

Who are we?

The Kentucky Romance Writers is chapter 57 of the Romance Writers of America. We are a nonprofit organization of regional writers who meet bi-monthly and chat over the Internet to exchange market news, share writing ideas, and give one another support and encouragement. Organized in 1990, KYRW boasts a nationwide membership of 43 active writers, 28 of whom are published authors. We welcome all who love to write romance.

So, you want to write romance...how do you start?

“By reading romance. Read everything you can get your hands on until you know what kinds of romance you love the most. Then write the story in your heart, the story that compels you to put pen to paper. That story may never sell, but it will give you some indication of whether you have what it takes to sit down every day and pour your soul onto paper. Once you’re confident this is what you want to do, then start finding the How To books and RWA.”

Patricia Rice

Bestselling romance writer of 45 books with several million copies in print.

What is a romance novel?

Two basic elements comprise every romance novel: a central love story and an emotionally satisfying and optimistic ending.

A Central Love Story—In a romance, the main plot concerns two people falling in love and struggling to make the relationship work. The conflict in the book centers on the love story. The climax in the book resolves the love story. A writer is welcome to as many subplots as she likes so long as the relationship conflict is the main story.

An Emotionally Satisfying and Optimistic Ending—Romance novels end in a way that makes the reader feel good. Romance novels are based on a belief in an innate emotional justice, a justice embodying the basic premise that the good people in the world are rewarded and evil ones punished. In a romance, the lovers are willing to take risks in their attempt to overcome whatever obstacles might hinder their relationship and are ultimately rewarded with emotional justice and unconditional love.

Romance statistics

From 2006 RWA market research study

Number of readers:

64.6 million Americans read at least one romance novel in the past year.

Of those who read books, one in five read romance novels.

26.4% of all books sold are romance.

The approximate number of romance titles released in 2006—6,400.

Romance fiction total sales—\$1.37 Billion

Source: <http://www.rwanational.org>

What is RWA?

Romance Writers of America is a national nonprofit genre writers’ association—the largest of its kind in the world. It provides networking and support to individuals seriously pursuing a career in romance fiction. Currently, RWA has over 9,500 members worldwide; with 1,600 members published in book-length romance fiction.

Published Authors

Meet KYRW published authors at
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Lacey Alexander
Anya Bast
Jacki Bentley
Elizabeth Bevarly
Jessica Bird
Toni Blake
Sheryl Brennan
Dianne Castell
Michael Embry
Heather Grothaus
Maddie James
Ellen Kelly
Joanna King
Lora Leigh
Kimberly Logan
Devon Matthews
LuAnn McLane
Teresa Medeiros
Mary Morrow
Cheryl Norman
Tracy Preston
Teresa Reasor
Patricia Rice
Joanne Rock
Renee Ryan
Jan Scarbrough
Magdalena Scott
Sloan Seymour
Kay Stockham
Shiloh Walker
J.R. Ward

Why should I join the Kentucky Romance Writers?

KYRW is for writers of romance who are passionate about their work, enjoy the company of other writers and want to be the best they can be.

How do I join the Kentucky Romance Writers?

Visitors are welcome! Meet us and see what our group is all about. For information about meeting dates, see our web site:

<http://kentuckyromancewriters.com>

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