

30th Anniversary Special Interview

Kayla Rigney Fanfic Writer

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

I became aware of BATB fandom at the end of the original broadcast run of Season 1.

2) Why did you decide to write fanfic?

I began writing fan fic for my friend Hayley (Sara). Back in the day, we'd hang out in my apartment on Friday nights and retreat to the Tunnels where it was Safe. My Pascal fics are a love-letter to a character I adore and an homage to a friendship that fed my soul.

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

This question is a no-brainer for me. I enjoy writing about the Underdog. I love writing about Pacal and Joe because I think they deserve lives. Rich, happy, messy lives. Grin.

4) Do you prefer long stories or short ones?

I have no preference. However, my latest fic is almost 200 pages long!

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

Oh, yes!

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

The idea of Tunnel Culture – acceptance, tolerance, belonging – draws me in. It's the opposite of the culture of hatred we have to endure on a daily basis. Oh, and I love caves...

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

I've written non-fiction for magazines, newspapers and amazon.com. I've also written ad copy for print and radio.

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

My non-fiction tends to be First Person, whereas my fics are always Third Person. (I find Second Person to be... Passive aggressive. Grin.)

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

I wish that the writers had explored more of the secondary Tunnel Dwellers' lives and backgrounds – especially those who'd lived their entire lives Below.

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

I hated the sheer meanness of 3S.