

Author Interview With Samantha

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Book Bits

How Did You Get Into Writing?

- After a love for reading, all I wanted to do was create worlds, characters, and stories.

What's Your Favorite Genre to Write?

- Fantasy

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

- Murder Mystery

Who are some of your inspirations?

- My mother taught me to read and my father and grandfather showed me how to love reading. My daughters are now inspirations for my stories and to create more that they can read.

Do any of your stories have personal experiences in them?

- Yes, many of my characters are created from people I've met or heard about, and many scenes, though altered to add some magic and more drama, are pulled from some of my actual life events.

Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

- Jeanine Frost, Terry Brooks, Kelley Armstrong, Cecy Robson

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

- I do a little of both!

What are some of your hobbies?

- I love being outside in nature, gardening, hiking, swimming, paddle boarding, and walking my dogs.

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

- Yes. I love meeting readers and other authors. I learn so much from them each time.

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

- The the worlds I've built and the characters I've created were incredible and that the feelings I hoped to emote were there.

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

- Vex. I'd take a dreamwalk.

What are you currently working on?

- After releasing Jake and my college romance in May, I will return to my previously started Sci-Fi fantasy/historical romance novel.

What's your writing routine?

- I now write while the kids are at school when I used to write into the middle of the night. I made an office in my bedroom, but I try to leave once a week to write outside of the home. I time myself now which helps. It seems less daunting when I am busy with work and it keeps me writing everyday.

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

- No I don't, but maybe I need some? HA

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

- Just keep writing.

Where do you find the names for your characters?

- Some just come to mind, others have been names of friends or kids I've counseled over the last 13 years.

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

- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Anything else you want your readers to know about you?

- I love Marvel and movies, maybe too much!

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

- Buy an RV and travel the country with my family and dogs.

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

- This book focuses on spreading the ideas of kindness and gratitude. We can use some more kindness in this world as well as time for ourselves to study mindfulness which gives us some peace and helps us to be kind.

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

- Don't ever think you can't write a book!