

—WHO'S WHO—
IN THE WORLD OF ROMANTIC FICTION

Romance Reader's Handbook

—COMPILED BY—
Melinda Helfer ♥ Kathryn Falk ♥ Kathe Robin
ROMANTIC TIMES MAGAZINE



**OVER 2,000
PSEUDONYMS**

RECOMMENDED READS

DIRECTORY OF AUTHORS

LIST OF PUBLISHERS

BOOKSTORES THAT CARE

BOOK SEARCH SERVICES

I read most of her series on with grandmother / matchmaker & wealthy Philadelphia family. Love swept



- Cade, Robin
Daniel Adams, Leslie Arlen,
Mark Logan, Christopher Nicole,
Simon McKay, Alison York,
Christina Nicholson, Peter Grange,
Andrew York
- Cadell, Elizabeth
Harriet Ainsworth
- Caimi, Gina
- Caine, Rebecca
Margery Hilton, *Margery Woods*
- Caird, Janet
- Caitlin, Kimberleigh
Kimberly Cates, *Kim Bush*
- Cajio, Linda *< good on*
- Caldwell, Elinor *Jane take rewrite*
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August Boon, Hilary Wilde,
Claire Vernon, Clare Breton-Smith
- Caldwell, Taylor
Max Renier
- Caldwell-Wilson, Marolyn
- Callahan, Elizabeth
- Callender, Joan
- Calloway, Jo
- Cameron, Ann
- Cameron, Barbara
Barbara C. Smith
- Cameron, Blair
Mary K. Scamehorn &
Karen B. Parker
- Cameron, Claire
- Cameron, Caryn
Karen Harper,
- Cameron, Elizabeth Jane
Jane Duncan

Names in *italics* indicate an author's legal name which does not appear on books. She or he uses pseudonym (s) only.

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- Cameron, Kate
Beverly McGlamry
- Cameron, Kate
Elizabeth DuBreuil, Lorinda Hagen,
Margaret Maitland
- Cameron, Kay
Virginia Coffman, Jeanne Duval,
Ann Stanfield, Victor Cross,
Diana Saunders
- Cameron, Lacey
- Cameron, Lorna
- Cameron, Lou
Mary Louise Manning
- Cameron, Miranda
Amanda Troy, *Mary Kahn*
- Cameron, Stella
Alicia Brandon, Jane Worth Abbott
- Camp, Candace
Lisa Gregory, Kristin James,
Sharon Stephens
- Camp, Deborah
Elaine Camp, Deborah Benet,
Delaine Tucker, Elaine Tucker,
Delayne Camp
- Camp, Delayne
See Elaine Camp
- Camp, Elaine *— poor characters*
Deborah Camp, Deborah Benet,
Delaine Tucker, Elaine Tucker,
Delayne Camp
- Campbell, Bethany
Sally McClusky
- Campbell, Caroline
Leslie A. Safford
- Campbell, Diane

The Story Behind Pseudonyms

by Kathryn Falk

Why do so many romance authors use pseudonyms, you ask? It's so confusing, you sigh? Well, the answers are as varied as the books the authors write. In fact, *variety* is one of the reasons.

Some writers are so prolific that years ago they preferred a name for each genre in which they wrote. The most famous example is bestselling **Victoria Holt**, one of the many pen names of Eleanor Hibbert.

While Victoria Holt is her romantic suspense/Gothic name, **Jean Plaidy** is on the titles of her historical biographies—the Norman trilogy, Plantagenet saga, Tudor novel, Stuart saga, and Georgian saga to name a few. She went on to choose the name **Philippa Carr** for her historical romantic mysteries.

Born in 1901, Mrs. Hibbert, an English writer, is still going strong, writing under all three names with her usual energy.

Sometimes a pseudonym results for euphonious reasons—the pure *sound* (and look) of a name on a book. Many romance writers choose a romantic name on their covers out of choice or command.

For a romantic tone, Rhoda Cohen prefers to use **Eleanora Brownleigh** for her Edwardian novels, while Donna Meyer came up with **Megan Daniel** for her Regencies.

Karen Witmer-Gow created the name **Elizabeth Kary** for her famous Civil War historicals, while Sylvia Baumgartner opted for **Louisa Rawlings**.

Many romance editors have had a say about names. Recently, Dee Hendrickson's editor told her that **Emily Hendrickson** was more becoming a Regency novel, so Dee now also answers to Emmy on occasion!

As you may know, men's names are sometimes disguised behind pseudonyms. **Jennifer Wilde** certainly inspires more visions of historical frolic and romance than Tom Huff. Ditto for **Vanessa Royale**, a.k.a. Mike Hinkemeyer, and **Leigh Nichols**, a.k.a. Dean Koontz. Certainly **Marie de Jourlet**, author of the Windhaven series, is more exotic a *nom-de-plume* than Paul Little!

Paul Little, a.k.a. Paula Minton, Marie de Jourlet, and a string of



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- Kingsley, Katherine**
Julia Kendall
- Kingsley, Laura**
Dorothy Bennett
- Kingston, Kate**
- Kingston, Meredith**
Meredith Lindley,
Meredith Brucker
- Kingston, Roberta**
- Kinsale, Laura**
Amanda Moor Jay
- Kirby, Kate**
Betty Elgin
- Kirby, Kay**
*Norma T. Johnson & Janice
Baczewski, Janice Kay Johnson,
Kay Bartlett, Janice Stevens*
- Kirby, Rowan**
- Kirk, Alexandra**
Suzanne Sherrill, *Sherryl Ann Woods*
- Kirk, Mariel**
- Kirk, Mary Alice**
Jean Faure, *Mary I. Kilchenstein &
Nancy Richards-Akers, Mary Kirk*
- Kirk, Risa**
Janis Flores
- Kistler, Julie**
- Kistler, Mary**
Jean Reece
- Kitt, Sandra**
- Klass, Harriet**
Harriet Kossoff
- Kleeb, Pamela**
- Kleinsasser-Testerman, Lois**
Cait Logan, Cait London
- Kleinschmidt, Dianne**
Gabrielle DuPre
- Kleinschmit, Sandra**
Sandra James
- Klem, Kaye Wilson**
Cathleen Carleton
- Kleypas, Lisa**
- Knight, Alanna**
Margaret Hope
- Knight, Alicia**
Lucretia Wright
- Knight, Allison**
Martha Kreiger
- Knight, Barbara**
- Knight, Joan Giezey**
Iris Summers
- Knight, Nancy**
Jenna Darcy
- Knoll, Patricia**
Charlotte Nichols, Patricia Forsythe
- Knowles, Mabel Winnifred**
Wynne May
- Koehler, Margaret Hudson**
Maggi Charles, Meg Hudson,
Carole Standish, Russell Mead
- Kohake, Rosanne**
- Kolaczyk, Anne & Ed**
Anne Benson, Anne Hillary,
Andrea Edwards, Kathryn Jessop,
Erika Bryant, Adrienne Edwards
- Koontz, Dean**
Leigh Nichols
- Koppel, Lillian & Shelley**
Lillian Shelley
- Korbel, Kathleen**
Eileen Dreyer
- Kossoff, Harriet**
Harriet Klass
- Koumalats, Jodi**
Jodi Thomas
- Kovack, Teri**
Tess Holloway, Tess Oliver,
Teri Shapiro
- Kovacs, Katherine**
Katherine Coffaro
- Kovats, Nancy**
- Krahn, Betina**
- Kramer, Katherine**
Katherine Vickery
- Kreiger, Martha**
Allison Knight
- Krentz, Jayne Ann**
Jayne Bentley, Jayne Castle,
Stephanie James, Jayne Taylor,
Amanda Glass
- Krepps, Robert**
Beatrice Brandon
- Krokosz, Emily**
Emily Carmichael
- Kuczir, Mary**
Fern Michaels, Iris Summers
- Kuether, Edith Lyman**
Margaret Malcolm
- Kuhlin, Suzanne J.**
Jennifer Mikels
- Kuhn, Phyllis**
- Kurr, Maureen**
- Kwock, Lauren**
Clarice Peters



To Be The Best

by Melinda Helfer

The fierce competition in the romance genre has given rise to some of the best young writers of fiction to be found anywhere today. These authors have whisked us away from the cares of our everyday lives into worlds of magic, sharing with us all the hopes and fears of their wonderful characters.

When I encounter such a special book, one that makes me oblivious to everything except the author's reality, I rate it as a 4+. And for those rare books transcending even that high plateau, I have marked them with a rating of 5 to signify a totally unique reading experience, a true classic of the genre.

That does not happen very often. Out of the 10,000 plus books I have reviewed for *Romantic Times*, only the following have received the classic 5 ♥ rating:

LIGHTNING THAT LINGERS
Sharon & Tom Curtis
Loveswept

A SPECIAL MAN
Billie Green
Silhouette Special Edition

SARAH'S CHILD
Linda Howard
Silhouette Special Edition

THE TRUSTWORTHY REDHEAD
Iris Johansen
Loveswept

ONE LAVENDER EVENING
Karen Keast
Silhouette Special Edition

DANGER ZONE
Doreen Owens Malek
Silhouette Intimate Moments

A CRIME OF THE HEART
Cheryl Reavis
Silhouette Special Edition

ONE SUMMER
Nora Roberts
Silhouette Special Edition

**Also rated as 5 ♥, although not
series books themselves, are:**

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW
Sharon & Tom Curtis
Bantam

SWEET STARFIRE
Jayne Ann Krentz
Warner/Popular Library

CRYSTAL FLAME
Jayne Ann Krentz
Warner/Popular Library

THE WINDFLOWER
Laura London
Dell

TELL ME NO LIES
Elizabeth Lowell
Worldwide

EYE OF THE STORM
Maura Seger
Worldwide

EDGE OF DAWN
Maura Seger
Worldwide

THE DEDICATED VILLAIN
Patricia Veryan
St. Martin's

T

- Terrill, Dana**
Territo, Mary Jo
Kate Belmont, Gwen Fairfax,
Kathryn Belmont
- Terry, Beverly**
Beverly Haaf
- Tetel, Julie**
Julia Joyce, *Julie Andresen*
- Tew, Mary**
Mary Douglas
- Thacker, Cathy Gillen**
Cathy Gillen
- Thane, Elswyth**
Elswyth Beebe
- Thatcher, Julia**
Ronald Bensen
- Thatcher, Phyllis**
Catherine Hardcastle
- Thayer, Geraldine**
Angela Gray, Cynthia Kavanaugh,
Dorothy Daniels, Danielle Dorsett,
Suzanne Somers, Helen Gray Weston,
Helaine Ross
- Thian, Valerie**
- Thiels, Kathryn Gorsha**
- Thies, Joyce**
Melissa Scott, Janet Joyce,
Jenna Lee Joyce
- Thimblethorpe, J. S.**
Sylvia Thorpe
- Thomas, Alexandra**
- Thomas, Bree**
Susannah Howe
- Thomas, Dianne**
Debrah Morris & Pat Shaver,
Pepper Adams, JoAnn Stacey,
Joanna Jordan
- Thomas, Jodi**
Jodi Koumalats
- Thomas, Lee**
Lee Floren, Austin Brett,
Grace Lang, Marguerite Nelson,
Maria S. Sterling, Len Turner,
Lisa Franchon, Matt Harding,
Claudia Hall, Will Watson
- Thomas, Leslie**
- Thomas, Lorelei**
- Thomas, Michelle**
- Thomas, Martha Lou**
- Thomas, Molly**
Myrna Temte
- Thomas, Patricia**
- Thomas, Rosie**
- Thomas, Victoria**
- Thompson, Aline**
- Thompson, Anne Armstrong**
- Thompson, China**
Christianna Brand, Mary Lewis,
Mary Berrisford
- Thompson, Christene**
- Thompson, E. V.**
- Thompson, Jonathon**
Daisy Hicks, Daisy Thomson,
M. S. Roe
- Thompson, Marcella**
- Thompson, Pamela**
Paula & Marcella Thompson
- Thompson, Vicki G.**
- Thompson, Vicki L.**
Cory Kenyon, Corey Keaton
- Thompson, Victoria**
- Thomson, Christina**
- Thomson, Daisy**
Daisy Hicks, *M. S. Roe,*
Jonathon Thompson
- Thorne, April**
- Thorne, Avery**
- Thorne, Belle**
Bella Jarrett
- Thorne, Nicola**
Rosemary Ellerbeck, Anna L'Estrange,
Katherine Yorke
- Thorne, Victoria**
- Thornton, Carolyn**
Carolyn Stromeyer
- Thornton, Elizabeth**
Mary George
- Thorpe, Kay**
- Thorpe, Sylvia**
J. S. Thimblethorpe
- Thum, Marcella**
- Thurlo, Aimee**
Aimee Duvall, Aimee Martel
- Thurston, Anne**
- Thurston, Carol**



Sachs, Judith
Petra Diamond

Sackett, Susan
Suzanne Savoy, *Susan Stern*

Safford, Leslie A.
Caroline Campbell

Sage, Jessie Belle
F. Rosanne Bittner

Sager, Esther

St. Clair, Elizabeth
Susan Cohen

St. Clair, Joy

St. Clair, Katherine
Tom E. Huff, Beatrice Parker,
Jennifer Wilde, Edwina Marlow

St. Clair, Stephanie
Donald Maas

St. Claire, Erin
Sandra Brown, Laura Jordan,
Rachel Ryan

St. Claire, Jessica

St. David, Joy
Ellen Dupont

St. George, Edith
Edith Delatush, Alyssa Morgan,
Edith De Paul

St. George, Margaret
Maggie Osborne

St. James, Emma

St. James, Jessica

St. James, Scotney
Linda Varner Palmer & Charlotte Hoy,
Linda Varner

St. John, Andrea
Don M. Howard

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Riva Carles, Irving Greenfield

St. John, Lisa
Anne Shore, Meg Dominique,
Anne Starr, Mary Carroll,
Annette Sanford

St. John, Nicole
Elizabeth Bolton, Kate Chambers,
Catherine Chambers, Pamela Dryden,
Lavinia Harris, Norma Johnston,
Adrian Robert

St. Pierre, Lisann
Lisa Ann Verge

St. Thomas, Robin
Tom Bade & Robin Stevenson

Salerno, Ann
Ann Hurley

Salisbury, Carola
Isobel Julien

Sallis, Susan

Salvato, Sharon Anne
Day Taylor

Sanders, Dorothy
Lucy Walker

Sanders, Glenda
Genda Sands,
Glenda S. Kachelmeier

Sanders, Jean
Joanne Marshall, Alexandra
Manners, Marianne Lamont,
Anne Rundle

Sanders, Lia
Angela & Sandra Jackson

Dorothy Garlock

"The undisputed Grand Mistress of the frontier novel"

—Kathe Robin, *Romantic Times*

AS DOROTHY GARLOCK

Warner/Popular Library (Historicals)

Midnight Blue, June 1989
River of Tomorrow
Dream River
Lonesome River
Restless Wind
Wayward Wind
Wind of Promise
Annie Lash
Wild Sweet Wilderness
Forever, Victoria
Glorious Dawn
The Searching Hearts
This Loving Land
Love and Cherish

Bantam/Loveswept

A Love for All Time #6
Planting Season #33

AS JOHANNA PHILLIPS

Berkley/Second Chance at Love

Gentle Torment #20
Amber-Eyed Man #30
Strange Possessions #43
Hidden Dreams #125
Passion's Song #88

AS DOROTHY PHILLIPS

Dell/Candlelight Ecstasy

Marriage to a Stranger #71
Sing Together Softly #411
She Wanted Red Velvet #458

AS DOROTHY GLENN

Silhouette Special Edition
Sunshine Every Morning #242



To My Reader Friends:

*I send you my
love, and wish you
health, happiness
and good eyesight so
that you may enjoy
many years of good
reading.*

*Join in your com-
munity's effort to
eliminate illiteracy.
Help someone to
know the joy of
reading.*

Dorothy Garlock
c/o Warner Books
666 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY
10103

★ EILEEN NAUMAN ★

a.k.a.

★ Lindsay McKenna and Beth Brooks ★



Novels in 1989

BEGINNINGS

Popular Library, April

As Eileen Nauman

and

Love and Glory Series

Silhouette Special Editions, as Lindsay McKenna

★ A QUESTION OF HONOR—June ★

NO SURRENDER—July

★ RETURN OF A HERO—August ★

Look for my only civilian romance of 1989

★ COME GENTLE THE DAWN ★

Silhouette Special Editions—December, as Lindsay McKenna

★ Dear Readers: ★

★ Since I was in the U.S. Navy for 3 years, I have a warm ★
spot in my heart for the enlisted, officers, their wives and ★
family. I like to show that they are human beings, not ★
some kind of warmongers. Half of my books have mili- ★
tary themes, and the other half are about civilian life. ★

★ Over the past 8 years, my greatest thrill and joy is hear- ★
ing from you, my readers: your likes, dislikes, and what ★
you'd like me to write about next! In way of saying thanks ★
to those who have taken the time to write, I very often use ★
your names as secondary characters in books. I don't have ★
a newsletter, but I do have "handsome" four color book- ★
marks, listing the books to be published each year. ★

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Rootstown, OH 44272

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*Julia
Jay
Kendall*

*Contemporary Romantic
Fiction
Warner Books*

Memento

November 1988

Portraits

April 1988



writing as Katherine Kingsley...

Signet Regency

Wild Rose

January 1988

Honor's Way

August 1988

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July 1989



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Auburn, CA 95603
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4877 Granite Dr.
Rocklin, CA 95677
916/885-3170 & 624-4363
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M-F, 10-5/Sat, 10-4/Sun, 12-4
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New & Used
Loves bookmarks (6), posters

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Hedy Ladek
7089 Navajo Rd.
San Diego, CA 92119
619/462-4200
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No CC, 25% Romance
New & Used
Loves bookmarks (25), posters

The Book Rack—

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1373 Lakewood Mall
Lodi, CA 95242
and
6285 Pacific Ave.
Stockton, CA 95207
209/368-6947 & 477-0735
Near Sacramento
M-S, 10-7/Sun, 1-5
MC & Visa, 60% Romance
New & Used
Loves bookmarks (50), posters

This is the day to celebrate the joy of books and of being fortunate enough to know a friendly, helpful bookstore. It's also fun to know that across the country, from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m., other booklovers will be celebrating, too.

A planned agenda and press kit to distribute to local media is available to all participating stores. It is suggested that booklovers of all genres speak to the gathering. Authors and readers, along with the owner/manager of the bookstore, will report on the state of books and even deliver amusing talks about reading and writing books.

Some owners, readers, and authors will host a brunch beforehand, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at a restaurant or community center near their bookstore, for a general meeting with speakers. Afterwards, everyone moves on to the bookstore for the drawing of door prizes, early Christmas book buying, autographing—and more party time!

In Florida, author Sydney Clary, a.k.a. Sarah Chance, has assigned authors in each county to "adopt a store" and set up appearances at their BTC. In Cincinnati, Linda Keller is helping to coordinate events at a large mall. A K-Mart Reader's Market district manager, Karen Ancell in Atlanta, has party plans for some thirteen of her stores!

Any bookstore that wishes to plan a party can receive helpful information about how to hold the event. *RT* will help to track down a local author to adopt a store.

There's not room in this section to list all the BTC stores, chain managers, and even librarians who care. But we continue to compile our listings, so newcomers are welcome to get in touch and be included for the next handbook or bookstore mailing!

Bookstores are wonderful haunts and should be cherished and preserved. Here's Our BTC Motto—♥

BOOKLOVERS ARE EQUAL.

No author is better than her readers or booksellers.

No reader is better than her authors or booksellers.

No bookseller is better than her readers or authors.

WE FIGHT FOR WHAT'S WRITE.

Chain Store Managers Who Care

ARIZONA

B. Dalton —Scott Leroy
(Siesta Mall)—*Mesa*
B. Dalton—Su Harambe
(Tri-City Mall)—*Mesa*
B. Dalton—Maria Ruiz
(Metro Center)—*Phoenix*
Waldenbooks & More—Melinda
(Fontaine Square)—*Phoenix*

CALIFORNIA

Crown—Beverly Lyon
La Cresenta
Waldenbooks —L.J. Short
Mountain View
Waldenbooks—Ann
San Bernadino
Waldenbooks —Diane Wilkinson
Santa Ana

COLORADO

Waldenbooks—Connie Rinehold
Aurora

FLORIDA

Brentano's —Wes Broom
Boca Raton
Waldenbooks—Doug
Coral Springs
Waldenbooks—Mort Sadler
Hallandale
Waldenbooks —Debbie Barr
Kissimmee
B. Dalton—Susan Bain
(Culter Ridge Mall)—*Miami*

Waldenbooks —Laurel Roberts
West Palm Beach
Reader's Market —Lisa Mouton
Orlando

GEORGIA

Reader's Market—Karen Ancell
Atlanta

ILLINOIS

Waldenbooks —Jack/Dan/Terry
Chicago

INDIANA

Waldenbooks—Janet Melton
(Honey Creek Sq.)—*Terre Haute*

IOWA

Waldenbooks—*Sioux City*

LOUISIANA

Waldenbooks—Brad
Bossier City

MASSACHUSETTS

Reader's Market—Teresa Silvia
& Rose Ring—*Warwick*

MICHIGAN

Waldenbooks—Jayme
Kalamazoo

It's Fun to Network with Authors

There has always been casual exchanges between readers and authors, and some great friendships have been formed through the years. But now a new phenomenon is taking place—networking between authors and readers—and snowballing into something special.

Bookmarks: Many readers are enjoying a hobby that goes back to the Victorian days—collecting bookmarks. Booksellers find that bookmarks stimulate sales and draw the interest of readers to a variety of books. If anything, a catchy bookmark makes an author's name more visible. When there are over 100 romances a month, every bit of promotion helps—especially when the author is new on the scene.

Brenda Joyce, Eileen Nauman, and Shirl Henke have come up with spectacular "hunk" bookmarks (as the readers named them). In Shirl's case, the model is her husband.

As several booksellers said: "Women customers like to take home the bookmark of Jim Henke to show their husbands. After all, the real man is what one lives with! It makes the husbands feel less competitive with all those heroes on the covers."

Brenda Joyce started a trend with her "hunk" bookmarks. She believes that the ideal hero is in the reader's imagination, so she doesn't ever show his face on her bookmarks.

Eileen Nauman, on the other hand, writes military romances, and prefers a man "in and out" of a uniform on her colorful bookmarks. Her model is always about to slip off his jacket!

For a closer look, all three bookmarks are on the back cover of this Handbook, or you can write away and request a sample.

Helping the Cause: Another new trend in the romance novel world is the growing camaraderie among the readers. Many are acting in pairs, or alone, as "Little Literary Sisters" for some of their favorite authors.

Theresa DiBenedetto, who was once an "LLS" before she got published, has assisted in developing a "Sister" program. A reader can help out by reminding wholesalers and booksellers to order her "sister's book," and assisting an author when she comes through town on a book tour.

Theresa has prepared a form/questionnaire (see Directory, page 324) and she will gladly send it to any interested reader with SASE.

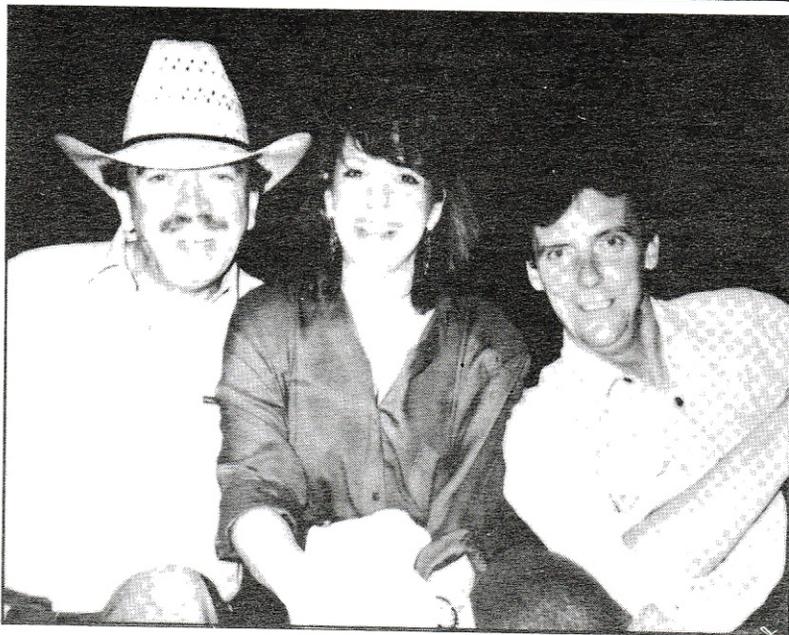
After all, a reader may become an author someday, too, and

CONVENTION
MEMORIES
Phoenix, 1989

(Right) One of the memorable nights was a visit to Rawhide, an old west town complete with Indian carvings, hayride, steak fry, and singing under the stars.

Laughing it up—(L) Libbi Goodman, literary agent with writer Janis Hudson.

(Below, L to R) Enjoying the night of nights—Ron Hickman, Florida distributor, with Carol Stacy and Jerry Johnson of Romantic Times.



wouldn't it be nice to have "Little Literary Sisters" around the country making sure a new book has been placed prominently on the shelves?

Being a romance author is a very unique and satisfying profession. Some authors make a pleasant living, while others graduate into superstardom and command over \$100,000 a year income or more.

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