Chat Around The Campfire

Thanks for visiting my Blog. *Around the Campfire* is a virtual conversation with a fire as the theme. Depending on you and your books, I will decide to make it a Fireplace or a Campfire.

My goal is to give visitors a peek into authors’ lives and books as well other folks. In the past, I’ve interviewed Bookstore owners and Editors. I’d be happy to interview anyone who has something to do with my interests.

If you’ve been here before, welcome back. I love seeing old friends. I only ask you to post different content, even if it’s a backlist we’ve covered.

I hope you will bookmark this page and visit it often. I hope to make this an engaging, exciting blog, not just a buy my book one, and I hope you will put some effort and creativity into your responses. In other words, don’t give me yes or no answers.

In exchange for your time and effort, I will create a tailor-made ad for you and your book and post it on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and the blog itself posts to Goodreads and often Bookgems.com

***Essential information*** (\*Please Read\*) This will head off any problems.

* I am a multi-genre author of clean/sweet fantasy, romance, and mid-grade. I *read* steamier books and have no problem hosting you, even if your book has some steam but not erotica.
* Everything in the *post* will be G-rated *preferred* but no hotter than PG***. Please let me know what your heat rating is* to inform any readers.**
* Any romance will be ***m/f*.** You are entitled to what you post on your own sites, and I reserve the same right for mine.
* I reserve the right to trim any content I deem inappropriate for my site or respectfully decline to run it.
* As separate attachments, send **your *book cover* and *blurb* with the *buy and social media links*.** If you have a ***favorite review****,* send it too.
* Add a ***headshot or your logo***. If possible, a photo that represents who you are. Remember, we are selling ourselves as authors more than just your books. I prefer not to post pictures of children unless it’s important to your story. Pets, hobbies, and adventures are preferred. Send the thing that lets the reader know you as a person. Remember you need to sell your author self as much or more than your book.
* Please **check in periodically** to answer any questions or comments. There’s a be notified option on the blog when it’s posted that will let you know when someone responds.
* **Here is a list of questions you should *try* to answer all or most.** 
  + Who you are other than your bio?
  + What interests besides writing do you enjoy? For instance, what do you read or hobbies you have?
  + Who is your network or support system? This would be any groups/authors/friends/family who contributes to your writing career.
  + Who or what books or authors are your inspiration?
  + Do you have any fun or outrageous talent?
  + What is your neighborhood like? Are there any places you frequent? What makes them special?
* **Then pick 5-7** of these questions and give a short answer. The first section is about you, the person. The second is about you, the writer. Choose whatever you wish.
  + If they made a movie about your life, what would the title be, and who would play you?
  + Do you have a particular object like a piece of jewelry or a keepsake of some sort? Can you tell us what makes it special to you?
  + What is your favorite mug or teacup if neither T-shirt with graphic or Meme
  + Years ago, there was a commercial that talked about a “Kodak Moment.” It’s a moment in time you catch in a picture. One you never want to forget. What is yours?
  + Favorite childhood book? Or writing that inspired you to become an author.
  + If you could only choose one song to play every time you walked into a room for the rest of your life, what would it be?
  + What weird talent do you have?
  + If you could eat anything in the world right now, what would it be?
  + Worst household chore?
  + If you could time travel, where would you go and when? Why?
  + What ridiculous thing has someone tricked you into doing or believing?
  + Would you rather have unlimited international first-class tickets or never have to pay for food at restaurants?
  + Did you ever win something? What?
  + Do you play board games? What games do you like?
  + What website or app doesn’t exist, but you really wish it did?
  + Who is the most interesting person you’ve met and talked with?
  + What was your first job?
  + What subjects should be taught in school but aren’t?
  + What’s the most amazing natural occurrence you’ve witnessed?
  + If someone came up to you and said, “Hey, do that thing you do!” what thing would pop into your head first?
  + What kind of research do you do, and how long do you spend researching before beginning a book?
  + How do you select the names of your characters?
  + Do you read your book reviews? How do you deal with bad or good ones?
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  + What was your hardest scene to write?
  + What was the best money you ever spent as a writer?

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. If there is something you think is missing in the interview that would make a difference to you or someone else, please add it. There is no set rule on the length of my blog posts, but on average, blogs range from 500 to 1,500 words. Rather than focusing on the word count, make sure your content is engaging and your author’s voice apparent.

*Remember you want to sell YOU as much as the books.*

Thank you for your interest in being part of my author and blogger life. Best of luck to you in all your endeavors.

Donna