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## THE INTERVIEW

**ANGI:** How often do you get lost in a story?

**NANCY:** That would be daily! I read an average of 2-3 books a week, and when I'm not lost in someone else's novel, I'm (hopefully!) lost in the adventures of my own characters.

**ANGI:** What's the first book you remember reading?

**NANCY:** The Dick & Jane titles were big on my reading list early on along with *Pokey Little Puppy* and *Nurse Nancy*. (And yes, I have a copy of *Nurse Nancy*!) Nancy Drew, The Hardy Boys, and lots of comic books followed, and then I read *The Good Earth* when I was about twelve. That book still entrances me!

**ANGI:** What's your favorite cartoon character?

**NANCY:** Oooh, Disney's Chip and Dale are my favs!

**ANGI:** What turns you off like nothing else?

**NANCY:** Pretension and lying. I cannot abide either.

**ANGI:** Is there a playlist you'd recommend for reading your latest release?

**NANCY:**

**ANGI:** Where do you read and how often?

**NANCY:** I read daily and I read everywhere – curled up on the couch, in waiting rooms, on the beach. I don't walk and read much anymore, though. I run into things.

**ANGI:** What sound or noise do you love?

**NANCY:** I love many, but a top pick has to be the sound of breaking waves.

**ANGI:** Fairy Tale or Action Adventure?

**NANCY:** Depending on my mood, both!

**ANGI:** What's your favorite movie of all time?

**NANCY:** Ack! I don't have just one. Three of my all-times favs are *Father Goose*, *What's Up, Doc?*, and *Dances With Wolves*.

**ANGI:** Be honest, when reading...do you put yourself in the heroine's role?

**NANCY:** Of course I project myself into the protagonist – heroine or hero! (i.e., Jim Butcher's Dresden) For the space of each story, I get to be spunky, smart, mysterious, magical, daring – you name it. And when I read a book such as Thor Heyerdahl's *Kon Tiki* or Rachel Carson's *The Sea Around Us*, I take a different journey that's just as exciting.

**ANGI:** Is writing or story-telling easier for you?

**NANCY:** I hope I do both as I write my books!

**ANGI:** What's something you'd like to tell your fans?

**NANCY:** My heartfelt thanks! I'm honored by each reader, and I answer every e-mail ... even if it takes a few days.

**ANGI'S GOTTA ASK:** So, Nancy, I have to admit that the Vampire way of life is hard for me to get into. I just have a hard time with the whole "undead" thing. Can you explain the appeal? And why would someone (like me) who isn't attracted to vampires want to read your book?

**NANCY'S GOTTA ANSWER:** Whoa! Cesca Marinelli, here. I'm Nancy's vampire heroine. Nancy would wax philosophical about the mysticism of immortality as the lure of vampire novels, but I have a shorter answer. For those who aren't into dark and broody vamps, I'm not exactly undead. I have a pulse, I breathe, and I don't even bite people. (You never know where they've been!) So, while I might be underdead (or would that be under alive?), my afterlife is pretty much like yours. Except, you know, for the whole solving mysteries thing. Oh, and the surfing. In short, vampires can be fun!