

30th Anniversary Special Interview

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1) When did you first become aware that B&B had a fandom?

Back in 1990 when they started having the cons. I had a mate who went to them, and brought me back stuff. I was impressed with what was out there.

2) Why did you decide to write fanfic?

Because I was writing romance novels then, and read what was being written. I thought, I can do this. Now I know I am way better than I was then. Also I disliked where they took the series in S3. Not the acting, but the whole idea. So I set out to fix that.

3) What character(s) do you enjoy writing about the most?

Vincent, Catherine, Father, Elliot, Mouse, Joe and Edie.

4) Do you prefer long stories or short ones?

Short ones simply because you can get bogged down in details in long ones and lose your focus. If it does not grip me from page one, I tend to wander off.

5) Do you feel you have more stories in you yet to write?

Yes, ma'am!

6) What aspect of the B&B fantasy world intrigues you most?

How far the tunnels stretch, and what is yet to be discovered. Who else could be out there?

7) Have you written other fiction, or any non-fiction?

Yes, I used to write romance novels. But I found them confining. They are formula writing, and as such, restricting. Here I can do and say what I feel and think, or like. I also wrote

shorts stories and poetry. Mostly very badly back in the day. Some in this fandom have taught me so much. I appreciate their input.

8) What person do you prefer to write in (i.e. first, second, third)?

Third person, though I have dabbled in first. It is always a challenge to understand the differences.

9) What do you wish they had explored (or explored more) in the series?

All the tiny cracks and places they did not quite finish. Steam, of course. But the small nuances the writers did not even think to address. Or could not, for reasons known and unknown. And to have more episodes like Bluebird.

10) What aspect of the series do you like least?

The death and destruction for no purpose other than ratings, and dramatic effect. I understand the need, just didn't need to see it. Thank heavens for fanfic, I say. And thank heavens for Angie, and the Ren Girls!