



**1-Welcome Samantha! It is a great pleasure having you as my guest in concurrency with *Leather and Lace* release in Italy. Would you like to begin this interview by telling the readers something that they wouldn't otherwise find in your official Bio page?**

I'm an extroverted introvert. While I love getting out and meeting new people, I prefer being home with my two dogs and a TV remote.

**2- *Leather and Lace* will introduce my Italian readers to the world of Trident Security, where a team of six retired Navy SEALs now work in the private sector. Would you like to tell us more about this fascinating world?**

I'd given up on trying to become an author after writing 2 ½ books. I'd done every new author don't, and, while the stories were good, the writing was awful. A few years later, I had these six Navy SEALs wouldn't leave me alone. I'd always had stories and characters in my head, but these guys wouldn't let up. Devon, of *Leather & Lace*, basically told me he would continue to bug me until I wrote his and Kristen's story. I finally did it just to shut him up. At that point, the indie author world had grown dramatically and I was able to find the help I needed to get my book ready to be published.

**3- In this series you'll mix up action, love and hot, steamy sex. In fact, these sexy, gorgeous ex Navy SEALs when they aren't working, they're playing... please, fill us in on some of details!**

First, let me say that in the US, Navy SEALs, Marines, or other special-ops members will never say they are "ex" or "former." Once a SEAL or Marine, always a SEAL or Marine. They may retire, but that's the only word they'll use to describe their status. Now, the retired SEALs in my books are a tight-knit bunch who have been there for each other through thick and thin. They also play together (well, not "together" but in the same vicinity) in a BDSM club that two of them own and they all have

their different quirks and kinks. Devon is open to sharing his sub on an occasional basis (as long as she agrees to it), yet for his brother Ian sharing is not an option. Marco and Brody are quite the ménage team, while Boomer refused to give his heart over to any submissive. Jake . . . well, Jake has a lot of issues from his past that still affect him. He refuses to hide the fact that he's gay, but also isn't overly vocal about the fact. He also refuses to date anyone who's in the closet, but the moment they want to introduce him to their family, he's done. He's my tortured soul and stole my heart the first time he told me part of his story.

**4- Let's talk about Kristen and Devon. Would you like to introduce the characters my readers will read about in the Italian version of Leather and Lace? There are also interesting and brilliant secondary characters...**

Kristen is an indie author turned traditional author. She's always written romance but her latest book dabbled in the BDSM world and was an instant bestseller. Now she has to write a follow-up book and realizes she needs some hands-on research to make it believable. Devon has been a Dom for years and doesn't date outside the BDSM lifestyle. That all changes when he crosses paths with Kristen. There's something about her that intrigues him, and he has to get to know her better. Both of them have had things happen in their pasts that affect their futures. Together, they learn how to evolve in order to let the other into their heart. As for the side-characters, I've tried to give the reader enough information to have them wanting to know more about each of them.

**5- Since the first book, there's a character who caught immediately my attention: Mister Black-ops, T. Carter. Yes, I know he'll be getting himself Book 7, but let's talk a little about him. What would you like to tell about him?**

Carter is an enigma. When I first started writing *Leather & Lace*, Carter wasn't even a blip on my radar. He just kind of showed up in the middle of the story. He was as much a mystery to me as he is to the readers. As he made more appearances in the books that followed *Leather & Lace*, he still didn't reveal much—at least not to the readers. While he loves women and adores quite a few, none of them are the woman who could own his heart. But there is one out there . . .

**6- In the series there is also a M/M Romance. Jake Donovan is a beautiful, touching, tortured soul. What can you tell about him?**

Tortured. Funny, that's exactly how I described him above. Jake was his father's "golden son." He was the second born, but he excelled in both school and sports, earning a football scholarship to Rutgers University. But his father's love was conditional. Once he found out Jake was gay, their relationship crumbled. I don't want to give too much away, but that was a defining moment in Jake's life that led him to the Navy and ultimately to the SEALs. He doesn't make friends easily, mainly due to trust issues, but those friends he has he will protect with his life.

**7-What do you love to be surrounded from when you're writing? What you can't do without?**

When I first started writing, I was recovering from a knee surgery and was stuck on the couch, so I always had the TV on while I wrote. Now, I still need that in the background. The sound can be off, but I still need the TV on.

**8- How do you feel when one of your books is going to be released?**

Nervous. Still after 30 plus books, I'm so afraid my readers won't like the story or the characters. I'm so afraid of letting them down.

**9- Do you allow yourself to be influenced by the reviews?**

Not really, although I love when a reviewer tells me how they felt while reading the story and what emotions the words evoked from them.

**10 -Can you tell us if there are any new works in progress and if there are any new projects in sight?**

There are plenty of works in progress on my computer. While I have several more books planned in the Trident Security series and its spinoff series, there are new books coming out in my other unrelated series and a new series too.

**11 -Is there anything that you would like to say to Italian readers?**

If the readers have gotten this far in interview, I thank them for taking the time to learn more about me and my books. I hope they are willing to give Leather & Lace a try and hope they enjoy it as much as I enjoyed writing it. Thank you!

**Thank you, Samantha!**