

# **A BSB Interview With Xenia Alexiou**

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## **What made you decide to become a fiction writer?**

The answer in a nut shell is life. My many travels have provided me with an endless source of inspiration and material. But it wasn't until I met and beta-read for Kim that I realized how much I wanted to write these stories.

## **What type of stories do you write? And why?**

Intrigue and suspense are what I feel the most compelled to write. Complex plots, big cast of characters, and untraditional protagonists provide me with the challenge that I need.

## **What do your family/friends think about your writing?**

This is my first book and my sister is the only one who has read the incomplete first draft of *Lethal Affairs*. She said she loved it, but then again she's family so she's supposed to say that. My parents and friends are about to find out.

## **Where do you get your ideas?**

Traveling and the people that I meet along the way.

## **How do you write; do you plan everything out or just write?**

I make a rough outline of the plot (beginning, middle, and end) and then pick the best characters for the job. The characters have to be perfect and details matter so I make sure to check their bios thoroughly. Once that's done I hit it from the top and it all flows very smoothly and naturally.

## **What makes *Lethal Affairs* special to you?**

Because it's my first. But the fact that it was the catalyst to my discovering the wonderful world of writing will forever make it my most emotionally significant.

## **How much of yourself and the people you know are in your characters?**

Certain characteristics, preferences, their humor, but the rest is all a matter of a very healthy imagination.

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**Which lesbian authors inspired you the most? Do you have a favorite of this author(s)?**

Lesbian authors and BSB stories in particular have inspired me in considerable ways. For years they have been my means of escaping. You could say that they have inspired the dreamer in me.

**Do you have any suggestions for new writers?**

Not at this point. I'm still on the receiving end.

**When you're not writing what do you do for fun?**

Take pictures. I've always felt at home behind a camera and it's a hobby that allows me to express what and how I see.

I also enjoy reading so much that I usually read three to four books at the same time. Mostly non-fiction, BSB novels, and mainstream drama.

Kick boxing is always fun and it helps me to unwind.



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