

Author Interview With Carina Alyce 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'm a full-time real medical doctor who writes sex medical and fire romance on the side. If you wished Grey's Anatomy and Chicago Fire had all the drama, all the action, all the medicine AND sex scenes, these are the books for you.

What lessons have you learned as a writer?

- Plot, plot, and plot big because it is awesome. All of my books interconnect. In one of my first books, Wildcat, you meet a kid in ballet class named Michael. He grows up through my books into a medical student and the hero of a later book. The reader is there like - cute kid, and then later - cool, he's a college student, and then OMG, he's all grown up to a total hottie, I need his number!

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

- After I pay off my house and fund my six kids' education and retirement, I'm buying some really nice heels. I have absolutely no idea how much Louboutin's cost but I'd get a pair. Or ten.

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

- This one's easy - I'm a doctor. I hope I give my patients and their families the compassion and empathy even when I can't fix everything.

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

- I'll Fight by Daughtry

Name two authors you wish more people knew about

- LC Taylor and Lolo Paige

What are some of your hobbies?

- Working out, watching bad movies on ROKU with my husband and a glass of rose wine, reading books about the Civil War

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

- Her writing proves to me romance can be smart, powerful, sexy, and even better than Grey's Anatomy on its best day.

What are you currently working on?

- My MetroGen Downtown Universe releases one book every month. I'm about to publish Unchecked which is a super sexy, jaw-dropping plot-twisting love triangle romance.

What books are currently in your to-read list?

- Rim Job by Christie Anderson and Fighting for This by Gwyn McNamee

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

- Lord of the Rings

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

- I am a total sci-fi geek and have been in love with Leonard Nimoy since I was six. (I did not know at the time he was 50 years older than me!)

Even after giving your characters the best ending you could, how do you close the book on their lives and start anew? Does their story still haunt your imagination?

- I never close their stories. Their story just continues out of focus in the next book or ten. I always write their future and figure out what they were doing in future books and the books before theirs. As the Vulcans say - infinite diversity in infinite combinations.

Growing up were you an avid reader? If so, what genre did you read most of? Did you have a favorite author?

- Well, first I tried to read my local library because my sisters told me if I read all the books I could stop going to school. (They lied). But I was a huge fan of fantasy and sci fi, especially if there were strong women with romance as a big subplot. Mercedes Lackey's Mage Winds Trilogy and Timothy Zahn's Star Wars books (Luke+Mara 4EVAH!!)

Do you read your book reviews? How do you deal with bad or good ones?

- I'm still new enough that I keep checking them. The good ones I tend to 'like' or share on social media. The bad ones I try to ignore unless they have an issue I can actually fix - like formatting and grammar. If your complaint is that 'it was a more technical version of Grey's Anatomy with alot of sex', then that's exactly what it said on the tin.

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- My friend Stacy-Deanne recommended your team.