



who is

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I am an Amazon bestselling and award winning author from the Wollondilly Shire, NSW. With a passion for storytelling and the desire to evoke emotions, my works transcend genres, navigating the realms of contemporary fiction, crime and mystery, and fierce and passionate Vikings.

A former Deputy Editor and Senior Journalist for Hearts Talk, Romance Writers of Australia monthly journal, I currently write for the Australian National Construction Review, The District Gazette and Indie Author Magazine. In my role as the Marketing Manager for the Romance Writers of Australia, I champion the organisation's mission of supporting and promoting romance authors across the nation. I am dedicated to creativity and connection, supporting both emerging and established writers to thrive in their craft and careers.

Published Works

Indie published:

- The Valkyrie's Viking (March 2021)
- The Valkyrie's Rule (June 2021)
- The Valkyrie Queen (November 2021)
- The Valkyrie Returns (March 2022)
- The Devil Within (April 2022)
- This Side of Fate (October 2022)
- Missing in Shadows (July 2023)
- Where Angels Hide (February 2024)
- The Crown Chronicles (November 2024)
- Murdered in Shadows (February 2025)

Anthologies:

- Christmas at Kissing Point anthology (November 2020) – Happily Ever After for Christmas
- Fix Your Crown anthology (September 2021) – Once Betrayed
- Stand for Ukraine anthology (May 2022) – The Finale and Stuffed
- Darkest Desires anthology (August 2022) – Stairway to Heaven
- The Guarded Hearts anthology (November 2022) – The Safe Place

Writing as Sara Connor – Young Adult

- Love Spells and Library Cards (October 2023)
- Forbidden Love and the Silverbrook Curse (October 2023)
- Magic on the Making (October 2023)
- The Witchmark Chronicles (April 2025):

1. Melody and the Forgotten Magic
2. Melody and the Shattered Key
3. Melody and the Song Reborn
4. Melody and the Silent Song
5. Melody and the Echo Tides

Professional Associations

- Romance Writers of Australia
- Australian Romance Readers Association
- Romance Writers of New Zealand
- Sisters in Crime Australia
- Southern Tablelands Arts
- Wollondilly Women in Business
- Wollondilly Business Chamber

Workshop Facilitator

- The Secrets of Networking, Romance Writers of New Zealand Conference 2024
- Show me the Money – Romance Writers of Australia conference 2024
- Presentation Skills – The Unleashed Collective March 2024
- Ink and Imagination Writing Workshops – November 2024
- Kairos Writing Group – Ongoing from February 2025
- Going Global: International Book Signings – RWAus Conference 2025

Awards

- Finalist in the Lynne Wilding 2025 Volunteer of the Year Award – Romance Writers of Australia
- Winner of the Romance Writers of Australia 2022 Sapphire Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript
- Winner of the 2021 Romance Writers of Australia, Romance in the Media (ROMA) Award
- Shortlisted in the 2020 Romance Writers of Australia, Romance in the Media (ROMA) Award
- Shortlisted 2023 Global Book Awards for Missing in Shadows – 3rd Place
- Shortlisted in the Australian Romance Readers Awards 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Shortlisted in the 2020 Romance Writers of Australia, Romance in the Media (ROMA) Award

Talks & Appearances

2022:

- Books by the Bridge (Sydney)
- Newcastle Book Boyfriend
- Sydney Author Event
- Books in Sight Melbourne
- Sussex Inlet Viking Festival
- Book Fair Australia (Sydney)
- A Romantic Rendezvous Fremantle
- Book Trail Campbelltown

2023:

- A Romantic Rendezvous Sydney
- A Romantic Rendezvous Melbourne
- Sussex Inlet Viking Festival
- Book Lovers Event Frankston, Vic
- SupaNova Brisbane
- Macarthur Gardens Author Talk
- Bayside Libraries Author Talk

2024:

- Books by the Beach, Gold Coast
- Readers Take Denver, USA
- Narellan Library Author Talk
- Local Author Alley – Goulburn Library
- RWAus Adelaide
- Fiction and Friction, Adelaide
- Book Fair Australia – Sydney
- Celestial Events – Melbourne
- Love on the Beach – Central Coast

2025:

- Trent Dalton's Love Stories, Talking Point Panel IPAC – Wollongong
- Readers Unleashed – Cairns
- First Chapter Book Shop – Adelaide
- RWAus – Hobart
- Dark Delights – Brisbane
- Spooktacular Festivals – Gold Coast
- Sunshine Coast Fiction Festival

2026:

- Meet Me in the Mountains – Penrith
- Indie Bookworm Event – Fantasy Edition, Kryal Castle Ballarat
- A Romantic Adventure – Christchurch NZ
- Celestial Events, – Perth
- RWAus, – Darwin
- Once Upon a Fairytale, – Campbelltown
- Books IN Sight – Canberra

Review

This Side of Fate

by Happy Valley BooksRead (October 2023)

Legendary Viking author turned exciting new domestic drama darling is about to enter new territory with *This Side Of Fate*, a book with an intriguing and clever plot, a dash of romance and a dollop of mystery. Tanya guides her pen in a new direction and it's a very thrilling debut indeed.

A car accident changes everything for Sophie Keane and it brings her whole world crashing down. It raises many questions and she wants answers but the one person who can help is lying in a coma.

Enter Oliver Hart, handsome private investigator who wants a case more interesting than the usual. Secrets, lies, deception and danger are growing and so is the attraction between the two. Can Sophie and Oliver uncover the truth.....

A book you will not want to put down with a story you can't take your eyes off. Readers will be dazzled by the wicked storyline, drawn into the compelling narrative, consumed by the characters and be agog with the twists. The pace is steady and it's mysterious with creepy secrets. A suspenseful tale that builds the tension and ends with a satisfying conclusion. There's a minefield of many attractive things here and without giving away spoilers, I recommend you read it for yourself. Get ready for your pulse to pound!

★★★★★ 4.5/5 stars

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