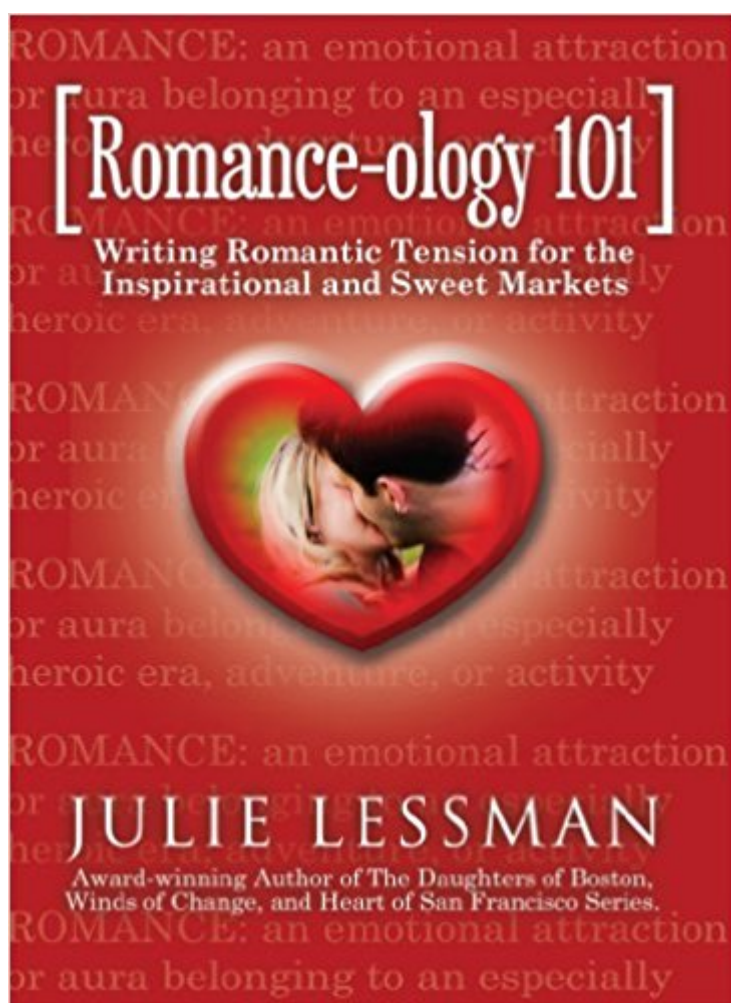


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ROMANCE-ology 101: Writing Romantic Tension For The Inspirational And Sweet Markets



Synopsis

A KISS IS NOT JUST A KISS ... NOR IS A SIGH JUST A SIGH ... In ROMANCE-ology 101, Award-winning Author "Passion Most Pure" expert Julie Lessman tackles the subject of romantic tension in today's inspirational/sweet markets with humor and heart. Offering tips for ramping up the WOW factor with romance that is both sweet and swoon-worthy, Lessman highlights tried-and-true methods with before-and-after examples to illustrate the following points: -- Getting inside the Hero's Head with Internal Monologue -- Maximizing Use of Beats in Dialogue -- Effectively Using Dialogue to Escalate Tension -- Utilizing Dual Point of View -- Escalating Romantic Tension with Anger -- Using All Five Senses for Heightened Effect -- Cashing In on the Kid and Pet Factor -- Enhancing Mood with Emotionally Charged Words/Verbs -- Capitalizing on the Element of Surprise -- Exposing Desire in an Unwilling Character -- Immediate Hero/Heroine Confrontation -- Making the Most of Touch and Response -- Implementing the Concept of Forbidden Fruit -- Words with a Hint of Taboo -- Appropriate "Bleep" Words for Inspirational Romance -- KISS-ology 101: The Many Faces of a Kiss

TESTIMONIALS:

"Julie is one of the best there is today at writing intensely passionate romance novels. Her ability to thread romance and longing, deception and forgiveness, and lots of humor are unparalleled by anyone else in the Christian market today." • Rachel McRae of LifeWay Stores

"Julie Lessman writing a book on romantic tension is a perfect fit. This is a writing book that needs to be on the shelf of every author because nobody does romantic tension better."

• Mary Connealy, bestselling author of The Kincaid Bride and Trouble in Texas series

"I've always referred to Julie Lessman as the Queen of Romance and her new craft book is proof. Passionate and practical, humorous and savvy, Romance-ology 101 is a must-read for Lessman fans and all who desire to create pulse-pounding romance. A keeper!"

• Laura Frantz, award-winning author of The Colonel's Lady and Love's Reckoning

"Passion with a Purpose, Julie's tagline says it all! She's the queen of romantic tension that stirs both your body and your soul."

• MaryLu Tyndall, award-winning author of Escape to Paradise trilogy

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Customer Reviews

I've long been a fan of Julie Lessman, so when I heard she'd written an instruction book I just about flipped--because if anyone knows how to write romance, it's Lessman. If you're gonna learn from someone, why not learn from the best?! I'm so happy that she included examples of her stories because I always knew her scenes were powerful in so many ways--and here, she shows us HOW she does it! THANK YOU, JULIE!! Her book illustrates such things as using dialogue to elevate tension, making good use of the five senses, touch and response, dual POV, the importance of beats, etc. The list goes on, and believe me--everything is so valuable you will start using this stuff ASAP!!! Make sure you have a highlighter or pencil handy, because you will be making notes and underlining like crazy. The funnest part, is that she makes it fun! She treats you like a student--in a literal classroom--so there's humor throughout. (You'll just have to read it to know what I'm talking about. :) It's upbeat and loaded with information you can use TODAY to start making the romance in your story AMAZING. I'm sure you will reference this again and again! I know I will!

Sixteen chapters on how authors can fire up their sweet or inspirational romances with some sizzle. Add spark to your writing with the tips about different types of kisses, the importance of the hero's point of view, getting inside his head, making beats in dialogue count, using dialogue to escalate tension, using dual points of view (I don't like to read books with one point of view) so I was glad to discover this author understands how multiple POVs can improve a storyline. Books with multiple

POVs are deeper. This nifty, easy-to-read, and fun-to-read book also explains how to escalate romantic tension with anger, but I'm well aware of this one and used it in my current WIP. Illustrations of how to heighten the effect and romantic tension using the five senses, taste, touch, sight, smell, and hearing are provided. Using words and vivid, emotionally-charged verbs to enhance the mood and emotionally charge the tension, using surprise, exposing desire in an unwilling character, immediate confrontation, and so many other tips and illustrations are provided that make it a worthwhile book for any writer to add to his/her writing library. It is well-written and as a retired teacher/author, I enjoyed the classroom references. A handy quick read that can't help but improve your writing by lending tips and ideas to spice up your rough drafts. When you layer your WIP, have this reference handy. It's a five-star all the way. I'm going to keep it handy while I pen my latest romance WIP. If you're an author, you don't want to miss this one, especially if you're a romance author. Now, heads up, no sleeping in class, eyes on the Powerpoint, and get ready to improve those rough drafts. Remember they're not your final copies. Author BJ Robinson

Julie is my absolute favorite author, so when she said she had written a book on how to write romantic tension in your writing, I had to have it. In her fun and passionate style, Julie, has written a book sure to get your attention. She writes this book as though she's teaching a class, inserting different segments from her books, along with mentioning a few bloggers. I not only found this fun, but very informative. As she states in the prologue, anyone can warm up the pages with blatant bedroom scenes, but it takes a real pro to heighten the romantic-tension with only a look. . .a kiss. . .or even a non-kiss. That is no lie, and Julie does it beautifully! That's why I wait with baited breath for her next book to come out. If you have read any of Julie's books you know that she can bring on romantic-tension with just a look. If you haven't read Julie's books, what are you waiting for??? Get movin'!!!! highly recommend this book! Grab a copy and learn how to write romantic-tension in your own stories, or just to enjoy the spunky Mrs. Lessman's class. Either way you will not be sorry!!!

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