**AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS**

**Please answer the first two questions. Then choose and answer five questions from the second list.**

**Please answer both of these questions.**

1. Tell us about yourself. Can include your writing, academic or professional background, or even something personal.
2. Tell us about your book. This can be a new release or something from your backlist. But please make sure it includes queer characters of color.

**Please choose and answer five questions from this list.**

1. What inspired you to write this story?
2. How did your characters come into being? Were you inspired by your own life experiences, by travels, someone in your neighborhood, etc.?
3. What makes your story and/or characters unique and interesting?
4. What themes and/or tropes are in your story? Have you written these themes/tropes before?
5. What is your most cherished writing accomplishment/accolade/memory?
6. What are you planning to write next?
7. What is your dream story, the story of your heart, that you hope to write someday?
8. What type of research do you do for your work?
9. What are some of your favorite resources for writing and/or publishing?
10. Who is your favorite character you’ve ever written?
11. Which authors and genres do you enjoy reading?
12. Do you read while writing? Why or why not?
13. What advice do you have for aspiring writers?
14. What was your first writing experience like?
15. What’s the most embarrassing/strangest thing you’ve ever done or researched for your writing?
16. What’s your writing schedule like?
17. Where do you write? Describe your writing space. \*You can email us a picture if you’d like.
18. Is there anything that you won’t ever write?
19. What’s on your To Be Read List?
20. Are you a plotter or a pantser?
21. Describe your writing process.
22. Do you have any writing rituals? Favorite sweater or snacks you have to have?

**\*Please end the interview with author name and links to your author website, social media, Goodreads link for your book and book buy links.**

**Thank you!**

**QIC Team**