

## FULL BIOGRAPHY

In one of the darkest moments of her life, **E.J. Tanda** sat at her desk one spring night and a story she didn't know existed came out of her mind and onto the page. The very same night, she knew she would become a writer.

With stacks of books on her bedside table and a laptop nearby, a new world materialized. Characters talked to her. As quickly as she could, she wrote down their words like a stenographer in a courtroom. What happened that night ultimately changed the course of her career and life. A passion for writing ensued. As a way to escape, she immersed herself in her story world, and *Queen of Secrets* was born.

E.J. Tanda grew up in San Jose, California, surrounded by a large Italian family. With a rich, cultural background guiding her writing, she weaves her heritage throughout her stories. She deftly turns the narrative on its head by flipping the emotional tone—one moment laughter, the next moment tears—and she isn't afraid to expose the vulnerabilities of the human condition. Her books make you feel like you are a part of the family.

Award-winning author E.J. Tanda graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in English and Creative Writing. When she isn't writing, she travels the globe to gain experiences for her next book.

*Queen of Secrets* was awarded third place in the Orange County Romance Writers Book Buyers Best Contest in 2023 for Mainstream Fiction with Romantic Elements and the winner of the 2024 Pencraft Seasonal Book Award Winter Competition for Fiction-Women's Genre.

*Crown of Confessions* was awarded first place in the Orange County Romance Writers Book Buyers Best Contest in 2024 for Historical Romance.