

Spotlight on...

Lisa Sanchez



The author talks about her characters, how becoming a published author has changed her life, and her new novel, *Pleasures Untold*

Omnific: *Pleasures Untold* is your second novel, what should we know about it?

Pleasures Untold is Martha's story, and oh baby, is it a wild ride! The story picks up shortly after we left off in *Eve of Samhain*.

Omnific: Bring us up to speed on the story and the characters for *Pleasures Untold*.



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Just like *EOS*, *Pleasures Untold* is a love story at its heart. Martha, who we've met in book one, is a very powerful witch on a mission. In search of the vampire who murdered her mother and grandmother, she's singlehandedly taking down Hanaford Park's underworld population, one dirtbag at a time. A loner for most of her life, she's finally found true friendship with her roomies, Jessica and Taylor, but has deluded herself into

believing she'll never find love. Girlie Girl gets the shock of her life when she learns the shmexy new owner of Fire and Ice she's fallen for is actually a vampire, and one of the good guys.

Omnific: Who is Martha to you in *Pleasures Untold*? Is she a fictional character, or derived from a real life person in your life?

Martha isn't based on anyone I know. She's completely fictional. Interestingly enough, when I was first writing *EOS*, I needed a phantom roommate, someone who wasn't around much. I dreamed up this character, Martha Stewart, thinking she'd make an appearance here and there, and that would be it. Uh, yeah... things totally didn't work out the way I'd planned. Martha blossomed. She became this huge presence and at first she really scared me. I remember telling my critique partner, Kaiti, how scared I was of her. She's completely different from me in every way. The more I wrote, the more it became clear that the next book had to be about her journey. So, I gritted my teeth, dove in and let my muse take over. Martha came alive, and I'm so stinking proud of her!

Omnific: Who is the next character in line for treatment in your series?

Taylor's book is next. She's a new roommate for Jessica and Martha and is introduced in *Pleasures Untold*. She's sassy, and quirky, and out of the group of friends, probably the most fragile. That's all I'm sayin'.

Omnific: What has life been like since your first novel, *Eve of Samhain* was published?

It's been a whirlwind of excitement! Just kidding! All kidding aside, it's been a great year for me. Having *EOS* published was a dream come true. It's been my lifelong goal to become published, so I'm so thankful Omnific took a chance with Quinn and Ryann. Since May, I've been busy polishing *Pleasures Untold* and writing, writing, writing.

Omnific: Tell us about the experience of now being a published author. What would you tell others about your journey?

The road to publication is a windy, rocky path not easily traversed. Riddled with obstacles like plot holes, "telling" versus "showing" and the dreaded passive voice, the journey isn't for the faint of heart. You need thick skin, perseverance and passion—for both your characters and your story.



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The best thing I ever did, aside from rounding up the world's best critique partners, was to join Romance Writers of America. They provide a wealth of knowledge and support. Authors are some of the nicest people I've ever met, and it's amazing how they all ban together to help each other succeed. The best advice I can give anyone with regard to publication is to never give up. Practice your craft, work on it as much as you can and keep at it.



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