

Author Interview With Jessika Klide by Itsy Bitsy Book Bits

How Did You Get Into Writing?

- I've always been an avid reader, so writing a book was on my bucket list, but after a health scare, I moved it to the top of the list and began writing.

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

- My favorite genre to write is erotic romance.

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

- I've always wanted to write paranormal romance, but haven't yet.

Who are some of your inspirations?

- My biggest inspiration is my husband. He is my hero. Cheesy, I know, but it's true. We started dating at sixteen, and have been married 38 years. He's a good man, but he's all alpha. He's a former Army Aviator too, so having been a military spouse, I am also inspired by the men and women who serve our great country in extraordinary ways.

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- Oh, yes. All of them have some personal experiences in them. I often say, I'm going to go through one of my books and identify them for my fans. What's true and what's fiction will surprise you.

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- I enjoy BSM Stoneking, A. D. Justice, H. J. Bellus, and Tessa Layne.

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

- I have an outline when I start a book that consists of the way the couple meets, the location, who two main characters are, the twist in the plot and how I want it to end, but it's strictly in my head and fluid because once the characters begin to talk, they take charge and steer the story the way they want it to go.

What are some of your hobbies?

- I love to swim. My husband calls me his little mermaid. And he and I love to bass fish.

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

- I have attended three to four signings a year since 2014, but this year, I took a break. I had some family issues to deal with. The favorite thing is meeting the readers who are there as fans of yours. They love your characters like you do, and so it's like meeting a long distance family member.

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

- When reading reviews, I love to see them comment on the emotion they felt when reading my story. I strive with each book to make my readers laugh out loud at least once, and to have more than one happy ending. ;)

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

- If I could spend the day with one character, it would have to be Siri Wright from my series. She would take me behind the scenes of her Vegas show and I would get to meet all the amazing people who make it such a success, then my husband and I would have front row seats to watch her in action, and at end of the evening, we would have dinner with her and Aurei.

What are you currently working on?

- My current work in progress is titled, Capturing Her. It's book thirteen in my series, Siri's Heart. The fans asked for it, so I'm going to deliver them another unforgettable experience. This one is going to be a thriller!

What's your writing routine?

- I typically write a few hours after my husband goes to sleep. But if I wake early, I'll tiptoe into my cave and write before he wakes. If I'm interrupted before I finish writing an important scene, I'll rearrange my schedule during the day at work to complete it.

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

- No. I don't any superstitions, but I do enjoy eating soft peppermint candy.

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

- The best writing advice I ever received was to hire an editor, then put together a team to free up your time so you can continue writing.

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- On my book series, I researched the names. It was important that their names had meaning to the story. The rest of my books I picked from names that mean something to me.

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

- Silver Linings Playbook

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I believe lust and love form perfect unions and the stars do align for true love.

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

- Take care of my family, present and future, and I would donate to charities, like St Jude's, and Wounded Warriors.

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

- My husband and I volunteer with a 501(c) non-profit organization called Friends Of Army Aviation. The organization travels around the country reaching out to Vietnam Veterans, and the general public, giving them the opportunity to ride in a legacy UH1 Huey Helicopter.

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

- Do it now. Don't wait. Start writing today. You will find your passion creating stories of true love.