

Interview at I am a Reader, Not a Writer (general interview - 2012)



If you were stranded on a desert island what 3 things would you want with you?

Double bladed hunting knife, sunscreen, and MacGyver

What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?

McCann's Irish Oatmeal

Tell us your most rewarding experience since being published.

That people are actually reading and enjoying the books. That's really the whole point of having a book published and it's an amazing feeling.

If you could jump into a book, and live in that world, which would it be?

Gallagher's Pride or Pride and Prejudice

What was your favorite book when you were a child/teen?

As a young child, I loved the Brambly Hedge books by Jill Barklem. I used to copy the words from the pages into my notebook to practice my writing. These are still my favorite children's books.

What's one piece of advice you would give aspiring authors?

Write from below the surface. If you can't feel what the characters are feeling, if you don't believe what's happening to them, then the readers won't either.

If you could choose only one time period and place to live, when and where would you live and why?

Ooh, just one? I would have to say early to mid-19th century Montana. I write about that time and place and the more I do, the more I believe I would have loved to live in that time. It wasn't an easy life and in fact for some it was downright deadly, but I can't help it—I believe I would have loved it!

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

Where I'm living! I love Montana. Okay, so if not here then it would definitely be the Scottish Highlands. It is such a magnificent and breathtaking place with wonderful people and I could see myself living in that part of the world.

What is your favorite quote?

I have many, but the one I'm thinking of right now is, "By being people of action, at least we have the hope to leave this world and its people better than we found it." - Andy Jones (founder of the Africa Heartwood Project).

Can you see yourself in any of your characters?

Eliza Gallagher – not in looks, but I can relate to her somewhat in terms of personality. She even has some of my flaws.

What's your favorite season/weather?

Definitely autumn. The colors, the brisk air, Halloween, and of course it's when I pull out all my favorite scarves and sweaters. The weather is still clear enough to enjoy the outdoors, but the summer heat has left. Yep, autumn is my favorite.

In your wildest dreams, which author would you love to co-author a book with?

Well, if we're going with any author, alive or dead, I would choose Kathleen E. Woodiwiss. She's someone I would have like to learn a thing or two from about writing a great historical romance novel.

The Author

Award-winning author MK McClintock writes historical romantic fiction about chivalrous men and strong women who appreciate chivalry. Her stories of adventure, romance, and mystery sweep across the American West to the Victorian British Isles, with places and times between and beyond. With her heart deeply rooted in the past, she enjoys a quiet life in the northern Rocky Mountains.

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