

30th Anniversary Special Interview

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Fanfic writer

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

It must have been in 1988. I'd just moved house & needed to make some contacts in my new area. I'd become addicted to B&B & one day I found a letter in my TV magazine, advising a fan club locally.

2) Why did you decide to write fanfic?

At my first convention held by The UK Chamber. There were a couple of fanzines for sale by UK writers. Previously, I'd had no idea that people wrote their own fiction about TV shows. I'd been writing for some years and could think of nothing more pleasurable than writing about my favourite characters, putting them in situations I yearned to see. The rest, as they say, is history.

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

Vincent and Catherine.

4) Do you prefer long stories or short ones?

Long ones definitely!

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

Sadly no, not for B&B. Having written several collections of stories plus about 6 novellas, that's it for me!

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

Hmm...this is tricky. I suppose the idea that someone not totally human could have been made so incredibly attractive that a beautiful woman could fall in love with him (as well as all of us female fans!).

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

3rd person.

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

Another tricky one. I suppose the physical relationship between Vincent & Catherine. The 'forbidden love' became a little exasperating throughout the series. I guess it could never have been explored more though as Ron's make-up would have suffered with a lot of kissing!

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

Paracelsus...I found his 'heavy villian' a rather ridiculous character. And, of course, Catherine being killed.