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# IN SEARCH OF THE GREAT AMERICAN AUTHOR CAROL J PERRY

## DID YOU ALWAYS KNOW YOU WERE GOING TO BE A WRITER?

Ever since I was a little girl I knew that I wanted to be a writer. A voracious reader, my letters to Santa usually consisted book titles, I never lost sight of that goal and am blessed that I have had the opportunities to fulfill those childhood dreams.

**Carol was born in Salem, Massachusetts on Halloween Eve**

## DID YOU EVER MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO A FAMOUS AUTHOR'S HOME?

Yes. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings & Ernest Hemingway's houses. I took photos of their typewriters. When I was a child I lived across the street from the house where *The Scarlet Letter* was written. I asked if I could visit the room where Nathaniel Hawthorne worked and I still remember it well.

## YOU'VE BEEN BUSY SINCE THEN. HOW MANY BOOKS HAVE YOU WRITTEN?

Very busy. I am working on Book #13 in my first cozy series, **Witch City Mysteries**. It features my hometown of Salem, Massachusetts. At the same time I'm working on Book #3 in my second series, **Haunted Haven**. It is set in Florida, where I now live. It's a fictional town on the Gulf Coast, where celebrities vacationed years ago.



## DO YOU ENJOY POETRY?

I think reading poetry helps authors think about the value of each word. There are no throw away words in poetry—each word serves a purpose in painting the picture that the poet wants us to see. One of my very favorites is "Requiem" from *Born to Flying Glass* by a British poet, Keith Barnes. The title comes from his childhood. He was six years of age when the Blitz hit the East End of London. His memories of the spirit and courage of his parents and neighbors had a lasting effect on his life, which unfortunately was not a long as it should have been. He died at the age of 34 from leukemia.

"Be My Ghost" Book #1 in Carol's Haunted Haven series received a **\*Starred Review\*** from **PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY**

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Book #13 Witch City Mystery Series



## Favorite Comment from a Fan

"You really put me there."