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## About Nicki Greenwood

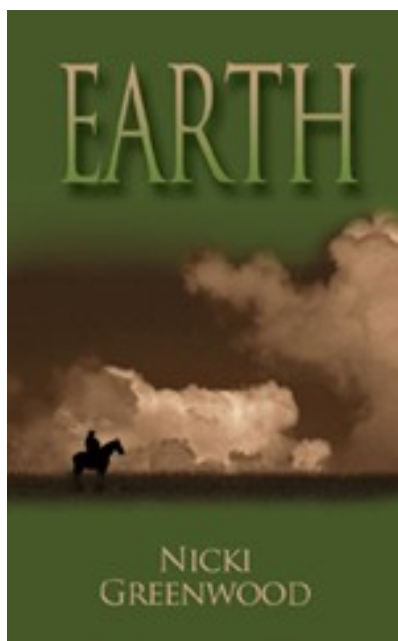
Nicki Greenwood graduated SUNY Morrisville with a degree in Natural Resources. She found her passion in writing stories of romantic adventure, and combines that with her love of the environment. Her works have won several awards, including the Rebecca Eddy Memorial Contest. Her first book, “Earth,” debuted in 2010 through The Wild Rose Press.

Nicki lives in upstate New York with her husband, son, and assorted pets. When she's not writing, she enjoys the arts, gardening, interior decorating, and trips to the local Renaissance Faire.





## Book Teasers, Excerpts, Reviews and Awards



### **EARTH (The Elemental Series: Book One)**

*On sale now from The Wild Rose Press*

ISBN # 1-60154-675-0

Once a powerful Earth Elemental, KINCADE MURPHY is about to lose his failing ranch. When he's forced to accept the help of botanist ALLYSON HAMILTON, he's determined to keep his distance, and his secret. But a discovered plot to drive him off his land convinces him he must keep her close to

protect her ... no matter how hard she is to resist.

### **Excerpt from EARTH:**

Kincade swept a hand at the barren ground of the trail. "This look like a good enough spot to stop for more soil samples?"

"Sure," Ally answered, dragging her gaze away from him with a pang of regret.

They slipped from their horses together. Cade led his mount to the edge of the worn dirt trail and tied its reins to a sturdy branch. He turned back to take her horse's reins as she led the animal closer. The motion brought him up short just inches away.

His body went rigid as stone. Time stopped and held its breath with her.

The warmth in her face could have been the sun. The tingle on her skin might have been the light breeze lifting her hair. But only the green, green depths of his eyes caused such a quivering in her belly. Standing mere inches away, he studied her like some ancient mystery.

If she had to go by his eyes alone, she couldn't have said how old he was—but it might have been centuries.

He loomed close enough for his body heat to draw a sharp contrast to the cool mountain air. His gaze dropped to her mouth. She heard the soft hiss of his indrawn breath, and he took half a step closer. Her heartbeat doubled speed. "We shouldn't do this," he murmured.

For once in her life, she didn't care what she should or shouldn't do. Everything ceased to exist but the phantom heat emanating from him. Something in her whispered that she'd never get this chance again. She took a breath to slow her pounding heart and closed the distance between their bodies. "What if I want to?"

A haunted look flashed across his face. Faint lines formed between his brows. "I shouldn't, Ally."

Disappointment speared her. Unwilling to let him see how much his refusal hurt, she turned away.

His warm, rough hand slipped into hers. Surprised, she turned back.

He stepped closer and rooted her to the spot with a heated stare. "I didn't say I didn't want to," he said.

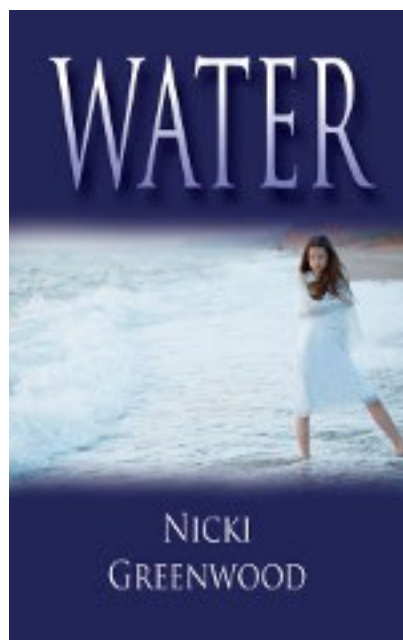
### **Praise for EARTH:**

"A guy. A girl. A horse. And a sprawling Montana ranch. 'Nuff said? Hardly! Nicki Greenwood sows the seeds for a sweet, contemporary western romance, tills in a dash of paranormal, and what results is a fresh, fast-paced and riotously colorful love story. EARTH will transplant (oops, I mean transport) you into a world where passion and love can blossom with just the touch of a hand. I loved every minute of it." ~ Michelle McAdam, author of *SOMEWHERE LOVE*

“Nicki Greenwood has a way with words like no other. Her characters are compelling, her descriptions vivid, and her writing rich. If you like a tender romance with intriguing elements of paranormal and a bit of mystery thrown in, then EARTH is the book for you.” ~ *Kari Lee Townsend, author of LOVE LESSONS*

“Nicki Greenwood's EARTH takes us on the emotional adventure of a struggling rancher and gives new meaning to the words 'Power of Love.'” ~ *Barbara Witek, author of EXTREME LOVE MAKEOVER*

Four tombstones - “*very enjoyable*” ~ *BITTEN BY BOOKS*



## **WATER (The Elemental Series: Book Two)**

***On sale now from The Wild Rose Press***

ISBN # 1-60154-978-4

Water Elemental MORGAN CLIFTON has finally found her haven as the chef at a bed-and-breakfast on beautiful Nantucket Island. Then slick and sexy businessman TRENT WILLIAMS arrives to buy the property out from under her, and he's equal parts infuriating and irresistible. Can she hang onto her senses and the secret of her gift, or will she lose her heart as well as her home?

**Excerpt from WATER:**

Morgan risked a look over her shoulder. “It’s hard to cook a breakfast for eight with you...distracting me.”

“Distracting you?” Trent rose from his seat and rounded the butcher block. Morgan spun back to her work and heard him come up behind her.

*Right* behind her.

She felt his body heat through the back of her blouse, though he hadn’t touched her. His breath puffed across her neck where her ponytail left it bare. “I have lots better ways of distracting a person.”

His husky voice skimmed her spine as if he’d run a fingertip down her back. Why, why, *why* had she said anything to him at all? Why hadn’t she just kept her big mouth shut and let him sit there until breakfast was ready? Her body tingled all over—her gift, bouncing off her tenuous hold on it, and something much more primal, responding to his unspoken invitation. She started to hope that he’d quit this seesaw of flirt-hate with her, and stick to one...then thought better of it. She doubted she could handle any more “flirt” without doing something dumb. “I don’t need a distraction.”

“But you want one.”

**Praise for WATER:**

“A touching, humorous story about home being where the heart is. Very refreshing.” ~ *SIZZLING HOT BOOK REVIEWS*

“Enchanting and charming.” ~ *ROMANCING THE BOOK*

**THE SERPENT IN THE STONE (The Gifted Series: Book One)**

SARA MARKHAM is a driven archaeologist with paranormal gifts, and the desperate need to keep them secret. But when she meets IAN WAVERLY, a wildlife biologist sworn to hate the gifted due to a tragic past, sparks fly. Can she and Ian keep their heads – and hearts – when a deadly ancient ritual forces them together?

**Excerpt from THE SERPENT IN THE STONE:**

“What—*exactly*—are you?” Ian demanded.

Alarm bells clanged at the hostility in his voice. Sara had to force her voice past them. “You’ve seen me shapeshift. I can read minds sometimes.”

“I’ve got time for the long version.” He put the necklace back into his pocket. The shuttered look on his face raised panicky flutters in her belly.

She drew a long breath. “Telekinesis. I caught you with telekinesis.”

“How did you get telekinesis?”

“It’s not like they hand it out in stores! It just happened one day. I didn’t know what it was, and I was too scared to tell my parents. I was afraid of it for a long time.”

“And now you’re not.”

His flat, blunt words stabbed at her heart. He might as well have slapped her down into a seat in an interrogation room. They traded stares. “Yeah. Now I’m not.”

“When did your father die? How did he die?”

Her thoughts flew to the amulet in Ian’s pocket. “What has any of this got to do with my father?”

“Maybe nothing. Could be more. This stuff might be genetic.”

Icy dread crawled across her skin. This time, she did hug herself. “I’m done talking to you.”

Quick as lightning, he reached forward and snatched the boat keys from the ignition. “This necklace has to be important if you’re willing to risk being shot to fix it, Sara. That’s not even going there about you risking *me* being shot at. You’re not getting it back until you talk.”

She felt naked. Worse than she had at the inlet. Then, she’d seen desire in his eyes.

Now, she saw only hatred. “This isn’t about me,” she said, startled. “It’s about you.”

“Never mind me,” he snapped.

“What is it?” she asked. “What happened to you?”

“*How did your father die?*”

Pain and betrayal surged anew through every cell in her body, and that little girl from twenty years ago gave a silent wail of outrage. “He. Was. Murdered.”

#### **Awards for THE SERPENT IN THE STONE:**

- 3rd Place, 2006 Barclay Sterling Contest



#### **FLASHPOINT (The Gifted Series: Book Two)**

FAITH MARKHAM has it all - almost: beauty, paranormal power, and the job of her dreams as an archaeologist. The one thing eluding her is a love that will transcend time. Too bad that when she hires HAKON IVARSSON, the tough-talking trail guide has absolutely no plans to let another woman tie him down.

**Excerpt from FLASHPOINT:**

Hakon stared after Faith, wondering what was wrong. The woman switched gears fast enough to make his head spin. He locked his vehicle, and then stalked down the trail after her.

She strode ahead of him, dodging ruts and potholes. Her hips swayed with each step in a compelling rhythm. In spite of himself, he imagined drawing her back against him, kissing that spot behind her ear where tendrils of golden hair had fallen loose ....

She stopped dead, and turned around with wide eyes. Had he said something out loud? He thought he'd seen something flash in her eyes a moment ago. There it was again, though before, he could have sworn her eyes had been silver—

“Aren't you supposed to be in front of me?” she asked.

Desire and doubt vanished. Nettled, he stepped around her, and went on without pausing. “Next time, let me break the trail first. Clear?”

“Get up on the wrong side of the bed?”

He didn't bother telling her he hadn't slept at all on his last night in a comfortable bed. Her presence had echoed through the walls of the inn like a resonating bell, one moment consuming him with the need to go to her, and the next, driving him away in a fit of resentment.

She was money. His ticket to freedom, nothing more. She was here, and so was he, and like it or not, they'd entered into an agreement. He'd guide her to a few ancient rock paintings, and she'd pay up when they returned to civilization. The faster they finished, the better.

Maybe if he kept telling himself that, he might start to believe it.

**Awards for FLASHPOINT:**

- 2nd Place, 2006 Golden Pen Contest



**FINDING HOME (Short Story)**

Sometimes life's most tragic events help you find your way. When CECILIA MARSH returns to Langley Mills, Wisconsin after the death of her father, she rediscovers a town that hasn't forgotten her. And her new neighbor, handsome ZEKE MACALLISTER, might just be the encouragement she needs to leave city life behind for good.

**Awards for FINDING HOME:**

- 1st Place, 2008 Rebecca Eddy Memorial Writing Contest



## Organization Affiliations

Romance Writers of America  
Central New York Romance Writers



## Career Awards

CNYRW Volunteer of the Year, 2010



## Articles, Events and Appearances

Please contact Nicki if you are interested in scheduling an interview, event, or appearance.

### 2010

- **April 2, 2010**  
Release of EARTH by The Wild Rose Press
- **May 8, 2010**  
12:00-4:00 PM: Book signing of EARTH at Books 4 Less in Liverpool, NY [\[Get Directions\]](#) - [\[View Press Release\]](#)
- **June 1, 2010**  
Guest blogging at [Mysteries and Margaritas](#)
- **June 12, 2010**  
12:00-4:00 PM: Book signing of EARTH at Books 4 Less in Liverpool, NY [\[Get Directions\]](#)
- **June 21, 2010**  
Guest blogging at [Once Written, Twice Shy](#)
- **July 7, 2010**  
Guest blogging at [Long and Short Reviews](#)
- **September 1, 2010**  
"Hot Fun In The Summertime" contest ends. [Enter now](#) for your chance to win!
- **October 30-31, 2010**  
Participating in the [LASR Halloween Scavenger Hunt](#)

### 2011

- **March 1-31, 2011**  
Participating in [The Romance Reviews](#) Grand Opening
- **March 11-12, 2011**  
Attending the [CNYRW Mini-Conference](#) and donating a copy of EARTH for raffle
- **June 3, 2011**  
Guest blogging at [Long and Short Reviews](#)
- **July 8, 2011**  
Guest blogging as a Featured Author at [Coffee Beans & Love Scenes](#)
- **September 30, 2011**  
Guest blogging at [Blame It On The Muse](#)

- **October 7, 2011**  
Release of WATER in print and digital format through The Wild Rose Press
- **October 14, 2011**  
Guest blogging at [Life Is A First Draft](#), the blog of author Rebecca J. Clark
- **November 19, 2011**  
12:00-4:00 PM: Book signing of WATER at [Books 4 Less](#) in Liverpool, NY [\[Get Directions\]](#) - [\[View Press Release\]](#)

## 2012

- **March 3, 2012**  
WORKSHOP: "The Standout Scribbler: Catching an Editor's Eye" at [Liverpool Public Library](#) - Presented to the CNY Romance Writers. [\[Get Directions\]](#) [\[Learn about CNYRW\]](#)
- **March 9-10, 2012**  
Attending the [CNYRW Mini-Conference](#) and donating copies of EARTH and WATER for raffle
- **April 21, 2012 - 10:30 AM**  
WORKSHOP: "Kissing the Frog: A Crash Course in Editing" at [Canastota Public Library](#) [\[Get Directions\]](#) [\[Contact Canastota Public Library\]](#)
- **August 1-31, 2012**  
"Hot Fun In The Summertime" contest. Enter for a chance to win! Keep checking here for details.



## Workshops

### **KISSING THE FROG: A Crash Course in Editing**

A fast-paced, informative beginner's workshop covering the rules of basic grammar and manuscript mechanics, including:

- The Nine Parts of Speech
- Punctuation
- Word and Phrase Choice
- Sentence and Paragraph Structure
- Dialogue
- Passive Voice/Telling and Showing
- Backstory and Flashbacks

Examples of common writing errors are given, with suggested solutions. Discussion is welcomed. An outlined handout is provided. This workshop is a must for any writer looking to polish a finished manuscript before submitting it.

### **THE STANDOUT SCRIBBLER: Catching an Editor's Eye**

For the intermediate writer, Nicki presents a workshop on how to make your manuscript stand out from the pack. Learn what makes good writing great, and how to help your writing shine. Discussion is welcomed. Examples are given, and a handout is provided.