

# **Author Interview With Autumn Sand by Itsy Bitsy Book Bits**

How Did You Get Into Writing?

- A friend recommended that I write a story during a particularly trying time in my life.

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

- Dark Contemporary

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

- Chic Lit

Who are some of your inspirations?

- My mother, and my best friend

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- Yes, absolutely. Mayhem was based on a childhood friend of mine who died from childhood leukemia. Bonded is based on a close friend of mine who went through abuse as a child. Impact is based on my personal assistant at my job.

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- Stephen King, K.M. Scott, Sandra Neeley, and Ruby Rowe

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

- I am a combination of both. I tend to outline first, then I will begin writing and complete forget that I have an outline and go by the seat of my pants. lol

What are some of your hobbies?

- Reading, Audible, tv, hanging out with friends, discovering new restaurants.

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

- Yes, I have. My favorite part is to meet the readers and to meet my fellow authors.

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

- I think the thing I love the most is an actual review, those can be a bit hard to come by. But I do love anything that is constructive, whether the reader loved or hated the book. I take the constructive reviews very seriously because it can help point out what I am doing right or wrong.

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

- Magnum from Bonded and Manny from Impact.

What are you currently working on?

- I am working on a few projects, Summer Break which will be a Joe Football novella, a Fantasy book that I haven't named yet, and another top secret project.

What's your writing routine?

- I'm not sure if I have a routine. I mostly write on weekends since I work during the week. But as far as sitting down to write, I love my popcorn and a Jack and Coke when I begin this process.

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

- Yes, this will sound weird but I am willing to share. I have to have an absolute feel of the characters. They have to be talking to me. If I can't transport myself into the scene I am about to write, it just won't happen. It can be very frustrating at times because the characters don't always talk to you when you need them to.

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

- When in doubt throw in a dragon or an explosion. I got a laugh out of it and believe it or not, it works!

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- I have a name book that I usually flip through until my eyes land on something unusual. I tend to like names that are unusual that way the reader will remember the name.

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

- Gone Girl, Green Mile, Shining

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I love a good laugh. Seriously, I love to laugh, even if it means laughing at myself, which by the way I do often. lol

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

- I would pay off mine and my mothers bills. I would quit my job and write full time. All of my books would be free.

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

- Well I love to do volunteer work. I work with children, I also volunteer at the hospital and I volunteer to help formerly incarcerated individuals find a job.

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

- Take it slow, no need to rush hitting publish.