# Abigail Dane Romance

# **Confessions of a Romance Writer**

Seven Things I Didn't Know Before I Became One

Are you a...

- ...writer who dreams of seeing your own work in print someday?
- ...reader with an idle curiosity about the fascinating world of romance writing?

#### THIS SESSION IS FOR YOU!

The Journey. I taught undergraduate and post-graduate courses in business, academic, technical and creative writing for more than fifteen years. But after completing my first historical novel in 2015, I realized just how little I knew about getting a book from first draft to manuscript, from manuscript to publication, and from publication to reader.

I've had a crash course in romance writing and publishing since then. In "Confessions," I share what I've learned.

Program Description. Romance writing, a \$1.6 billion-dollar a year industry, is driven almost exclusively by women. So why are the women who read and write romance novels so often reluctant to admit it? Why is the world's most popular literary genre also the least respected form of literature? Can those who don't read or write romance ever understand the art and skill required to do it well?

This lively, visual, interactive program answers these and participant questions about the perils and joys of launching a romance writing career. Insights provided through discussion, readings, stories, examples, handouts, Q&A and more.



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## Would You Like to Schedule...

... a lively, inspiring keynote address? ... an amusing, informative presentation? ... an interactive "how-to" workshop?

#### How about...

- ... Confessions of a Romance Writer
- ... DIY Book Trailers and Videos:
  - Easy, Fun and (almost) Free!
- ... Interactive Editing Playshop
- ... Jumpstart Your Intuition
- ... Success from the Inside Out
- ... Intrepid Board Leadership
  - for the Trepid Board Leader
  - . Something else?







AWARDS: The Viscount and the Valet

MORWA-Gateway to the Best Ist Place/Historical NERCA-New England Reader's Choice 2nd Place/Historical HOLT-Best Book by a VA Writer Finalist NERFA-National Excellence in Romantic Fiction Award

Ist Place/Historical

Let me create a special program just for your group!

Got questions?

First three books in the Whitleigh series by Abigail Dane.

Cover artwork by the author.

Books available at AbigailDaneRomance.com

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More program descriptions and contact information on reverse of this flyer.

# More Abigail Dane Programs...

DIY Book Trailers and Videos: Easy, Fast, Fun and (almost) Free! Learn how to create your own book trailers and promotional videos using free or almost free downloadable online programs, music and image resources.

### Interactive Editing Playshop

Writing and editing are two different but equally critical skills for a writer. In this fun, interactive playshop, you'll learn fixes for common grammar woes, find remedies for your own writing gremlins and get expert style advice.

### **Jumpstart Your Intuition**

What is intuition? Does everyone have it? Can it be taught/learned/induced? Learn the six types and four receptors, and discover ways to recognize, build, trust and act on your own intuition.

Success from the Inside Out Ever ask Why? Wonder about your own higher purpose? Wish you understood more about how life really works? You may find the insights you seek in this gentle yet challenging program.

# Intrepid Board Leadership for the Trepid Board Leader

Recruiting, training and managing a volunteer board is one of the most challenging yet rewarding roles you'll ever have to handle. Discover leadership secrets that can smooth your way to greater satisfaction and success.



Abigail Dane keynote address and book signing event. Marco Island, FL, October 2017.





# Meet Abigail Dane...

- ... incurably curious lifelong learner with a low boredom threshold and five earned degrees: AA, BA (English/ education); MS (HR management and development); MEd; and PhD (adult education)
- ... professional careers in business, human service and education, now: does training and consulting; writes historical romance novels
- ... undergrad/postgrad professor for 15 years: writing (business, academic, technical, creative); training and development/learning assessment; leadership; HR staffing/recruitment; organizational development; psychology (general and developmental); time/stress management; many others
- ... in 1991, launched Transitions Unlimited, training consultancy/publishing company
- ... board leadership: ASTD/St. Louis; Institute for Learning Styles Research; Zane Grey's West Society; Community Re-entry; numerous committees/task forces
- ... publications: Master's thesis; PhD dissertation; numerous edited books; journal articles, essays and blogs; three English Civil War period historical romance Novels (*The Viscount and the Valet* has won four awards to date)
- ... in 2017, moved to Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley with husband, Rudi
- ... teaches on an array of topics; volunteers; writes, edits and critiques; creates one-of-a-kind artwork, reads 5-6 books/week; imagines relentlessly

