

## Interview Questions for Marilyn Lakewood about Holiday Submission.

1. Why did you write Holiday Submission?

I knew other writers who had participated in NaNoWriMo, and I thought why not have a shorter version, just for erotic romance—a couple of weeks to create a sexy, short story. So, WriSeFast (Write Sexy Fast) was born. A couple of my friends gave it try with me. Because it was during the winter holidays, I choose to write an erotic romance with a holiday setting.

2. Was there any one person who was your inspiration for Rhys Devlin, the main character?

Not really. My goal was to write an extremely “hard” Dom sexually, but someone completely ready to fall in love. I wanted the heroine to have conflicting emotions and really give the man a challenge.

3. In the book, your heroine says, "There's a huge difference between a consensual sadist in the BDSM lifestyle, and a complete sadist." Why do you feel that way?

My heroine says that to describe the type of Dom she needs. A *sexually* extreme Dominant, one who can dish out the right kind of pain, for both their enjoyment. But beyond that she wants an honorable man, one she can trust and believe in.

For me, some of the most romantic ‘Doms’ I’ve read are really harsh sexually, but not ‘sadists’ in the traditional sense of the word. The sexy dominant heroes inflict the arousing kind of pain that their partners love. Really, I’d like another word for that kind of Dom because ‘sadist’ without conditional, defining parameters isn’t accurate for me.

4. What's the most important thing readers will learn from Holiday Submission?

It isn’t meant as a guide or lesson book in any way. It’s fiction. I wrote it for the readers who enjoy fantasies of hard-loving, dominant males. It’s meant to be sexy, romantic fun.

5. When do you write? Is it easier to write in the morning or at night?

Early morning—usually, in the predawn hours—before my dog wants to go for her walk.

6. Who's your favorite author?

So many wonderful books, written by brilliant, talented authors. I love romance, mostly of the erotic persuasion. I’d need a few pages to list all my favorites.

7. Where can we buy the book? Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Smashwords, iTunes, and other major retailers.