

## **Author Q & A:**

**Question #1: Where did you get the idea for this book?**

Answer: "I adapted it from a screenplay I had written over 15 years ago, it was also titled *Faithfully*."

**Question #2: What traits or other tidbits do you share with your main character?**

Answer: "I originally placed myself as the main character in my screenplay, but it was set in the future, and my high school sweetheart was actually my middle school sweetheart; she was the woman I envisioned myself marrying. But the story evolved into a paranormal romance as I began converting the screenplay into a romance novella. I'm also similar to both America and Christian.

**Question #3: Did any of your inspiration for this book originate in your real life experiences?**

Answer: "Absolutely! The perceptions of the degradation of morality in America came from my literature studies; America was fired from her job, which really happened to me in November of 2012. In many ways, the characters speak for me."

**Question #4: What made you decide to self-publish?**

Answer: "I submitted my second screenplay, *The Deal*, to a Hollywood company that was soliciting on the internet for scripts. After sending them the manuscript, I received a rejection letter indicating that they weren't interested in the plot. Then about a year later *The Devil's Advocate*, starring Al Pacino and Keanu Reeves, was released. It had a lot of similarities to my screenplay, with the exception of the typical modifications that scripts are known to go through with several writers working on a blockbuster film. After that, I just felt like I could no longer trust Hollywood.

When I finished writing this book I knew I was going to self-publish, but I didn't know how easy it was going to be; the advancements in technology that exist for writers today are superb. So I'm extremely grateful to the software developers for making our work so much easier and streamlined to become self-publishers."

**Question #5: Are there any specific authors whose writing styles or subject matter inspired your book?**

Answer: "Yes, I'm inspired by several authors. The first book that really stirred my emotions, because of where I was in my personal life at the time, was *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas. Two romance writers that I really admire, which really gave me the desire to emulate them as a romance writer, are James Michael Pratt, author of *The Last Valentine*, and Johanna Lindsey, author of *All I Need Is You*. A few contemporary writers that I also admire are Philip Roth, author of *The Prague Orgy*, Tom Stoppard, author of *Arcadia*, and British writer Caryl Churchill, author of *Top Girls*."

**Question #6: Do you have another project in the works? If so, what is it?**

Answer: "I'm writing a sequel to *Faithfully*, which will be part of a 6 volume series called, *Faithfully: The Adventures of America Riley*. My next book is called *The Deal* and will be about the temptations that America has to struggle with when she lands a modeling contract with Pink Modeling Agency in Atlanta."