

30th Anniversary Special Interview

Rhonda Collins Fanfic writer

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

I first became aware that B&B had a fandom about a year and a half to two years AFTER I had written my first three fanfics. That was probably around 1991. Nan Dibble almost laughed herself silly when she realized I'd written three novels without ever even knowing there was a fandom, or for that matter, what fanfic WAS.

2) Why did you decide to write fanfic?

The friend who introduced me to the show was, as I was, unhappy that the series had ended. She told me, "There won't be any more stories. You'll have to write me one." She created a monster.

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

I enjoy writing about all of the characters, but I think I enjoy Diana the most. She is such an enigmatic character, so like Vincent in many ways.

4) Do you prefer long stories or short ones?

I prefer long stories because it gives me time to expand upon the theme.

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

That's hard to say. I've written 11 full length novels and numerous short stories. Occasionally an idea comes to me, but I think I'm about written out.

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

Aside from the interpersonal relationships of the main characters, both V/C and V/D, I enjoy the entire theme of the hidden world below ours.

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

I've co-written a Trilogy with Amber James (Sandra McLaren) based on a true story about a young English girl who becomes romantically involved with a much older Egyptian prince back in the 1960s. You can get some idea of those at www.castlepublishing.com, although I really haven't been selling them that much; I haven't made much effort. I'm thinking about checking into selling them as e-books.

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

Third person.

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

I wish they had continued the series beyond 3rd season. It seemed such a shame to stop the story there.

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

I love the relationships between Vincent and Diana and between Vincent and Catherine. Both are intriguing. I tend more toward V/D, though, mostly because I like going beyond what was already written. I can, and have, written expansion stories about V/C's relationship, but I don't like changing canon. I'd rather leave canon alone, and go from there.