

Marie Donovan's Bio

Smart, Sexy, Stirring Romance

Marie Donovan is the award-winning author of **HER BOOK OF PLEASURE**, a sensual romance novel to be published by Harlequin Blaze in January 2007. Her first novel, **HER BODY OF WORK**, came out in English in 2005 and in Dutch in December 2006 under the title **NAAKT ONDER HAAR HANDEN (NAKED UNDER HER HANDS)**.

A Chicago-area native, she got her fill of unhappy endings by majoring in opera/vocal performance and Spanish literature. "I was singing arias from all those famous operatic heroines who die of consumption, throw themselves off bridges, and get bumped off by various bad guys," recalls Donovan.



"Then I would have to study Latin American dictatorships, Aztec human sacrifice, and the Spanish Civil War." As an antidote to all the gloom and doom, she read romance novels whenever she could. "Anything with a happy ending. At that point, I wasn't too picky."

After graduating, she tried her hand at writing a romance and then shelved it for several years before starting over. Her second try was a contemporary sensual romance novel that won three chapter contests from Romance Writers of America and finalled in two more. She caught the attention of several editors and agents and sold **HER BODY OF WORK** to the Harlequin Blaze line in January 2005.

Her third novel for Harlequin Blaze will come out in late 2007. After that, she looks forward to writing more smart, sexy, stirring romances for Harlequin.