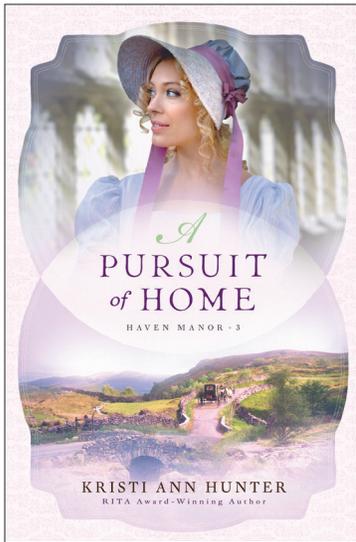




QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH KRISTI ANN HUNTER



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1. Jess is not a normal heroine. What inspired her?

Jess actually was created as a side character in my debut novel, *A Noble Masquerade*. At the time she was only supposed to be a supporting character, but she was so vibrant and interesting that I had to bring her to the forefront. Discovering the sort of background that would create that type of woman was both challenging and exciting. I was thrilled to bring to the page a tough, independent woman who still recognized her own emotional vulnerability.

2. Art features very prominently in *A Pursuit of Home*. Are the paintings featured favorites of yours?

Before writing this book I actually wasn't much of an art lover. I had a strong emotional connection to Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, but by and large the fascination of art eluded me. While researching Derek and thinking about why art meant so much to him, I gained a greater appreciation for the way paintings and sculptures can communicate a single moment in time. Most of the art in the book is real, and researching those works gave me a new perspective.

3. What aspect of *A Pursuit of Home* was the most fun to write?

A Pursuit of Home is an adventure tale. There's a hidden treasure and a bad guy, and the fate of a country is on the line. That type of story was new and different for me, which was great fun, but I think the best part of this was how different Derek and Jess are. In this team, Jess is the muscle and Derek the brains. That dynamic made for an unusual romance. I hope the readers have as much fun journeying with this couple as I did.

4. How do your main characters change over the course of the book?

Both Jess and Derek have had difficult pasts that defined what they thought was possible in their futures. They both discover that God has the ability to rise above their limited viewpoints and create an entirely new path forward. Trusting that their past experiences and conceptions can be overcome by grace is difficult, but it's only through learning this lesson that the two of them can forge ahead together.