

The Call interview – by Kelley St. John

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Q - Where were you when you received the call?

A - I was home in bed - I'd been up till 3am writing the night before. Since it was a holiday in the US, my husband was home. The phone rang, he grumbled then looked at the caller ID and yelled "Hey, it's Harlequin." I woke in record time.

Q - Do you remember the date, time, etc.?

A - Oh yeah, definitely! Memorial Day, May 29 2006 at 8:53am.

Q - Who did you tell first?

A - My husband and children (that was easy since they were dancing around me while I was on the phone). I called my CP's but since it was a holiday, a few of them weren't home. I left a lot of messages <g> then I emailed The Writers Playground right before I called the rest of my family.

Q - What did you do to celebrate?

A - I went out to dinner with the whole family for a big celebration, then just my husband and I went out for a more romantic dinner with champagne. My biggest celebration is to attend the RWA National Conference- I hadn't intended to go until I got this call. Now there's no way NOT to - pink ribbon, here I come!

Q - How long after the call did your book hit the shelves? Or, if it isn't available yet, when will it hit the shelves?

A - My book, DOUBLE DARE, will be out as a Harlequin Blaze in May of 2007. It'll be 11 months from The Call to release.

Q - How did your book make it to the right editor's hands? Via a contest? An agent? A query?

A - This story is a 2006 Golden Heart finalists, as well as being the unpublished winner of the Harlequin Blaze contest. It was requested from the Blaze contest, but I've also been actively submitting to the editor, Brenda Chin, for a

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while now. I really believe it was her feedback on the partial that helped me turn the story into something she could buy.

Q - What was the original book title? If it changed, what did it become?

A - It was originally called UNDERCOVER SEDUCTION, and has been retitled DOUBLE DARE. I love the new title!

Q - Did you have a website prior to getting the call? Do you feel it helped with your sale? And, if you have a website, what is the url?

A - My website url is [www.TawnyWeber.com](http://www.TawnyWeber.com) and I've had it for a few years. I don't think it factored into my sale, but it did help keep me from freaking out once I did sell, since now I feel like I have a major promotional tool already in place.

Q - And finally, is your book available for readers now? If so, where can they buy a copy?

A - My book, DOUBLE DARE, will be out in May of 2007 everywhere Harlequin Blaze's are sold (man that feels incredible to type)