there and visit SeaGlass Beach.

What are you currently working on?

- I am currently working on my 5th story in my Pineville Christmas Series

What's your writing routine?

- I try to write everyday, even if it's only a page.

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

- no

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

- Don't stress about the words on the page, just write them. By the time the book is finished, you will have rewritten them many times over.

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- I have a hard time coming up with names. I look in baby books and usually gravitate toward the same names a lot of the time, so I need to keep a list.

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

- Love Lestat. Love all the Stephen King movies. Love The Passage TV Series. Harry Potter was great. Liked the Twilight Series.

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I love to hear from readers about my books. Contact me any time.

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

- Buy an RV and hit the road full time.

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

- I'm a volunteer.

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

- Don't doubt yourself.

What's your favorite genre to read?

- Romantic Suspense and Thrillers

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

- Beautiful Crazy by Luke Combs - Because of the lyrics
- (The way that she dances, ain't afraid to take chances
- And wears her heart on her sleeve) - That is me to a tee. I love to dance and often embarrass myself, I'm a risk taker, and definitely can't hide how I feel about most things. :)

Name two authors you wish more people knew about

- Michele Hauf and Hope White. Both wonderful authors and two of my favorite people.