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Samantha Sommersby

Mystery, danger, true love, and the best birthday present ever. *As You Wish* has it all!



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Socialite turned social worker Elizabeth Reynolds has sworn off love. It's been two years since her too-good-to-be-true husband ran off with her millions, leaving her emotionally and financially devastated. Liz's friends, believing that it's time she put her past behind her, hire William Carlton to arrange for a special birthday dinner.

The enigmatic William is full of surprises, but no one is as surprised as he is when his casual meeting with Liz leads to a torrid affair. Passionate and sensitive, strong and tender, he seems to know just what Liz needs.

But having been burned once, Liz is wary, and rightfully so. William has secrets from a former life and a dangerous past from which he's just recently escaped. Before they can find happiness together, Liz and Will must take risks, put aside past tragedies, and trust in both one another and love.

Add in one psychic sister, a deranged stalker, and a group of tried and true friends (not to mention a sailing fantasy that is too hot to handle and a welcome home dinner so sexy it will make your mouth water) and *As You Wish* delivers whole-heartedly.

Reviews for *As You Wish*

"***As You Wish*** is a most enjoyable story. I love the fascinating characters of Elizabeth and William as they try to overcome a deep emotional hurt, and even though their hearts are not open to repair, the devotion they feel for each other embers a small flame inside them while trying to triumph the obstacles. The other times their realistic manner adds some silly antics that make them come alive in the pages as they try beating the odds. Samantha Sommersby is an author that adds vintage to her characters and a dazzling romance with a blend of suspense that is truly absorbing. She spins great creativity in her writing making this an alluring read that I thoroughly loved." - **5 Hearts, Linda L., The**

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"a suspenseful, erotic, and wonderful contemporary romance... very romantic, sensual, and spicy with a little bit of naughty..." - **Tallyn Porter, Just Erotic**

Romance Reviews

"William's unconditional love for Elizabeth is what all our wildest dreams are made of." - **Brianna Burress, Romance Junkies**

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About Samantha Sommersby

Samantha Sommersby has been writing romance since 2001. She was first published in 2005 and also has written under the pen name **Lara Williams**. Her background in the medical and specifically the psychiatric field is apparent in her work and allows her to bring a unique perspective to characters and stories. Sam loves to spend the day in her office creating—spinning rich tales, and weaving together interesting plots. Her aim is to create a hero that will literally sweep a reader off her feet.

She currently lives in Southern California with her husband of sixteen years, her twelve-year-old son, and a cocker spaniel named Buck. Sam's husband is a Social Worker who works with abused children. He's an avid sailor who loves to surf and you'll find bits of him in every hero that she's ever written. She describes her son as wonderfully sensitive with a sarcastic sense of humor. He plays the piano, composes his own music, is a competitive fencer, and worships video games.

Like most writers, she'll tell you that she's always desperately trying to balance her "real life" work, family, and writing. She still works a full-time job, writing in the wee hours of the morning or on weekends. When she does manage to set aside some "play" time for herself, then you'll most likely find her reading a book, at the movies, or out wine tasting (she collects California Cabernets).

To date she's been publishing with **Linden Bay Romance** and is extremely pleased to be a part of their family of authors. Sam loves to hear from readers and can be reached at:

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An Interview with Samantha Sommersby

By **Holly Hewson** Marketing Director for **The Romance Studio**

HH: Samantha, welcome back to TRS BLUE. Please tell us all about As You Wish.

SS: As You Wish was the first novel that I'd written, and so it will always have a special place in my heart. It's a contemporary suspense romance about a socialite turned social worker who is suspicious of men after her to-good-to-be-true husband turns out to be a con-artist who runs off with millions. The story picks up a couple years later when the mysterious and terribly sexy William Carlton enters her life and the two begin a torrid affair. Then add in a psychic sister and a deranged stocker. The novel offers plenty twists, turns, and surprises. Oh...and there is also really hot sex in it.

HH: Okay, this is a complex story. You've got a reluctant to love heroine, one mega hot hero, stalkers, psychics. Where did you get this idea?

SS: Oh gosh... It just evolved as I wrote. I don't outline. I don't know exactly where a story is going to go when I start it. I may have a vague idea. But I don't start out with a completely defined plot. I really start with character. With **As You Wish** I started with Will and Elizabeth and then the story grew from there.

HH: What did you enjoy most about writing this story?

SS: This novel is long and complex enough that I was able to take my time and explore my range. There are secondary characters and a subplot, which I became quite fond of. There's travel to different locals. And, I was able to integrate material from my medical and psychiatric background. Those were all positives.

HH: What challenges did you face?

SS: Since this was the first novel I'd written everything seemed to be a bit of a challenge! Seriously though, I had the most difficult time writing the first couple sex scenes. I wrote them and thought, "This is horrible!" Then I sat down, closed my eyes, and visualized it all over again—only more slowly this time. I did one re-write, then another, then another, slowing it down more each time until finally I felt like I'd nailed it. No pun intended.

HH: What are you working on now?

SS: I'm currently working to finish the sequel to **Forbidden: The Claim**. In **Forbidden: The Claim** the hero, Byron Renfield, is successful, handsome, independently wealthy...and a vampire. For over two centuries he's worked for his Clan as the Treasurer of their Trust. In order to ensure his redemption he's isolated himself on a small private island. Then Violet Deeds, a beautiful, sexy, outspoken human becomes stranded there. What's a poor vamp to do? His society's canon forbids relationships between humans and vampires, but can he resist? No way!

Forbidden: The Claim is the story of their meeting and claiming. The sequel,

Forbidden: The Awakening, which I hope to have out this fall, is the story of what follows. In the sequel, Byron is afraid of retribution from his clan and concerned for Violet's safety. Irrevocably bound together, as the tie between Byron and Violet strengthens, they step into one another's worlds, awakening long buried desires and threatening the balance of society and nature.

With a kidnapping, an underground world of rebel vampires, an elaborate network of elite clansman led by an ageless prophet, and a rescue mission **Forbidden: The Awakening** will keep readers on the edge of their seat...I hope!

HH: What do you enjoy about being a writer?

SS: Honestly? For as far back as I can remember I've loved the written word. I have an active imagination. I love to create characters and then weave together stories. But having someone read it and enjoy it? That's the biggest thrill!

HH: Where do you like to hang out online as an author?

SS: I honestly wish that I had more time to hang out. I still work full-time, and then I have my writing and a family. Balancing everything is always a challenge. I read every post to the **Linden Bay Romance**, **Genesis Promotions**, and **EPIC Yahoo Groups**. There are a few dozen groups that I get daily digests from, including **TRS** and **TRS Blue**. Just last week I created a character blog for Byron Renfield, my hero from **Forbidden: The Claim**. At the moment I'm really enjoying blogging. You can find that at <http://immortalitybites.blogspot.com>. I'm currently running a contest there and giving away an iPod Nano. Check it out!

HH: Where do you like to hang out online as a reader?

SS: There are so many wonderful sites out there. I like the eBookLove yahoo group for reading recommendations and new release announcements. I like LoveRomancesCafe because they ask their guest authors the best interview questions. Then, if I want to browse reviews I usually go to Fallen Angels Reviews, **TRS**, JERR, Romance Junkies or Coffeetime Romance.

HH: What advice would you give to someone just starting a writing career?

SS: Write. Don't just dream about it, do it. Then, when you have a finished manuscript, polish it. Re-write it. Then submit it. If your submission is accepted for publication, be ready to promote it. Most new authors are really unprepared for all of the work that happens *after* the book is published.

HH: What can readers look forward to from you in the next year?

SS: Well, I am hoping that **Forbidden: The Awakening** will be available this fall in electronic and trade paperback. Also, several of my eBooks are going to become available in trade paperback this year. **As You Wish** and **Forbidden: The Claim** became available in May. **In the Still of the Night** and **Shelter from the Storm** are going to be available in July. **Blazing Sun Burning Hearts** and **Trilogy No. 101** will be available by the end of the year. I'm starting to book signings and more in-person appearances. On July 22nd I'll be participating in a panel discussion on Urban Fantasy at Comic-Con San Diego

and I'm working to finalize some readings, signings, and a program to work with book clubs. Folks can stay in touch with what I'm doing by joining my Yahoo Group, escapewithromance-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Website: www.samanthasommersby.com.

HH: Thank you!

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