



## The 7 Question Interview with Anna Campbell

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Anna Campbell is an award winning Regency noir historical romance author and is a member of the Romance Writers of Australia. Some of her novels are:

- Claiming the Courtesan
- Untouched
- Tempt the Devil

Her official website can be accessed here: <http://www.annacampbell.info>

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### The WritingRaw.com 7 Question Interview

Please let us know who you are and how we might know you:

I'm an Australian who writes Regency noir historical romance for Avon. So far I've had three books published:

- *Claiming the Courtesan* (2007)
- *Untouched* (2007)
- *Tempt the Devil* (2009)

I've won numerous awards, including Book of the Year and Best Debut from Lifetime TV, a Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, Best New Author from All About Romance, Favorite Historical Romance of 2008 at the Australian Romance Readers Convention and the Booksellers' Best. Both *Claiming the Courtesan* and *Untouched* finaled in the prestigious Romance Writers of America RITA Award in 2008 and *Claiming the Courtesan* was a finalist in the Romance Writers of Australia Romantic Book of the Year Award in 2008. My books have sold to Germany, Australia, Turkey, Japan, Spain, Norway, France, Russia and Italy.

You can find out more about me and my books on my website: [www.annacampbell.info](http://www.annacampbell.info)



Any news you would like to share concerning upcoming projects:

My fourth historical romance, *Captive of Sin*, will be published in November, 2009. It's a dark, sexy and dramatic Regency noir about a marriage of convenience set against the dramatic backdrop of the Cornish cliffs. Check my website [www.annacampbell.info](http://www.annacampbell.info) for an excerpt, the blurb and the cover around August.

Thoughts concerning the current state of the literary world:

Ha ha! What a great question. Actually there's a lot of doom and gloom being talked at the moment. I'm not so sure, or at least as far as romance fiction is concerned. I think in dark times, people turn to happy endings and that's one of the promises of a good romance. And let's face it - a good book is pretty cost-effective entertainment, isn't it?

Who is your favorite author and why?

Dorothy Dunnett who wrote an amazing series of six historical novels collectively called either *The Lymond Chronicles* or *The Game of Kings*. The principal character, Francis Crawford, is the most compelling hero I know, dark, tortured, brilliant, flawed, fascinating, passionate.

Have you written a book you love that you have not been able to publish?

Before I started writing Regency noir, I had decided I had a future writing Regency romantic comedy. *The Magnificent Marriage* finished in the Golden Heart the same year as *Claiming the Courtesan* but it doesn't really fit in with the direction my career is currently taking. One day, I hope it might find some space of its own in a bookshop!

Do you have anything specific that you want to say to your readers?

Thank you so much for your warmth and your generosity and your enthusiastic support for my books. I can't tell you what a buzz I get out of hearing that someone has been up till 2am reading one of my books or has told all her friends to buy this book NOW! Seriously, fan mail is better than chocolate!



How do you feel about what WritingRaw.com and other literary sharing sites are attempting to do for new writers?

I think WritingRaw.com and its cohorts are wonderful! It took me 27 years between writing my first book and selling *Claiming the Courtesan*, partly because I was working on my own and couldn't easily access current information about writing and the publishing world. Now I'm in awe about what you can learn just at the click of a mouse. Keep up the good work, WritingRaw. And thank you for interviewing me today!

WritingRaw.com would like to thank Ms. Campbell for taking the time out of her busy schedule for this interview.