

Get To Know ~

Dru Ann Love of Dru's Book Musings

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What is your name?

Dru Ann Love.

How old are you?

A young 60.

What is your profession?

I work at the daytime situation as a research professional.

Do you have any sibling(s)?

I have four sisters.

Cats, dogs or other pets?

I grew up with cats, but now I'm allergic to them, so no to pets.

What town do you live in?

New York City.

House or building complex? Do you rent or own?

I own my place.

What is your favorite spot in your house?

My computer nook.

Favorite meal?

Collard greens, baked macaroni & cheese, rice and roast chicken.

Favorite dessert?

Vanilla ice cream with chocolate syrup or regular plain yellow cake with chocolate frosting.

Favorite hobby?

Traveling and quilting.

Favorite vacation spot?

Paris, France.

Favorite color?

Blue.

Favorite author?

Too many to name. I know it's a cop out, but there it is. Okay, J.D. Robb aka Nora Roberts.

Favorite sports team?

New York Yankees.

Movies or Broadway?

Broadway, especially musicals.

Are you a morning or a night person?

I'm definitely a morning person.

In a few sentences, what is a typical day in your life like?

I take a 45-minute subway ride to the office, which is prime for reading. I spend the day doing research, whether it is programming a survey or analyzing data. Then another 45-minute subway ride home where I'll continue reading. Once home, the TV goes on as I wait for *Jeopardy!* to come on. If an author is in town, I'll have lunch with them, or if they have a book launch, I'll attend that.

Have you always loved mysteries?

Yes. The first book I recall reading was "Encyclopedia Brown" and then I moved on to other mysteries.

What made you decide to start your blog, and when?

My blog started out as a reading journal in 2008, however, the blog that you see today was prompted because I had learned that in order to keep readers coming to your blog, you needed to have fresh content at least 3-5 days a week. One day after I had finished reading and the crime was solved, a thought came into my head. . . What is a typical day for the character when they are not solving a murder? And that is how a "Day In The Life" feature came into being, and the anniversary of that first guest post is August 8, 2011.

You refer to yourself as a "book advocate." Could you explain what you mean by that?

It means I promote authors via my blog feature, via shout-outs on social media. Any place there's a reading audience, I'll let them know about a book or two.

On average, how many books do you read a week?

Anywhere between 3 to 4 per week. A few times I've read 5 books, which is rare now.

Besides reading, what other hobbies do you enjoy?

I quilt—although I haven't made a quilting project this year, but plan to fix that. I also like to travel and attending fan conventions allows me to do that, as I dislike traveling alone.

We'd like to thank Dru for allowing us to turn the tables on her. She's been an incredible advocate for authors and readers alike. To follow her blog, Dru's Book Musings, head to <https://drusbookmusing.com>. You'll be glad you did. ■

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