

5 minutes with ... Taylor Nash

What project are you currently working on?

The timing of this interview is perfect. In October I am releasing my third novel, *Wicked Moon*, which is very dear to my heart. The backdrop for *Wicked Moon* is a real



mansion called The Simes House, located in the wonderful coastal village of Manomet, Massachusetts, fronted by Cape Cod Bay. The rare Italianate Victorian was built in 1863 and over the years fell into disrepair. The house and remaining acre of land were taken for taxes in 2010. The Simes Foundation was formed to save the mansion and restore it back to its original glory. The outside has been restored, which is breathtaking.

Wicked Moon was inspired by the aura of the old home and the grass roots effort to save her. Profits from *Wicked Moon* are being donated to the restoration efforts.

Out of all your books, do you have a favourite one?

As you can tell from my responses above, *Wicked Moon* is my favourite. This novel was a journey of labour and love. I'm honoured to donate the profits to help in the restoration of this mansion back to its original glory, which will provide Manomet a wonderful community area.

Check out The Simes Foundation and my website for more details.

If you could be one of your characters, who would you be?

Since I've spent three years researching and writing *Wicked Moon*, I'm in love with all of my characters. It's hard for me to pick one, but I'd pick Kelli Goddard. Kelli inherited the mansion after her aunt passed away and found it in total disrepair. A wealthy developer complicates matters by claiming his company owns the mansion.

I loved Kelli's character because, against all odds, she stood up for her beliefs. Not only had she lost her husband tragically, but was forced to declare bankruptcy due to a Ponzi scheme discovered after his death. To complicate her life, she inherits a dilapidated mansion her aunt insisted

she keep in the family. Kelli had to persevere through financial and emotional issues—even multiple threats on her life didn't scare her away. I admire her fortitude to never give up, even when at her lowest.

What authors do I like to read?

My favourite authors are Katherine Sutcliffe, JoAnn Ross, and Sandra Brown. I read everything they put out because they are awesome at writing suspense and romance, which helps me as an author know what readers enjoy in those genres.

Is there a genre of a book you would like to write but haven't yet?

I'm not sure you would call it a genre, but I plan to write a book about the journey of death.

My husband died almost ten years ago of oesophageal cancer. When diagnosed, he was given 3 to 6 months to live. With chemo he survived seventeen months. As his wife and primary caregiver during this period, I learned so much about dying with dignity, which he did every day.

I would love to share that journey with other cancer patients who are terminally ill, and hopefully give them and their families some peace as they

journey down this difficult but life-altering experience.

You can find out more about Taylor on her [website](#).

