**Janice L. Dennie**

**ROMANCE AUTHOR**

Janice L. Dennie is no stranger to publishing. Her many writing accolades—from being one of the first contemporary African American Historical Romance authors to her current poised to be a runaway bestselling series, THE UNDERWOODS OF NAPA VALLEY—have set this veteran author on a path for literary success. Fans and media professionals alike are interested in knowing Ms. Dennie as much as they love reading her books. Below is a list of questions that will help aid in this quest.

**INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. What inspired you to become a writer?
2. What three pieces of advice would you give an aspiring writer?
3. Where do you get your ideas?
4. What led you to first write an African American Historical Romance novel?
5. What are the top three hobbies you enjoy and why?
6. What are the titles in your body of work and when were they published?
7. How do you manage the work/life balance?
8. What are the top three steps you employ in researching a story?
9. What draws you to the Napa Valley Wine Countries as a home base for your first series and why?
10. What three traits do you attribute most to your writing success?
11. Of all the characters you’ve written, which one is your favorite and why?
12. Will there be an Underwoods of Napa Valley tour, if so, what are the details?
13. In what formats are your books published?
14. Do you mentor new writers through workshops, coaching or critiques, for example?
15. Where can we purchase your books?
16. Do you write non-fiction as well as fiction books?
17. Are there any plans to make the Underwoods of Napa Valley series into movies?
18. Do you have a blog or newsletter? If so, how may we sign up?
19. What five things do you know now that you wish you’d known at the beginning of your career?
20. Do you create music playlists for your books? If so, what are some of the songs on the playlist for KENTON’S VINTAGE AFFAIR?
21. How does your family contribute to and support your writing career?
22. What are your writing credentials?
23. Do you participate in book club readings? If so, how may a book club schedule you for an event?
24. What made you self-publish rather than seek a contract with the “Big 5” publishing companies?
25. Tell us a little about your self—what’s your favorite movie? Your favorite meal? Your favorite song? Your favorite or sport? Your favorite romantic date?
26. What is your writing process—from idea to finished product?
27. How much of your stories are autobiographical?