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Jordan Tate

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Hi everyone and thank you for having me! My name is Jordan Tate I'm a female author and screenwriter. I mainly focus on thriller, horror and fantasy but I'm also very interested stories based on actual events.

My work as a screenwriter has been strongly influenced by Alfred Hitchcock, Tim Burton, Christopher Nolan, Brian DePalma and Dario Argento my favorite director. She loves to put my audience and my readers on the wrong track with characters that are never what they seem to be.

Watching "King Kong" for the first time when I was a child, probably around 5 or 6 has been the triggering event that made me want to work in the film industry and to create stories.

I have written several short story anthologies in the past, my first one "Shudders" is a tribute to the most famous monsters in literature and cinema: Dracula, the wolfman, the Devil, ghosts and demons...It also features a heartbreaking story revolving around the elephant man titled "Beauty of the heart".

My second one "HEAD IN THE CLOUDS" is a romantic and melancholic voyage a dark fantastic and poetic universe that intertwines around destiny, slavery, forgotten fairies, a painter in need of inspiration, the first and last voyage of the Titanic, the hope of a sick child and a woman destroyed by life.

I have also written a Christmas novel titled "SIX DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS", which I'm very partial to, because it's magical, and although quite dark in some aspects, much more merry than what I usually write, (smiles) that's the story of a very uncommon stealing since it targets Santa's Sleigh only six days before Christmas, in the book, Santa's imps, toys and two orphan kids, join forces in order to save Christmas and children dreams from the dark and Evil queen

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the men experienced by two refugees and their daughter who see their lives turned upside down when the real estate agency that manages the apartment they rent begin extorting money from them on behalf of the landlord, owner of 8 apartment and local mobster hiding in the guise of an illiterate peasant,

An uncompromising, painful tale of life from which you will not emerge unscathed. Scary and tragic. Especially since one of the tenants (the father) actually died from the harassment he's been through.

What is the name of your latest book and what inspired it?

My last one BLACK MASS a story within the story, revolving around a female journalist, Verity meeting with a mysterious rock star, Lachlan Alden for an interview in Pere Lachaise cemetery. Interview that quickly becomes a tour in one the most haunted places in the world, when Lachlan begins telling her of all the stories of the damned souls that haunt the place.

I was actually watching a show revolving around supernatural, which is a theme I love, and they were talking about the ghosts in Pere Lachaise. I wasn't planning to write a new book at this moment, then I became fascinated with the subject and said I'm gonna write a book about this place and it will be titled "Black mass", I had a precise vision of it.

Do you have any unusual writing habits?

Not really...Besides thinking and creating a scene, a chapter in my head long before putting it on the paper, especially when I'm lying in my bed. I never knew why but water is a triggering inspirational element to me. I also keep a notebook and a pencil by my bed and writes down my dreams and ideas in the middle of the night.

What authors, or books have influenced you?

Stephen King for sure, I've started reading his novels when I was a teenager (Christine, silver bullet). I'm a huge fan of the phantom of the opera by Gaston Leroux too, The great Gatsby for Fitzgerald's perfect portrayal of people's falseness, of loneliness and of New York (my favorite city in the 1920's), Dracula by Bram Stoker, Mary Shelley, and the picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde is my favorite book.

What are you working on now?

I'm working on my next book at the moment. It is titled "WHITE GOLD" and it's very different from "black mass" and any of my previous books, it will be a thriller, an adventure story and a love story. It mainly revolves around illegal ivory trade, animal protection and elephants protection. I'm a huge animal lover, always have been, I wanted to pay tribute to animals, their intelligence and their beauty into a book.

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There is an immediate response to my writing, a deeper connection between a book reader and its author. I use facebook quite often too...And I love doing interviews as you seen (smiles)

Do you have any advice for new authors?

Follow your dreams. It's really very simple. Don't wait for inspiration to come your way to write, begin writing, the muse will come.

What is the best advice you have ever heard?

I think that's the one I just told you in the previous post (smiles)

What are you reading now?

Many articles for my next novel, so basically everything that revolves around ivory trade and elephants. I love learning something new everyday.

What's next for you as a writer?

My next novel "White gold" will be released in the summer of 2021. I have several projects in the works too, probably a horror film and a thriller but It's too early to talk about these. I also have a dark fairy tale in mind for Christmas, yes, another book...

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and allowed to take 3 or 4 books with you what books would you bring?

The picture of Dorian Gray, a Novelization of King Kong, something funny with uplifting quotes for the dark days, and the phantom of the opera.

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