



Author Bio Samples

ROMANCE AUTHOR

Life as a curvy, feisty provocateur is fun, but it isn't always easy. Kelli M. Brown has spent a lifetime asking questions, debating viewpoints, and advocating for women and diversity. The world has a lot of fixed ideas about the ideal female, and the size of her heart and scope of her mind is often overshadowed by the measure of her waistline.

After co-founding *She Magazine*, a college publication that championed women and inclusivity, Kelli went on to work as a journalist for CNN and Fox News, before becoming the Communications Director of Imaginarium, the Denver Public Schools' Innovation Lab.

Love has always lit the path of inspiration, and more recently, led her to romantic fiction. But you won't find billionaire jerks in Kelli's books, or the spotless virgins waiting to redeem them. Kelli's characters are the kind of people fiction tends to forget: the fat girls that hide their bodies, or those who live with a disability long after they've found their happy ending. After all, life is complex and love can be tough, destructive, and heartbreaking. But it's always beautiful, and so are the people it touches and transforms.

Kelli loves connecting with her writers...<insert relevant contact links and/or call to action>.

YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR

Joss Clark has never been what you might call, *conventional*. While most families cooed over dance recitals and little league victories, the Clark family sat patiently as their eight-year-old son delivered some very serious news. His fluffy toy cat was not, in fact, from Santa, but had burst through the roof direct from Mars, where a brutal intergalactic war was being waged. The cat's status as a refugee on Earth was vital and with further arrivals expected, it was time to get the cat litter ready.



It soon became clear Joss was not going to grow up to become an accountant.

After the end of the Feline Martian Wars (the cats won!) Joss studied, wrote, and performed musical theatre. When his voice changed a new career path became necessary, and a copy of Miranda July's *No One Belongs Here More than You* kinda changed his life. Listening to July's work on audio book showed that even written words had a performance value; they could sing and shout just as loud as an actor on a stage. As someone with dyslexia who loved stories but struggled to read, this was a break-through.

These days Joss Clark writes online content and YA stories with a poetic bent. His published works include articles in the Raleigh Review magazine and the Burningword Literary Web Magazine. He's currently working on a thriller podcast.

Joss lives in Boston, Massachusetts with three Earth-born cats. His favorite is named Spucky - after an Italian sandwich. You can contact Joss at <enter details>.

ACTION & SUSPENSE AUTHOR

Like so many before him, Derek Perna's life as a writer started as an argument with his parents. Twelve-year-old Derek had an illicit secret—a dark detective novel with blood, beauties and tough guys that he'd found tucked away on a high shelf. He was only a few pages from the climax when it was plucked from his hands, never to be seen again. But who was the killer? Where was Stephanie? *What was the secret of the moleskin journal!?* Flushed with intrigue and frustration, those questions would haunt him for years. And awaken him to the power of storytelling.

As an adult, Derek's talent for observation and investigation led to a Bachelor of Science in Global Security & Intelligence Studies, which included classes in Deception, Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and War Games. This evolved into a dynamic career in global security; analyzing terrorist attacks and their perpetrators, consulting with victims and identifying future threats. After many years of working at the coalface of political crisis, Derek once more found solace and inspiration in fiction.

Derek loves connecting with his readers, so feel free to <insert contact details, or email sign up etc.>



WOMEN'S FICTION AUTHOR

Born in Nigeria, Dr. Christiana Jones has always followed her own path in life. As a child, she spent every night curled around a lamp with a book in her hands while the family laughed and chatted over card games. While studying at Harvard, her fellow students would traipse off to yoga classes while Christiana, a.k.a 'Dr. Doom', donned her black belt and earned her fight name. But for all her interests and passions, Christiana's heart inevitably returned to storytelling. To this day, her greatest joy is crafting strong heroines that pay tribute to the courage and resilience of women working in medicine. Healing the world might come at a heavy toll on their personal lives, but that doesn't stop them from chasing their dreams and following their hearts.

Her first novel, *Dancing with the Enemy* was followed by *Loving Dr. Martin*. Her next novel will be released in Spring 2019.

Christiana loves to connect with her readers, so feel free to stop by and say hello or join her mailing list for releases and updates.