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Why I Love Time Travel Romance, or Why I Send Heroines Back 70 Years

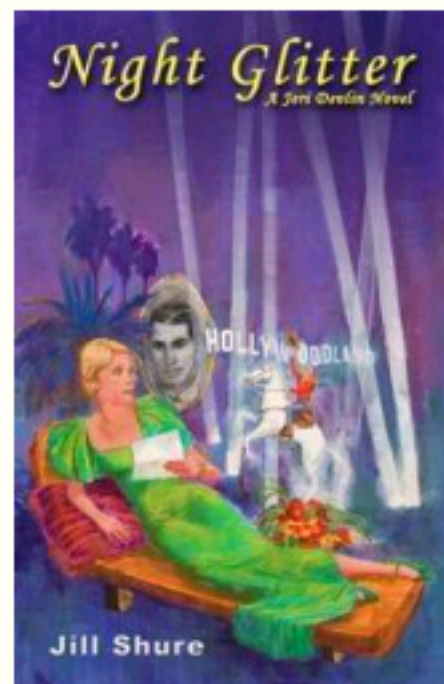
March 05, 2010 By: Guestauthor Category: Guest Blogger, Latest News

I have always loved romance novels. Ever since I read those early bodice rippers like *The Flame and The Flower* and *The Emerald Embrace*, I was hooked. Of course, my first real romance was *Gone With The Wind*, though Scarlet didn't really fit the mold since she came to a lonely end. But I was intoxicated by the handsome brave heroes and voluptuous heroines with their heaving breasts, as well as the historical details and the density of the writing. Being a chronic reader, I devoured those books along with mysteries, family sagas, and spy thrillers.

So when I started writing, romance always played a major role in the piece, whether I was plotting a mystery or a comedic screenplay.

Time-travel fascinated me, too. Sending a heroine back to an unfamiliar age and asking her to see the world through unknowing eyes added to a story's tension. The morals of the new age, clothing styles, expressions, and different inventions could be either daunting or comedic.

My novel *Night Jazz* included all of these elements, when I sent my heroine Jeri Devlin back in time to 1929, to the end of the exciting Roaring Twenties. I chose 1929 because the world faced an alarming upheaval due to the stock market crash. The sequel, *Night Glitter*, placed Jeri a few years later during the worst of the Great Depression. Placing a character in the middle of a war or some other turbulent period can add immense dimension to a novel.



Night Glitter also broke with tried-and-true formulas because Jeri is torn between her passionate feelings for two different men on two different coasts. The book also depicts 1930's Hollywood, both the glamorous side and the underbelly. A time when the young beauties who didn't succeed in movies sometimes ended up doing another kind of acting in tawdry brothels, rather than return to their small town origins.

Yet, I made sure the reader found the book's conclusion satisfying.

Because an upbeat ending to a love story is still a must.

Are there any other time-travel and/or historical romance fans out there? What do you love about romance that takes place in the past - or in the future? What time period would you like to go back to, and why?

Learn more about Jill Shure, *Night Jazz*, and *Night Glitter* at www.jillshure.com. Visit Jill's blog at <http://jillshureis.blogspot.com>. Follow Jill on twitter @jillshure, become a friend of Jill Shure on Facebook, or send Jill an e-mail at jillshureauthor@gmail.com.



CLICK HERE to order your copy of *Night Glitter* today! Also check out Jill's other releases *Night Jazz* and *Night Caps*.

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