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About Nicki Greenwood

Nicki Greenwood grew up in suburbia, where there wasn't much room for a horse. Instead, she fed her equine obsession with the ink and paper kind. When she ran out of horse books to read, she wrote her own. Thus began her love affair with the written word, a passion that continues to this day.

At age thirteen, Nicki entered the National Spelling Bee, and made third place runner-up in Central NY. She wrote stories and poetry for school publications and personal amusement throughout her youth. Eventually, she stumbled on the romance genre, and there she found her niche. Nicki loves blending an exciting adventure with an optimistic happy ending.

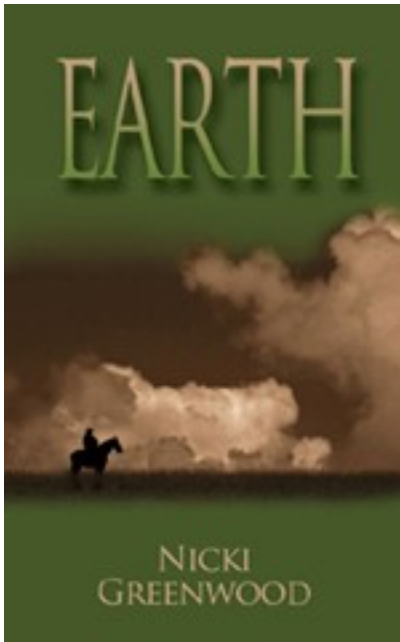
Nicki lives in upstate New York with her husband, son, and assorted pets. When she's not writing, she enjoys the arts, gardening, interior decorating, and trips to the local Renaissance Faire.

And *The Black Stallion* is still her hero.





Book Teasers, Excerpts, Reviews and Awards



EARTH (The Elemental Series: Book One)

On sale 4/2/10 from The Wild Rose Press

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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*



GEMINI (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 in the battle to protect their hearts?

Excerpt from GEMINI:

“What are you?” Ian demanded.

Sara couldn't suppress a chill at the direct question. Her skin crawled at the way he studied her, and she hesitated before saying, “You've seen me shapeshift. I can read minds sometimes.”

“I've got time for the long version,” he said coldly.

She stamped down her panic, and drew a long sigh. “Telekinesis. I caught you with telekinesis.”

He eyed her as if she were a poisonous snake. “How did you get telekinesis?”

“It's not like they hand it out in stores!” she cried. “It just ... happened one day. I didn't know what it was. I was afraid of it for a long time.”

“And now you're not.”

His words stabbed at her heart, but she refused to let him see that. “Yeah. Now I'm not.”

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

She narrowed her eyes. “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, and she hugged herself. “I'm done talking to you.”

Quick as lightning, he reached forward and snatched the boat keys

from the ignition. “We’re not going anywhere until you talk.” He stared at her, waiting.

She felt naked, watching the hostile distrust in his eyes. A shiver of awareness danced down her back. “This isn’t about me ... it’s about you,” she realized.

“Never mind me,” he snapped.

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

“How did your father die?”

She winced, and felt angry tears burn in her eyes. “He. Was. Murdered.”

Awards for GEMINI:

- 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

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Workshop

KISSING THE FROG: A Crash Course in Editing

A fast-paced, informative 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.