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SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

ABOUT AMANDA

What inspired you to become a novelist?

How did growing up in California's High Desert shape the stories you tell?

THE DESERT OF DREAMS SERIES

What inspired the *Desert of Dreams Series*, and why did you choose to tell it through interconnected standalone novels?

The High Desert is more than a setting—it shapes the emotional landscape of your stories. Why was that important to you?

Your books are set in the 1980s and 1990s. How do you balance historical authenticity with compelling storytelling?

Your novels tackle difficult subjects, yet they're ultimately stories of hope. How do you write honestly about hardship without losing sight of resilience, humor, and human connection?

Do your characters ever surprise you?

READERS & WHAT'S NEXT

What do you hope readers take away after finishing one of your novels?

For readers discovering the *Desert of Dreams Series*, where would you recommend they begin, and does reading order matter?

You're currently writing a dystopian fiction series. What inspired that new direction, and what themes connect it to *Desert of Dreams*?

Interviewers are welcome to explore beyond these suggested questions.

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