

Author Interview With Courtney Davis 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 am a mother and teacher living in North Idaho trying to make my way to writing as a full time career. I write urban fantasy/paranormal and within that genre I have written space fantasy, cozy mystery fantasy, as well as a little dark fantasy. I love to throw in romance as well, of course. It really is a must for me to explore relationships along with the storyline.

What lessons have you learned as a writer?

- Some days are easy and some are hard, but the easy writing days more than make up for the days that I barely get anything down. I rarely take a full day off of writing and I have learned that this, for me, is a great method and I am able to produce multiple books a year by writing something every day, even if it's just a sentence and mostly staring at the screen.

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

- I teach kindergarten, I think every day I am giving back by helping little ones learn to love education and each other.

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

- I love music, I have it going nearly all the time. So this should be easy but I have no idea. Maybe Linkin Park, Numb This song makes me feel like it's what I strive for. I just want to be me. Not like anyone else.

Name two authors you wish more people knew about

- Every indie author! I really love reading books by new authors and I wish they all got more time in the limelight.

What are some of your hobbies?

- Reading, buying books for my overflowing shelf.... I love to be out in the sunshine, beach days and walking or easy hikes are my summertime hobbies. I love to sew and crochet but I don't do it much anymore so I'm not sure it counts as a hobby now.

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

- My favorite is if they think something I did was unique.

What are you currently working on?

- I am currently writing the third book in my Atlantis Trilogy. The first of which is coming out from 5 Prince Books in August, Vampires of Atlantis. This trilogy is set in Miami and of course, Atlantis. It has been a lot of fun to write.

What books are currently in your to-read list?

- So many. I am working my way through the Dark Olympus series right now and looking forward to the next Kim Harrison book coming out this spring. Also on my list is the Outlander series.

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

- True Blood and Vampire Diaries, don't ask me to choose I can't!

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

- I think most people are surprised that i'm a writer! But if you know that then you might be surprised to know I have a daughter who is graduating this year. I don't look nearly old enough to have an adult child!

Its Release Day! How do you celebrate?

- Wine! Maybe I'll pick up pizza so I don't have to cook. With young kids at home I rarely celebrate more than that but if I could I'd go out with my husband for oysters and wine at our favorite place in town.

What gives you inspiration for the stories you write?

- Reading inspires me. I ultimately want to give others the same joy I get from reading. I also find inspiration by watching people and wondering about their lives. It's crazy that everyone walks around living an entire life I don't know anything about, it baffles 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 do what they tell me. I am a hardcore pantsier. The only time I don't completely pants is when it's a series. Then I have some restraints to work with and that always hinders me a bit. Probably why I prefer writing standalones.

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

- In person signing events. Any time I watch someone walk away with my book in their hand it is an amazing experience.

If you could sit down with any character in your book, what would you ask them and why?

- I think I would sit down with my main character, Jade and ask her what her plans for the future are. How does she plan to deal with the promise/deal she made with her lover's brother.

If you were offered a movie deal for just one of your books, which would you choose and why?

- A dream come true! I think I would pick A Spider in the Garden because I would love to see how they did the images of her shifting into a spider.

Have you ever met a celebrity? Which celebrity would you like to meet if given the chance?

- I met Gabe from Alaskan Bush People! He was walking down the street by my house. If I could, I would love to meet Johnny Depp, I love him!

Other than necessities, what is one thing you cannot go a day without?

- Coffee

You are filling out this interview as part of a tour with Itsy Bitsy Book Bits. What made you choose Itsy Bitsy Book Bits?

- Lucky for me my publisher likes working with you guys, you did a great job with my previous release as well so i'm excited to work with you again!