

## ALEXIS HARRINGTON



Today, Alexis Harrington is one of Montlake Romance’s bestselling authors. Yet it was only six months ago that her first book with them, the electronic and print editions of her self-published novel, **Home By Morning**, was released. Now, **HOME BY NIGHTFALL**, her first Montlake Romance original novel, has just been published.

Alexis’s successful career includes writing thirteen novels over twenty years, most traditionally published. Eager to see her work widely available electronically, she began requesting publication rights back. She had no idea she was redefining her career. She republished all ten of her popular, northwest-set historical novels as e-books. Soon, she found she was not only reaching readers who hadn’t previously read her work, but also profiting from her backlist titles more than ever before. Not intimidated by being at the forefront of a sea change in publishing, she decided to self-publish her next original novel. That book, **Home By Morning**, came out in 2010. Within months she was tapped by Montlake Romance for publication rights to it as well as to her then

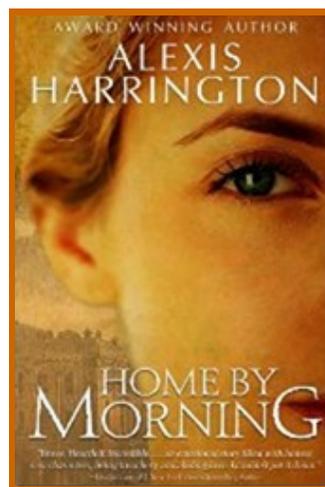
work-in-progress, **HOME BY NIGHTFALL**.

Reader response has been gratifying and Alexis has embraced e-publishing, especially the freedom to write in time periods and in the genre she prefers, regardless of trends. “Not having specific earnings expectations, high overhead or other constraints large publishers face, I can profit from my writing past and present as I work toward my creative goals. Interestingly, I did better in 2011 than I had in ten busy years of print publishing.”

Her new book, **HOME BY NIGHTFALL**, shares the fictional setting, Powell Springs, Oregon, and several of the characters introduced in **Home By Morning**. Each book touches upon the Great War, now more commonly known as World War I. The first is set in 1918, just before the end of the war and at the start of the world wide influenza pandemic. **HOME BY NIGHTFALL** occurs just two years after peace has been declared. However, the war continues to take its toll in ways small and large, as the impact of those who will never return—as well as those who have—changes the world they left behind. Coincidentally, the on sale date of **HOME BY NIGHTFALL** fell just four days after the anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers on June 29, 1919.

Alexis began writing in 1980 and has been entertaining readers since her first novel, **Homeward Hearts**, was published in 1994. Her love of the genre comes naturally. “I like the escapism of historicals, both in books and film” she says. “I miss LaVryle Spencer’s novels. She was my inspiration to start writing.” She adds, “Diana Gabaldon probably has one of the best historical voices and I love her work as well.”

Alexis has spun tales of characters and situations that include mail order brides, the Yukon Gold Rush, seafaring, ranching, and protagonists heading west. Most of her historical romance novels are set in her home state, Oregon, though she has ventured to other parts of the northwest and has followed characters as they emigrated to America from places such as Cork County, Ireland. It’s unlikely she’ll suddenly make a drastic change in venues for her stories as she truly enjoys writing about the place she knows best, her home near the Columbia River. “I still live within ten miles of my old high school,” she says.



Alexis says she maintains her career as a working novelist by following her muse and her instincts regarding her own and readers' interests. She has had thirteen books published and notes that "among all the books I've written I've had just one foreign sale, and that was The Irish Bride, which was translated for Norway, where I understand it was a big hit."

An animal lover, Alexis lives with a cat, a finch, two dogs (Great Pyrenees!), and three chickens—all of which like to gather in her small home office. Only the chickens are not allowed. She keeps crazy hours. "I'm just not a morning person. I like to be up late while the rest of the world is sleeping and quiet. No phones, faxes or other distractions. Just 'the kids' and me, candles burning and elevator music coming out of my CD player." She makes jewelry and, thanks to the tutelage of her grandmother, is a fine needlepoint artist specializing in embroidery, thread crochet and sewing. She enjoys cooking—another gift from her grandmother—reading, entertaining friends, and decorating, and is a lover of all things Victorian. Animal welfare is very important to her and she belongs to the Oregon Humane Society and the ASPCA.

Alexis is currently at work on her next novel, also set in the Pacific Northwest .

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