



I love to read. Romance, science fiction, mysteries, fantasy, historical fiction, non-fiction, you name it. So when I write it's paranormal romance with a mashup of as many genres as I can fit, fast-paced, smart, sizzling, and sometimes silly stories with sexy, quality men and the women who love them. Series are the Ancients, Biting Love, Pull of the Moon, and the Lovless Brothers.

These days I develop software to pay my rent on the planet, though in the past I've been a performing flutist (and piccolo, but we don't talk about that), a taekwondo teacher, and an insurance rater (we also don't talk about that). The USA Today Bestselling Author badge is courtesy of a lot of amazing authors banding together to produce Billionaire Ever After in 2017.

After a hard day slaving over a coding keyboard, I relax reading or watching whatever fun thing I can find on Netflix or YouTube, like Lucifer, Hot Ones, and Pitch Meeting. Suggestions for new binge materials welcome!

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FAQ

What do you write?

I write wickedly fun romantic adventures and steamy paranormal romances, fast-paced reads with challenging heroes—and resilient heroines who aren't afraid of a challenge.

What starts you writing?

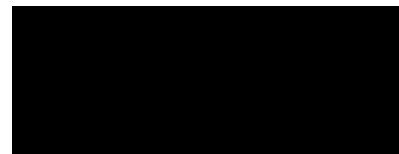
I'm genuinely excited by love and by the growing relationship between two people. Alpha males are a favorite, and vampires are the ultimate alphas.

Any tips for aspiring writers?

Love to make mistakes, and to turn those “mistakes” into something brand-new. Creativity isn't just mashing up strange things like vampires and grannies, people and lions. It's making them make sense together. (Hey, shapeshifters are huge. Who knows if vampire grannies are next?)

Love to dream. Ask what-if then keep going. Don't think “that'll never work.” Find a way to make your crazy idea work and to make it believable. It's incredibly rewarding.

Remember, writing isn't a one-size-fits-all field. Celebrate what works for you!



Latest releases



Night's Bliss: The Ancients Book 3

I could never trust a vampire. Ever.

It wasn't enough that vampires killed my parents and left me for dead. Nope, they also left me with this searing fear of every one of their kind. But when someone I care about grows sick from poison, I have no choice but to infiltrate a Romanian castle filled with pissy, evil vampires in search of the antidote.

And my only saving grace is that for some reason, I can do things other humans can't.

Unfortunately, I also seem to be the perfect bait for the Vampire King, Kai Elias. More than seven feet of dark, wicked charisma, ancient eyes, and a body that holds more power and raw, animal sexuality than I can resist. But there's something about Elias that looks painfully, terrifyingly familiar.

Now I am in over my head and my heart. And my only choice is to trust this dark, charismatic creature...or die. [Universal Link](#)



Night's Kiss: The Ancients Book 2

As a human who hunts vampires, I risk death each night I take to the streets. Bloodsuckers are stupidly fast. I have only my wits, my practice, and my weapons.

Oh yeah, and my rage.

Vampires killed my parents before my eyes when I was young. My revenge? I'll destroy every last one of the evil bastards, starting with their king.

But only one man can help me locate the king. Achingly tall, dark, and too-sexy-for-his-own-good, Ryker is gorgeous enough to be the vamp king himself. But the devilish arch to his black eyebrow, his white, unfangy grin, and rocking the daytime are good clues that he's human.

We'll have to work together as uneasy allies if I hope to get my final revenge on the king—only now it seems evil monsters are also after our prey, and they'll stop at nothing to see us all dead. And why are they having so much trouble finding the king? [Universal Link](#)

Praise for Mary Hughes's Writing

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