

THE AUTHORS SHOW – Romance

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It's hard to say exactly when the writing bug came upon me, but if I were to guess, I'd say it was in my early teens. More than anything, I loved to write poems. It was a way to express myself even if nobody read them. That is until my grandmother called me one day and asked if I still wrote poems. I said that I did, and she then asked me if I'd be willing to send her one. I ask her which one she wanted. She was quiet for a few seconds and when she answered me, she said, "The one that comes from your heart."

I laughed and told her that they all came from my heart, but I did as she asked. I picked out a short poem about love and sent it to her. About two weeks later, lo and behold a letter came for me. I opened it with enthusiasm not knowing what was inside. When I lifted the seal, I saw a newspaper article. I slowly unfolded it and started to read.

What laid inside was my written poem. I felt shock, fear and somewhat embarrassment to see the words I had written for all to see, but as I thought about it and read it over and over I then felt joy, happiness and a proud feeling of accomplishment. I had tears in my eyes. What she did for me was a gift I'll never forget. It opened my eyes to a bigger world and although it took me many more years to actually write a book, get it published and be ready to set if free to the world, it all started with a sincere phone call and someone who believed I had talent when I didn't even recognize it myself. What a unique present she gave me.

Now let me say this. It wasn't so much that it was a magical piece of words by me, but what it represented. My grandparents thought so much about me and my words that they published my poem in all three of their Newspaper's in Arkansas. This went on for a long time until they sold their newspapers.

Now to fast forward my life, after school, children and several career opportunities, I found myself itching to pick up the pen. I've always wanted to write a book, but never thought my

stories were strong enough for print. I have several short stories stashed away. One day, maybe I let them take flight too.

What jump-started my writing career? This is the story.

A few years ago I was fortunate enough to get to travel to Ireland. This is really when my life changed forever.

Ireland is an enchanting island with an abundance of history, old world feelings, and yes, I'm going to say it, "Spirits. Angels. Ghosts." Whatever you want to call it, they are present and they want your attention. At least they wanted mine.

So, this story came to me and I started writing. The voices in my head 'the characters' wouldn't stop chattering and that is when my first book evolved. "Your Soul Was Made for Mine." It was my first baby, and I'm very proud of it, but I'm not going to comment too much on my first book except to say, "The characters became as alive to me as any living being. I was frantic to hear and write their every word."

Now, I'm going to plunge into the second book, "My Soul Belongs to You."

From the busy city life of Dublin, Ireland to the quiet little town of Hilton Head, South Carolina, two lives are pulled together by tragedy and something more—call it fate, call it faeries.

After giving up a daughter for adoption at sixteen, KATLYN REYNOLDS has built a successful advertising company to keep her mind busy and her heart safe. But this pain from her past has made Kate a use 'em and leave 'em kind of girl, bypassing love and commitment to protect herself. And this system has worked—

—until she meets DEACON O'MALLERY, a sweet, sexy, striving Irish businessman. Deacon is known as a jammy, a lucky bastard. As second in command at the largest intel company in Europe, he has the world by the balls, leaving the orphaned boy who grew up with nothing—

and everyone else—behind. Then Katlyn Reynolds walks into his life and he's smitten. Kate is his maité Sol, his soul mate; he just knows it; even his wanker can't stop thinking about her. And, for the first time, after hearing Kate's story of brutality and loss, he wants to find his birth mother, the woman who abandoned him.

Kate's feelings for Deacon are confusing. She cares enough to reveal her past, but insists he find love somewhere else.

Now this stubborn bloke has two missions: to find his mother and to make the girl across the ocean stand by his side forever. *Ádh mór ort, Kate!* Good luck, he thinks. She's going to need it to fight him off, for he has more than good looks, charm, tenacity, and money on his side. Deacon has Thomas and Calista: spirits he unwittingly beckons into his life.

In the second book in the Soul Mate series the cross-continental frolics continue with Kate and Deacon. Drama blends with desire and an off-the-charts plot, creating the heavyweight champion of page-turners in this sensual romance.

That's a little taste of book two.

I feel extremely blessed with my writing journey. I met some amazing ladies that lead me in the right direction and helped me start my own publishing company. I published my first book in 2015 winning two awards, The Reader's Favorite Silver and The Benjamin Franklin Digital Award.

So far, with my second book, which was published this year I've won The Reader's Favorite Silver and The National Florida Authors & Publishers Association 2017 President's Book Award. My goal is to be a New York Bestseller. I'll keep writing until that goal is met. My motto is, "Never say never. Miracles happen every day. Look what's happened with me."