

# **Interview with Senior Editor Krista Stroeve**

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**Publisher name and location:** Steeple Hill, part of Harlequin Enterprises, Ltd.  
New York, NY

## **How long have you been an editor and what was your path to being an editor?**

I've been an editor for 9 years now, and I began at the bottom right out of college—as a lowly editorial assistant—and worked my way up. I'm now a Senior Editor at Harlequin, and my responsibilities include the Love Inspired, Love Inspired Suspense and Love Inspired Classics lines. I also acquire for the Steeple Hill single title program.

## **Sub-genres you are acquiring and if there are any specifics about those genres you'd like the writers to know.**

I acquire for our inspirational lines, so I'm looking for category romance, category romantic suspense (both approx 60K words), single title romance, single title suspense/thrillers, single title chick lit and single title relationship fiction with a Christian theme. We look for writers who approach their writing from a Christian worldview, and who have read within the genre. People new to the genre should realize that readers are themselves Christian, so they're not looking for an overwhelmingly heavy faith plot.

Our newest line, launching in October 2008 is Love Inspired Historical, and interested authors should check out our website for details and send submissions to Melissa Endlich, in our NY offices.

## **What do you expect of your authors?**

Professionalism and passion.

## **How do you prefer submissions based on a conference appointment request?**

Let me know in the letter that we discussed it at Conference X, send it snail mail and send it complete.

## **What is a pet peeve to do with submissions and/or working with writers?**

My new pet peeve: writers who use the thesaurus a) too much and b) without double-checking the new word's definition in the dictionary.

## **Is there anything you'd like to add that you were not asked?**

Our category lines are a great place for first time authors, and we're looking quite eagerly for submissions for our Love Inspired and Love Inspired Suspense lines.

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