

EVERY AUTHOR HAS A STORY

AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Name:

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Do you have a pen name?

I do not.

Book titles – What are the titles of the books you have written or are currently writing?

The current novel that I just released is called “In Your Dreams”. It is a psychological thriller. I have also ventured out in unfamiliar territory by writing a rom-com, called “Max and Millie’s Epic Love Story” and I also have another thriller in the works that I have yet to find a title for!

The title of this interview is ‘Every writer has a story’. Tell us a bit about you and your story leading up to becoming an author.

Okay, sad story time.. I didn’t have a great childhood like so many others were fortunate to have. Things were bad at home and I was teased a lot at school. The one thing that I always loved to do was read. It was the one thing that was able to take me away from my reality and be a place that I got lost in for hours. Ironically enough, I never pictured myself being the one to write the story, I was always the reader. In college I took an advanced English class where we had to write a short story and either an epilogue or prologue to one of the plays we had read that semester. While writing I came across a brand new passion. I was completely in love with being able to create my own story. A few years later as I was getting ready for bed, the concept for “In Your Dreams” came to me. I loved the idea but knew that I wasn’t ready to write it yet. About six months later the prologue came to life in my head and I knew I needed to write it down immediately. Three months after that my very first novel was finished and here I am today, so blessed to finally being able to share it with the world.

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Who or what are your main influencers and why?

In regard to writing, the only person that comes to mind is an author I fell in love with this year: Colleen Hoover. I devoured a book after book after book of hers. I was blown away by the emotions she's able to evoke, her plot twists, anything that woman writes is incredible. I would say myself all the time, "I want to be like Colleen Hoover!"

What inspired your books?

I wouldn't say that anything inspired my books really. The ideas for them came to me pretty randomly, and they stuck with me too much for me to not bring those stories to life.

Tell us about your latest published book:

In Your Dreams is a psychological thriller about a woman named Molly, she runs a facility where she experiments on young women by having them endure nightmares. When she lost her brother, she became obsessed with wanting to understand what he went through since he suffered from recurring nightmares. When a young girl, Miranda is kidnapped and taken there against her will, she fights with everything she has to try and escape to be reunited with her family.

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Tell us about your work in progress:

Right now, I'm going back and forth on which novel to finish next. The rom-com is cute and fun and I'm enjoying every second of it. But my thriller is very dark and exciting. Max and Millie is about a young author, Millie who is having a bit of writers block. When she meets Max, sparks definitely begin to fly...but only for Max. However, the more time she spends with Max she begins to feel more inspired to write. While Max is clearly falling in love...Millie not so much. She's hoping the feelings will come but doesn't know if she should end things with Max or keep seeing him so she can finish her novel. My untitled thriller is about a young attorney, Kevin Reyes. Mr. Reyes has a dark past and an even darker secret.

Which part of the writing process do you enjoy, and which parts do you dread?

I enjoy the writing! I enjoy getting those creative juices flowing and allowing my mind to come up with backstories, scenarios, character development etc. The editing part for sure is my least favorite part of the writing process. I must have read my novel about a hundred times and each time there were still errors and typos it was ridiculous.

What is your greatest strength/weakness when it comes to writing?

With being completely new to this, I'm not quite sure what a strength of mine would be, which probably ties into my weakness. I definitely suffer from imposter syndrome, I know I believe in the ideas for my stories, but I constantly think that it could have been written better. Or, that people won't enjoy it, which I'm sure is a fear that any writer might have. I think as writers a part of being successful is knowing that people loved your story.

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Do you have a favourite author, and do you write the same genre?

I do! As mentioned earlier Miss Colleen Hoover! I am obsessed with her! haha. She mostly writes contemporary romance, so now we do not write the same genre. I also love Alex Michaelides. He is a phenomenal writer; he also writes psychological thrillers.

How do you measure your success as an author?

I have read so many books that I fell in love with. Have you ever finished a book and clutched it to your chest and were like "Wow."? Cause I have. I want people to do that with my books. I want people to fall in love with my stories. Making an income from writing would be nice sure, but I never wanted to do this to make money, I want to leave behind something in this world that people can love and enjoy.

Writing is very time consuming; how do you fit it into your daily routine?

With being a single mother, finding the time to write is incredibly difficult. I would always have to schedule my writing during his naptime or in the mornings before he woke up. But I always made it work!

What advice would you give to someone thinking of writing a novel?

Do it. If you have an idea, get it out there. You might be like me and not be completely confident in yourself, but always believe in your stories. Don't let fear or doubt keep you from writing it. The world deserves to hear our stories.

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