

# Interview at It's Raining Books (for *Gallagher's Hope* - 2012)



## **Why do you write in your genre? What draws you to it?**

I'm actually a multi-genre author, but my first love is historical western romance. It just seemed natural living in the mountains of Montana to write about where I live. I've often imagined what it would be like to live in the old west and since I can't live in that time physically, I can live in it through my writing.

## **What research is required?**

I won't lie - I do take some liberties as a fiction author and manipulate tiny bits of historical timelines to suit the story, but research is required in order to try and stay true to the era and to capture the 'feel' of it. I do a lot of fact-checking, but a good portion of my research for the books in this series comes from years of reading romances and watching westerns.

## **Name one thing you learned from your hero/heroine.**

I've never been asked that question before and now I'm wondering why not! I've learned that even out of the worst of situations, beautiful things can and do happen to good people. Both Gabriel and Isabelle taught me that and I suppose in a way they taught each other, too.

## **Any odd or interesting writing quirks, habits, or superstitions?**

I like a cooler environment when I write and complete silence...most of the time. When I'm in brainstorming mode I switch on Celtic music or sometimes western themes from the City of Prague Philharmonic. Habits? Not sure if I would call it a habit, but when my brain is on overload I step away to bake something chocolate and then all is right in the world again. Superstitions? I'm the person who would purposely sleep in a haunted castle just to see if the rumors were true, so I'd say none.

## **Plotter or pantsier?**

Plotter in the beginning to lay the groundwork and then I just let the story come, so technically a pantsier, but I've never cared to be boxed into one or the other.

## **Look to your right – what's sitting there?**

A table with my desk calendar for monthly blog visits and stacks of writing papers, research materials and books. A shelf that holds plaques and wooden elephants, a cork

board with more calendars and photographs and a wooden sign I picked up in Vermont that says, 'You say I'm a WITCH like it's a Bad thing' (Halloween is my favorite holiday).

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## 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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