



BSB News Bites

Bold Strokes Books congratulates all the finalists and winners of the Lammys, Ben Franklin awards, and the ForeWord Book of the Year awards. This year's BSB winners are listed on page 4. A complete listing of all BSB awards, including those from earlier in the year, can be found on the BSB Web site at this [link](#).

Bold Strokes Books is pleased to announce the acquisition of Lynda Sandoval's new young adult novel, *Father Knows Best*, scheduled for release in 2010 from our

new YA imprint, BSB Soliloquy. To read about this new author and her book, go to the [Author's page](#) on the BSB Web site.

The Saints & Sinners Literary Festival had warm weather but was very enjoyable. Everyone gathered to learn, to meet new/old friends, and to hear wondrous tales. BSB authors would like to thank those readers who were attended and hope to see you again next year! We wish everyone could have experienced New Orleans in the spring. Maybe

next year!

Congratulations to Anne Laughlin, author of the forthcoming Bold Strokes Books mystery *Veritas*, for being awarded a residency at the Ragdale Foundation in Lake Forest, Illinois during the winter/spring season of 2009/2010. This honor is bestowed upon Anne in recognition of outstanding work.

Be sure to see pg 5 for events for Pride month, including Felice Picano at a historic gathering. A full listing of BSB events is at this [link](#).

Bold Strokes July Forthcoming

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Category Fiction:

Point of Ignition, Erin Dutton,

ISBN: 978-1-60282-084-5, Price: \$16.95 (pg 3)

Secrets in the Stone, Radclyffe,

ISBN: 978-1-60282-083-8, Price: \$16.95 (pg 3)

The High Priest and the Idol, Jane Fletcher,

ISBN: 978-1-60282-085-2, Price: \$16.95

Aeros eBook:

Erosistible, Gill McKnight,

ISBN: 978-1-60282-082-1, p-Price: \$16.95

e-Price: \$10.95 (pg 2)

Special eBook Bundle:

The Lyremouth Chronicles Vol. 1,

Jane Fletcher,

ISBN: 978-1-60282-112-5e, Price: \$46.50

The Lyremouth Chronicles are Back!!!



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Jemeryl and Tevi's relationship is put to the test when the Guardian sends Jemeryl on a mission that lands her not only in harm's way, but also back in the sights of a previous lover. Old bonds of affection are enough to make Jemeryl accept the assignment, even though she is sure that she has been told only half the true story.

But Jemeryl is wrong—she has not been told even a tenth of what is behind this mission. When Jemeryl does not return, nobody can stop Tevi from going after her.

-Excerpt-

The new arrival was Tevi, town guildmaster for the Mercenaries. Judging by the reinforced leather armour covering Tevi's tall frame, and the sweat plastering her dark hair to her forehead, she had been drilling the town guard when the servant found her. Tevi had obviously rushed over, not taking the time to shed the protective wear.

Jemeryl took a moment to study her lover. Although Tevi cleaned up well, the active warrior style definitely suited her. In fact, no matter how Tevi dressed—or undressed—she was well worth looking at. Jemeryl smiled. Whatever Alendy was planning, separating them was one thing he would never succeed at.

Jemeryl nodded towards the pigeon. "I've just had a letter."

"Is there a problem?"

"I assume so, though I don't know what it is."

"What?" Tevi's face wrinkled in confusion.

Klara piped up. "Don't worry. It's not you. She's been progress-

ing equinoxes all morning. It always makes her turn cryptic."

Tevi ignored the magpie and came close enough to put her hand on Jemeryl's arm. "What is it?"

"In detail I don't know but..." Jemeryl indicated the letter on her desk. "It's a summons to go to Lyremouth immediately."

"No other information?"

"None. Not even a hint. They're sending an interim sorcerer to stand in for me." Jemeryl slipped her arm around Tevi's waist for a quick hug before sinking back down in her chair. She picked up the paper but, rather than read, merely stared at it. The words were telling her nothing. The paper they were written on was just as informative. "And I'm to go alone."

The air left Tevi's lungs in a sigh and she dropped into a chair on the other side of the desk. For a while she sat glaring, before saying, "So. Alendy has decided to play games with us."

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NEW RELEASES

eBooks & Print

September Canvas,

Gun Brooke

Dark Garden, Jennifer

Fulton

Matinee Romance:

Punishment With Kisses,

Diane Anderson-Minshall

Liberty Editions reprint:

Late in the Season,

Felice Picano

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December 2008

“... I AM A
HOPELESS
ROMANTIC...”

Behind the Writing: C.J. Harte

C. J. Harte was born in New York but lived in many places while growing up. After her family finally settled in the South, she attended college in the Deep South, where she obtained her degrees as well as a significant Southern accent and an unrelenting sense of humor.

She and her partner have homes on two continents since they live on opposite sides of the ocean much of the year.

Her first BSB Aeros eBook novel, *Dreams of Bali*, was released this past December.

What made you decide to become a fiction writer?

I've always loved to read. My mother loved to tell me about reading the newspaper for her while she cooked when I was four. Since then I have always had a book in my hand. I then

began to make up my own stories about the characters. By the time I was in high school I was writing plays for my 9th grade civics class. I've never stopped writing.

What type of stories do you write? And why?

First, I am a hopeless romantic. Second, romance stories offer us hope and confirmation about our lives. When I was growing up, and even as a woman in my 20's, there were very few positive images of romance for the GLBT community. (In fact, the term GLBT didn't exist). I remember reading *Patience and Sarah* and being so excited. I continued to look for more positive books. When Barbara Grier and Donna McBride opened Naiad Press, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. When they moved their bookstore to Florida, I knew I was in heaven. I started writing

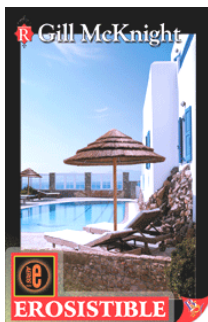
short stories, poetry, getting some things published. All the while, I continue to believe in romance and our right to love.

What do your family/friends think about your writing?

They are excited and proud. My family, however, is proudest that I stayed in school long enough to complete my doctorate—finally. They were certain I was a professional student. People who have known me a long time are both amazed and embarrassed. It's hard to look your friend in the eye after reading a particularly erotic chapter that a friend has written. We laugh a lot about that.

To see the rest of C.J.'s interview and read an excerpt of her novel, go to her [bio page](#) from the following link:

www.BoldStrokesBooks.com/authors.html



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July 2009

In Paradise with the Devil (her ex)...

Winifred Martin has a new job, newfound confidence, and a glamorous new lover. When Win arrives at a luxurious boutique hotel for a much-anticipated week of sun and sex with her new girlfriend, she is stunned to find her ex-girlfriend, Benny, is the proprietor.

Benedikte (Benny) Fiske has also sold up and moved on to a wonderful Greek island where she can invest in herself again and find peace and quiet.

Nestled in the beautiful Aegean, Benny finds no lack of inspiration in her quest to woo back her lost love. But for Win, it's a week in paradise—with the ex-girlfriend from Hell.

-Excerpt-

“You're actually here with someone?” Benny looked totally affronted at the idea.

Win puffed in exasperation, trying to keep her temper. Benny

had a habit of pushing all the wrong buttons with her. Pushing, picking, poking, prodding...

“Of course I'm here with someone.” Win recovered enough to show her annoyance. “This, apparently, is a lesbian lovers' paradise. At least that's what it says in the brochure. More to the point, what are you doing here? You're a lesbian lovers' hell.”

“I happen to own this hell—this establishment. I didn't see your name on the register,” Benny accused right back.

“And I didn't see your name in the brochure, otherwise damn straight you'd not see my name on the register.” Win was far too tired and cranky for this. She'd arrived hot and irritable to a hotel owned by her obstreperous ex-girlfriend. But then she was visiting the country that invented dramatic tragedy. What did she expect?

“Well, are you booked in or not?” Benny noted the begin-

nings of a tension headache, as if she needed a physical reminder that Win had just stepped back into her life.

“Of course I am. For two whole weeks. What's wrong with your computer? Don't tell me you've lost my booking. You took my money fast enough.”

Benny ruffled pages when she should have been tapping on her keyboard pulling up records. But the cool shift of quality paper stilled her trembling fingers and gave her a moment to think.

“Is there a problem?” A voice like warmed caramel oozed across the foyer. Thick, sweet, decadent. Benny looked up to see a stunning woman stroll over to join Win. She had flair and beauty and smelled of expensive perfume and easy success. Benny hated her on sight.



A Burning Fire...

Arson investigation is not exactly what firefighter Kate Chambers signed up for. But she doesn't have a choice when an injury forces her off the engine and into the office. Her first case, a fire at a downtown bar, is a clear-cut instance of insurance fraud, or so she thinks.

But the property co-owner and prime suspect, Alexi Clark, has spent too many years battling her own demons to quietly go to jail for a crime she didn't commit. Soon Alexi is fighting both the false charges against her and an unexpected attraction to the investigator determined to prove them.

Amid a blaze that threatens to consume them both, Kate and Alexi redefine love and trust.

-Excerpt-

"Is there anyone who might have a grudge against you or Mr.

Volk?"

Alexi stared at the investigator, hearing her words but struggling to absorb their meaning. It hadn't occurred to Alexi that the fire was anything more than an accident. She'd imagined the worst when she'd been summoned downtown only hours after closing the bar. But still she'd been unprepared for the horror of seeing her livelihood reduced to ash.

"Ma'am."

It took Alexi a moment to realize that Kate Chambers was talking to her. Alexi shook her head, forcing herself to pay attention to what Kate had asked. Was there really a chance the fire was set intentionally? Electrical problems, maybe. But arson? What was it Chambers had asked her? Did anyone have a grudge against Alexi or Ron?

"No." Alexi shook her head. "I don't know anyone who would do this." She met Cham-

bers's gaze once again, struggling to focus on something besides the surreal events moving around her. Her stomach clenched painfully. Shock and adrenaline were the only things that kept her from dropping to her knees and vomiting.

The investigator was tall, matching Alexi's nearly six-foot frame. Eye to eye, Alexi could see that Chambers's irises were the clearest green she'd ever seen, bringing to mind the waters of Florida's Emerald Coast. Pale blond hair was drawn back tightly from her face and into a bun at the base of her neck, and her equally light brows were shaped into delicate arcs. Aside from the uniform, she didn't look like a firefighter. With a classic, runway-worthy bone structure, she was an attractive package, but Alexi's interest lasted only as long as it took her to figure out she was on this woman's list of suspects.

...a Web of Secrets & Dark Desires.

Rooke Tyler lives a solitary life in a small town on the Hudson River, carving intricate headstones in an exclusive cemetery for the county's wealthy families. Adrian Oakes knows there are things in life that defy rational explanation—she has spent her life avoiding casual contact with others, because sometimes what she feels draws her into a world of dangerous attractions and dark desires. Melinda Singer, a beautiful seductive art dealer, wants both women and will stop at nothing to have them.

-Excerpt-

"If you're not a carpenter..." Adrian switched on the kitchen light. A huge oak table took up the center of the room, its surface scarred. "Have a seat."

"Thanks." Rooke pulled out a wooden chair at one end of the table and watched Adrian move around the kitchen. When she stretched to reach for teabags in a cabinet above the sink, her T-

shirt pulled up, revealing an expanse of her lower back and the soft swell of the top of her buttocks. Rooke stared unintentionally, then looked away.

"You didn't answer my question," Adrian said, turning around with the teabags in her hand. She caught a flicker of uncertainty on Rooke's face.

"Something wrong?"

"No. Nothing." Rooke shifted in her chair. "I'm a stonemason."

"Really? That's got to be tough work."

"No more than any other."

Adrian remembered how Melinda had deduced a person's occupation from the appearance of her hands, and she looked at Rooke's pressed flat on the table. She had the hands of someone who did hard work, and although she didn't appear all that muscular, her body seemed tight and fit. She was a few inches taller than her own 5'7", and a little broader in the shoulders and narrower in the hips. From the

way her T-shirt molded to her chest, her breasts were probably a bit smaller too.

Adrian flushed, realizing she was close to blatantly cruising a stranger sitting at her kitchen table in the middle of the night. What was wrong with her?

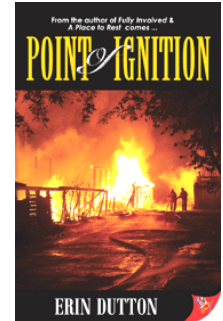
"A stonemason," she said, busying herself with the tea. "What do you do exactly? Build patios and sidewalks and things like that?"

"No," Rooke said slowly. "I carve gravestones."

Adrian spun around, her mouth curved into a faint smile. "And just when I thought the day couldn't get any more interesting."

"I don't know about that." Rooke shrugged self-consciously. She wasn't used to discussing anything about herself. "Most people don't find it very interesting."

"You're going to discover I'm not most people," Adrian said softly.



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In Deep Waters 2: Cruising the Strip –
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