



I was born a writer. I can't remember a time I didn't write, though my earliest scribbles, while I was in diapers, were not decipherable even by me. Later, I saved ideas for school assignments and awaited opportunities to write them. My first attempt at an epic, when I was eight, was a science fiction story so incredibly precocious that, if I could find it, I'm sure I'd find a new calling as a writer. Well, maybe not. Still, it was a start: the story of a young boy and girl who together explored the universe.

That's something else: I was also a born romantic. Nearly all my fiction involves a romantic relationship. No wonder I wound up writing romance novels!

I stopped writing fiction in law school -- confusing cases and boring briefs left little time for pleasure. But, I couldn't stay away. Soon as I could carve out time early in the morning before work at my first law job, I wrote for fun once more. Cathartic! In my first finished -- and as yet unpublished -- mystery, I killed off a law firm's senior partner.

My first published fiction consisted of several short stories in *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*. The first, "Different Drummers," won the Robert L. Fish Memorial Award for best first mystery short story of 1988. Recently, my first mystery short story was published in the Sisters of Crime, Los Angeles Chapter, mystery short story anthology, *Murder on Sunset Boulevard*. It is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

My first novel was the 1995 Love Spell time travel romance [***A Glimpse of Forever***](#) (ISBN 0-505-52070-2). In 1996 came [***The Glass Slipper***](#), a Love Spell faerie tale (ISBN 0-505-52111-3). [***Point in Time***](#), a Love Spell time travel romance, was published in 1998 (ISBN 0-505-52244-6), followed by [***Stranger on the Mountain***](#) in 1999 (ISBN 0-505-52301-9). In 2000, I had three books on the shelves-- [***Once a Cavalier***](#) from Jove Time Passages (ISBN 0-515-12847-3), [***The Ballad of Jack O'Dair***](#) from Love Spell (ISBN 0-505-52404-X), and [***Alias Mommy***](#) from Harlequin Intrigue (ISBN 0-373-22592-X).

My novella "Up on the Husetop" appeared in Love Spell's 1999 Christmas anthology [***Winter Wonderland***](#) (ISBN 0-505-52339-6).

In July 2001, [***Marriage: Classified***](#) (ISBN 0-373-22624-1), my second Harlequin Intrigue, was published. In March 2002, my third Intrigue was published: [***Operation***](#)

[Reunited, ISBN 0-373-22655-1](#), and in November 2002 my fourth intrigue was published: [Tommy's Mom, ISBN 0-373-22688-8](#). [Special Agent Nanny, ISBN 0-373-22725-6](#) came out in September 2003, [Guardian of Her Heart, ISBN 0-373-22757-4](#) in February 2004 and [Lawful Engagement, ISBN 0-373-22786-8](#) in July 2004. My first Silhouette Intimate Moments, [Not a Moment Too Soon, ISBN 0-373-27401-7](#), was published in November 2004. This book is every writer's dream--and nightmare--as the heroine writes stories that come true! My first mystery made its appearance in January 2005: [Sit, Stay, Slay, ISBN 0-425-20000-0](#) and the second in the Kendra Ballantyne, Pet-Sitter mystery series arrived in August 2005, [Nothing to Fear But Ferrets, ISBN 0-425-20373-5](#). Also in the series are [Fine-Feathered Death, ISBN 0-425-20374-3](#), [Meow is for Murder, ISBN 0-425-21430-3](#), [The Fright of the Iguana, ISBN 978-0-425-218-020-0](#) and [Double Dog Dare, ISBN 978-0-425-22232-4](#). Upcoming is **Never Say Sty**, which will be an April 2009 release.

I am delighted also to be writing Silhouette Nocturnes. The first, [Alpha Wolf, ISBN 978-0-373-61803-3](#), will be a January 2009 release, along with my first Nocturne Bites, **Claws of the Lynx**, which is also a January 2009 release. The next will be **Back to Life** in June 2009.

A few years ago, I left my full-time law job to devote more time to writing -- though so far all that extra time I anticipated is still eluding me! I am a member of the [Orange County](#) (California), [Los Angeles](#) and [RWA Mystery-Suspense](#) chapters of the [Romance Writers of America](#). I also belong to [Sisters in Crime, Los Angeles Chapter](#), and my mystery short story "Love on Sunset Boulevard" is in the SinC/LA anthology *Murder on Sunset Boulevard*. It was fun getting back to my "roots" and writing a mystery short story again. I am also a member of the [Mystery Writers of America](#). I live in the Los Angeles area with my husband and my [Cavalier King Charles Spaniel](#), Lexie, and her puppy friend Mystie, also a Cavalier.

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