



Tell us about yourself and the books you have written.

I am a practicing physician and veteran started writing books at the end of 2013. My debut novel, *MUST REMEMBER*, was released in November 2015 from Champagne Books. The sequel, *CAN'T FORGET*, will be released in spring 2016. They are both part of the Solum series, set in a world that I created.

What motivated you to begin writing?

I read a beloved author's book and hated her ending and since I've always been an avid reader, I thought to myself many times, "I could write one of these." I always had the ideas--I just needed to put them down. So, I finally did!

What gave you the inspiration?

As a physician, I know a lot about epidemics. So the first thing I thought of writing about was a post-apocalyptic event, but not a flu. I actually thought of Mad Cows! As with most writers, when you get into the book, the characters and stories take their own paths. However, since my career is grounded in real life where I encounter PTSD, missing limbs, and other challenges, I want my writing to be hopeful. There can be a happy ending, even when bad things happen.

What's planned for the Solum series?

The series is written as a trilogy but I am toying with whether or not to parse it into a space epic/western a la "Firefly." We will see how that progresses. I am also planning some novellas that will be written from the POV of other characters in the books. I also have a website I am creating just for Solum which will explore the lore of this new universe.

What are you working on now?

DISTANT MEMORY, the third book in the Solum series, as well as a new contemporary romance.

What authors have influenced you?

Ilona Andrews, Nalini Singh, Thea Harrison.

What is your favorite book of all time?

The Belgariad series from David Eddings. I love those books.

What is the best advice you have for other new writers?

Keep on swimming...er, writing. You get better the more you write. Publishing now is filled with rejection and you just need to keep on keeping on. Be well read and know what you like and want to write. Then read in your genre and read up on how to write. Then start working. Talent takes you 10% of the way; perseverance takes you the rest.



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