

# 30th Anniversary Special Interview

## Ruth Fan

### 1) When did you become a B&B fan?

*I started watching the series on TV in 1987. Loved the show but for some reason lost track after the 2<sup>nd</sup> season. One day I ran across an episode of Beauty and the Beast on "YouTube" about 7 or so years ago and began watching the whole series again. I watched the third season and became so upset that Catherine was killed off. As I continued to search the web I began to find a lot of stories, the happily ever after kind, and have been hooked ever since.*

### 2) What attracted you to the series?

*I loved the relationship between Catherine and Vincent. I remember initially being scared of the beast because he was so ferocious and I was afraid that at any time he could turn on Catherine, but in the end he had a heart of gold. Not many shows exhibit that kind integrity and good moral character today.*

### 3) What changes have occurred in B&B fandom over the years?

*I remember reading on line or at WFOL about how other people were introduced or reconnected to B&B and a lot said they found it on Netflix. I was a little disappointed to see that it is no longer carried on Netflix. I think this has a direct impact on attracting new members to the B&B fandom.*

### 4) What do you enjoy most about the series?

*Of course the love story. Who wouldn't want a big strong man who adored you to always protect you and know what you needed without asking. ☺*

### 5) What do you wish B&B fans would do?

*Don't know the answer to this question since I am still a bit of a voyeur myself. Loved to be involved from afar. I want to know what is happening in the fandom and love to read fanfiction and appreciate everyone who make it happen. But it took me a while to speak up.*

**6) How much time do you devote to B&B in an average month (including social media time)?**

*Every day I am reading a story or playing a game. Mahjong Solitaire I play 5-10 times a day.*

**7) How many B&B fans have you met?**

*I've met one in person who lives in my city – Crowmama. We met one morning and talked for a long time a couple of years ago. A couple of others I've chatted with at WFOL.*

**8) What is your favourite memory as a fan?**

*The day I discovered Beauty and the Beast Fanfic Database. Thought I had died and gone to heaven. Not enough hours in the day to read it all.*

**9) How has B&B changed your life?**

*It's brought me a little more enjoyment. I still like to watch the series and what can be better than curling up with a new fanfic story on a rainy day.*

**10) If you could have one B&B wish granted, what would it be?**

*That the series had not ended the way it did and that we had a lot more episodes than we do.*