

Author Interview: Tammy Bird

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If you are looking for a murderous thriller, with strong female leads, and a great wlw rep, then look no further than the fantastic debut novel by lesbian author, Tammy Bird.

This week is joining me to talk about where it all started and just how she manages to get under the reader's skin.

Hi Tammy.

Welcome to my humble little corner of the internet!

**My first question, is one I think is so important when talking to other writers:
What do you think makes a good story?**

I write thrillers/suspense, so for me it is about finding what makes a person's skin crawl and then dwelling there until right before it becomes too much, and then doing that multiple times at key points throughout a story.

That sounds wonderfully gruesome!

So, when did you first realise you wanted to be a writer?

My dad used to tell stories of me reading cereal boxes at the kitchen table while I ate and then later telling him stories about the characters that went way beyond anything I read. I would keep the stories going for weeks sometimes. I don't remember those days, but I guess the Lucky Charms leprechaun started it all.

HAHA! So apart from cereal packets, what was your favorite childhood book?

I read everything I could get my hands on as a child. I don't remember loving one book or series more than another. Well, except the encyclopedias. Do they count? My Britannica World Book Encyclopedias were as dog-eared as any novel could have ever been.

They do count! I have a History of the World Book' somewhere in my parent's house that is so torn to shreds it might have been thrown out, I'd love to get my hands on it again.

Now, if you could go back and tell your younger self anything, what would it be?

Stay in school and follow your passion.

I dropped out of school in tenth grade because I was mad about having to go to a new school away from my friends. There was a lot more to it, but that is the gist. Because of that, my life took a very twisted and difficult path for many years. I didn't get my GED and subsequent college degrees until well into adulthood and, in turn, didn't start writing in earnest until my fifties.

That sounds pretty tough going, but I'm delighted you got to where you are today and have released your debut!

What can we expect from you next?

I have two novels in the works. I am almost finished with the first draft of a stand alone novel tentatively called, The Book of Promises. As soon as it is sent off to the editor, I will start fleshing out the second book that follows the Sandman characters.

A sequel!? That sounds pretty amazing! I'd love to hear more about the 'Book of Promises', but that will have to wait until next time.

But if you want to find out more about Tammy, you can find out more and follow her on social media using any of the links in her bio:

Tammy Bird



Tammy Bird is a suspense/thriller author. She currently lives in Wendell, North Carolina with her wife and two cats. By day, she pours her heart into helping students fulfill their educational dreams. The best part of her job is mentoring aspiring writers and watching as each finds his or her rhythm and voice. By night she sinks into her own rhythm and voice, creating new characters and new stories that she hopes will both teach and entertain. Tammy's work is rarely defined as sweet or cozy, and she likes it that way. She is not here for sweet or cozy. She is here for the beautiful swirl of psychologically hard and gritty and fantastically real.

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