

Liz Maverick and Marianne Mancusi are...
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LIZ MAVERICK

Bestselling, award-winning author Liz Maverick is something of a romance writing outlaw, smashing the stereotypes of the genre with her, out-of-the-box, kick-ass romance novels.

Liz and her books have been featured on Fox News and in USA Today, the Toronto Star, the Chicago Sun-Times, Cosmopolitan Magazine, San Francisco Magazine and more and she's received many bookseller and reader awards, hitting both the Barnes & Noble and Waldens bestseller lists along with creating the USA Today bestselling Crimson City series. Her work has also spawned both audio versions and French and German translations.

Liz has a BS in Business from UC Berkeley and an MBA from UCLA. Her writing career can only be attributed to escape fantasies conjured during early jobs as a CPA with Arthur Andersen (pre-Enron) and a project manager for Netscape and AOL (pre-disastrous merger).

Free of cubicle life, she spends her time traveling the world, planting the occasional anchor; she has lived, studied, and/or worked in Antarctica, Milan, Hong Kong, and Paris.

Liz loves to use her travels to feed her romance novels in unexpected ways. For example, *Adventures of an Ice Princess* was written after her first season working for US Polar Services at a scientific research station in Antarctica, and *The Shadow Runners* featured Australia as a futuristic penal colony ruled by drug-fueled aristocrats. When Liz isn't out of the country, she splits her time between Los Angeles and New York City.

Liz's latest book, *Wired* (July 2007), is the launch book for the new SHOMI imprint from Dorchester Publishing. For more information on Liz Maverick, visit www.lizmaverick.com.

MARIANNE MANCUSI

When it comes to writing, award winning author Marianne Mancusi doesn't like to play by the rules. Her first novel, *A Connecticut Fashionista in King Arthur's Court*, turned the time travel romance genre on its ears with its snarky, chick lit voice and pop culture references. The book was hailed as a "sparkling debut" by *Publisher's Weekly* and *Romantic Times* magazine called it "wry and witty." Since then, Marianne has sold ten additional novels to three publishers—from a popular vampire series for teens (*Boys that Bite, Stake That!*) to her latest foray into speculative fiction action romance (*Moongazer*).

Marianne's books have been translated into French and German and have placed in several national contests. *Boys that Bite* was named a 2007 Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

In addition to writing, Marianne is a multiple Emmy award television producer. She has worked at major NBC and CBS news affiliates in Boston, San Diego, and Orlando and was most recently brought in to launch a nationally syndicated news magazine show based in New York. A Boston native, she's a graduate of Boston University's College of Communications.

In addition to writing and producing, Marianne enjoys traveling, snowboarding, bar hopping, dancing to eighties music, and her favorite guilty pleasure—videogames. She lives with her dog Molly in a beautiful pre-war high rise on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Her latest book, *Moongazer* (August 2007), was chosen to be one of the launch books for Dorchester Publishing's innovative new SHOMI line. For more information on Marianne Mancusi, visit www.mariannemancusi.com.