

Author Interview With Belinda Williams

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How Did You Get Into Writing?

- By reading! I was a complete bookworm as a kid, and writing seemed to come naturally.

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

- That's a trick question! I love writing rom com as much as romantic suspense, so I'll cheat and say my favourite genre is contemporary romance, because it includes both of those!

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

- I love reading historical. It would be fun to try someday (or possibly completely crazy!)

Who are some of your inspirations?

- Nora Roberts and her romantic suspense novels. They were the reason I started writing again as an adult.

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- Only to the extent that they might feature locations I've visited (like Paris or Norway), or are set in places I know and love, like Sydney. Everything else is fiction!

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- Nora Roberts, obviously. For historical, I love Tessa Dare and Julia Quinn. Beyond that, I'm a bit of a book whore (can I say that here?) I love trying new authors!

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

- I've decided that I'm a Plantser (a cross between a plotter and a panster). I write detailed character profiles and research settings, but I don't plot extensively, because I find that takes all the fun out of it. I always know what the key conflicts are going to be, as well as the black moment, and of course, the ending, but the rest is done as I go.

What are some of your hobbies?

- I can't live without music. I'm a vocalist and sing covers with other musicians. I also write my own music when the time allows (which isn't all that often!) I also can't live without water. I swim regularly, and love being around the water.

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

- Not recently, no.

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

- When a reader comments on how hard they've fallen for the characters, that makes me smile, because I know I've done my job :)

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

- I'd love to meet Ant from my latest release, Self Made. He's a comedian and VERY funny. I think he'd be the best fun to hang out with.

What are you currently working on?

- I'm coming up with ideas for a brand new series to start releasing in 2021. It's going to be fun, and if all goes to plan, a little bit naughty!

What's your writing routine?

- It varies depending on whether I'm working on a first draft or not. If it's a first draft, then I'm a hard task master, setting myself daily, weekly and monthly writing goals. I usually give myself at least a month between writing first drafts to recharge and get any major edits out of the way before I start all over again.

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

- No, not really. I feel like maybe I should be more creative about this question given I'm an author, but it's the truth!

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

- You don't have to take everyone's advice, just do what works for you.

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- Also not a very creative answer, but did you know that random name generators are the best?!

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

- I must admit that I've never read the books, but I'm a mad Poldark fan.

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I write books to make my readers feel good. There's enough scary s*it going on the world these days, I think we all need the opportunity to laugh and escape every now and then.

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

- Pay off my house - how amazing would that be!

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

- I volunteer at my son's school when I can :)

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

- Don't give up!