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Joanne Kerzmann-Troppello began her love affair with writing as a senior in high school when she began work on her first novel, *Shadowed Remembrances*, which after many years of editing and rewrites was published by Publish America in May 2004 (ISBN: 141371904x). Joanne works as a freelance writer and marketing consultant and continues to write mystery and romance novels.

Joanne's second book, *Mr. Shipley's Governess*, is an inspirational romance novel which was published on November 9th 2010, by Wild Horse Press (ISBN: 9781456350895). To watch the book trailer, visit Joanne's website. She is currently writing a romantic suspense novel with the title of, *Bella Lucia* and after the editing and rewriting process, will be working towards publication of this novel.

Joanne enjoys writing and reading and spending time with her family. She and her husband John are happily married and live in Pennsylvania. She is looking forward to many more years of writing romance novels.

Ms. Troppello welcomes interviews. Please feel free to contact her for more information.

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Reviews for Shadowed Remembrances:

By Nancy Jackson - Publication: *Reviewer's Bookwatch*, Date: Saturday, January 1, 2005; Shadowed Remembrances, by, Joanne Kerzmann-Troppello **Publish America**

Shadowed Remembrances guides the reader effortlessly through suspense and human emotion, making for an exciting and satisfying read. Joanne M. Kerzmann shares with us a unique writing style with vivid imagery and impressive character development. Detective Torianna Silverman spends her days analyzing fingerprints for crime scenes. After having suffered from her own childhood trauma and losing her parents, she finds comfort in that line of work. During a visit to her old hometown in Pennsylvania, she faces old ghosts and renews a romance with Nick Keyes – the County Coroner – and someone she once had strong feelings for.

At the same time, a murder investigation is being examined more closely, thanks to an observant housekeeper who refuses to believe her employer's wife, Sherry Wilkins, committed suicide. She hands over some sort of a computer disc to the authorities that may hold the key to the woman's untimely death, while putting her own life at risk. With both Nick and Torianna working on the case, they become a stronger unit and many overlooked pieces of the puzzle start to come together. What is on the disc that could have been so devastating that a woman had to die over it?

The author works the scene changes well with enough tension to keep you turning the pages, and wanting to find out the truth behind all the secrets of the murder. She also blends the character's need for spiritual balance, guidance, and peace beautifully into the story, in a very subtle and refreshing way. **There is no preachy undertone, instead it allows the character to strengthen and deal with her haunting past. Shadowed Remembrances is filled with action, romance, and mystery.** From the first chapter it grabbed my attention and didn't let up. It goes by quickly yet stays with you long after you've finished. Joanne Kerzmann is an author to keep your eye on.

Review by Sharon Silvas, Editor of Spinsters Ink, Inc.

"The book is amazing and fresh...Our readers found it to be compelling. The author's writing style and ability to conjure visuals are excellent and the author is very good at developing the tension to make the story move fast."

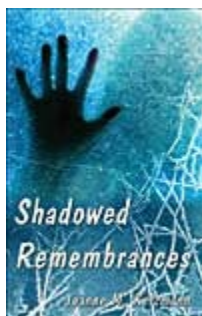
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Visit www.signedbytheauthor.com, enter item *Remembrances* and order an autographed



#1272 to find info on *Shadowed* copy for only \$12.00!

Reviews for Mr. Shipley's Governess:

Reviewed by Lauren Plude from Sourcebooks, Inc.

"You have an engaging voice and an interesting concept here in your lovely novel."

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Reviewed by Leanne Morgena, Senior Editor from Wild Rose Press

"I'm intrigued by the old-fashioned feel to the story set up and their current struggles. I am a huge Jane Austen fan."

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Reviewed by Dawn R. Carrington, Editor-in-Chief from Vintage Romance Publishing

"Your story has an interesting premise."

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Reviewed by E. Keith "JB" Howick, Jr., President of Silverton House Publishing

"It is evident that you have invested a great deal of time and effort developing your story."

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Mr. Shipley's Governess by Joanne Troppello

Reviewed by: Lindsey Yonce

<http://radiantlit.com/2011/01/review-mr-shipleys-governess>

Genre: A Fiction, Romance

Publisher: Wild Horse Press

Publication Date: 2010

Sophie Baird is looking for a change of pace after her parents sudden tragic death left her devastated. She decided to try answering an ad in the paper for a tutor to a child that was sickly and unable to attend school. Little did she know that the change of pace she sought was going to be the ultimate life change.

Sebastian Shipley was engrossed in work and worry for his young daughter Anastasia. After posting an ad for a tutor for his eager-to-learn little girl, Sebastian prayed that the Lord would bring the right person into their lives. After meeting Sophie, Sebastian was convinced he had found the right woman to teach his beloved daughter. Soon after Sophie's arrival however, it becomes clear that Sophie will be much more than a teacher, but a member of their family.

This is a story of renewal, rebirth, and rediscovery of life, love, and spirituality. As Sophie enters the new world of her employers, she is swept up in a fairy tale adventure, rediscovering life and meaning. Sebastian is transported into a new frame of mind as he and Sophie discover the excitement of learning to love again. As little Anastasia gets better and readies to attend school, the question is on everyone's mind as to what will happen to their new kind of family, and the lessons they have learned.

I read different types of books depending on the mood I'm in. Mysteries if I'm feeling confident, biographies if I'm feeling educational, romance if I'm feeling tired and in need of comfort. This is the ultimate comfort book. It is a straight forward romance with some twists and turns along the way to keep you turning pages. This is the kind of book that you curl up with after a long day of work and watching news that will be positive, uplifting, and soothing to the soul. Not only does this book offer a wonderful romance but reflection into spiritual life as well. I highly recommend this book after a hard day to go along with a hot cup of coffee.

Rated G- No inappropriate conduct here, slight racy innuendos but nothing offensive

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Reviewed by Clare Revell, Happily Ever After Reviews

Link: <http://networkedblogs.com/cRR9D>

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Clare's Review

Sophie needs a new job, to take her mind off her parents death. Sebastian needs a tutor for his daughter Anastasia. She insists its a governess, Sebastian tries to convince her this is real life and not a Jane Austin novel, but the title governess seems to stick. The position is a live-in one and Sophie soon settles in, teaching her charge all that she can. Brought together by Anastasia's frequent bouts of ill health, things come to a head when Sebastian flies to England on a business trip.

This novel by Joanne Troppello, will have you enthralled throughout with its delightful characters and combination of humour and heart stopping moments. If you love Jane Austin, then you'll love this.

5 Tea Cups!

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Book Review for: Mr. Shipley's Governess by Joanne Troppello...

Reviewed by Celita Perillo

Link: <http://daysease.blogspot.com/2011/01/book-review-for-mr-shipleys-governess.html>

Sophie Baird is an elementary school teacher faced with the challenge of moving on through life while dealing with the fresh wounds of tragedy. Deciding that she needs a change, Sophie takes a position as tutor for the Shipley family: comprised of the young widower, Sebastian Shipley, and his sickly nine-year-old daughter, Anastasia.

This story recounts Sophie's journey back to hope, faith, and healing; as she finds that she is able, once again, to trust and to love. As the story progresses, it seems that the heart changes are occurring in others of the Shipley household as well. These changes reveal a budding love between Sophie and Mr. Shipley, and complete devotion between Sophie and Anastasia.

The first thing I noticed about the "feel" of this book is that I became very emotionally involved with the characters. They are real-to-life. It was interesting to see that I had difficulty remembering that the story is contemporary. For some reason my mind related to the story as an historical novel, and I was startled several times in the midst of reading by a phrase or exclamation that encouraged me to return, and reassured me of it being, present day. It was an intriguing sort of occurrence.

I was blessed by two incidences of miraculous intervention: once with Sophie, who was battling with doubt, fear and mistrust of God. She received confirmation of God's passionate love for her from a very surprising and unlikely source. I related to this and was overwhelmed to tears of gratitude and amazement. (God is so good.) The other had to do with Anastasia, her faith in a good God, and God's ability to speak to the heart of a child.

Other elements that I enjoyed were the references to Jane Austen, C. S. Lewis, and the sites around Belfast, Ireland. The details still ring longing in my heart to see what she saw in her travels.

This book can certainly be labeled a "Christian Romance Novel". It is easy to read and flows nicely. It is not weighty or overly long-drawn-out. I believe it is perfect for busy moms or overly stressed people who long to read something sweet and something that includes many encouraging reminders, but who do not want to add any more stress to the day. I enjoyed it, and I am actually considering reading it again even though I have just completed the first run-through.

I would recommend this book to other moms or women who miss reading more often, but haven't a lot of time, or who have become accustomed to light reading based on too much distraction in life and/or a busy and intense lifestyle. It is light reading but thoroughly enjoyable.

As it is an e-book, it was a bit more challenging for me to get to through while maintaining the needs of my home and family. That may not be problem for all, though. I would have preferred having a paperback in hand, but the story was enjoyable enough to help me forgive that point and make time in the evenings to complete it.

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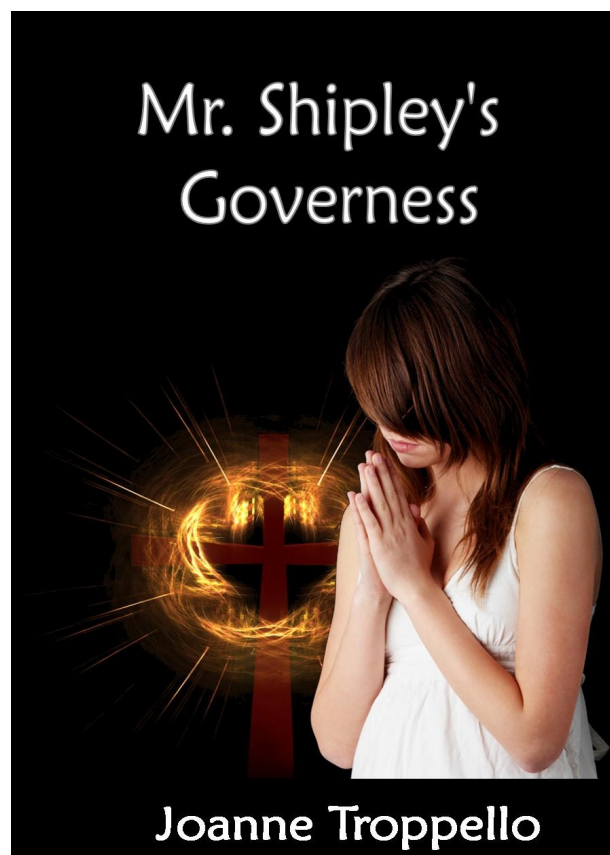
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Mr. Shipley's Governess (ISBN: 9781456350895— Wild Horse Press, Nov., 9th 2010)

Purchase Link: <http://www.allromanceebooks.com/product-mrshipleysgoverness-481158-149.html>

Will Sophie find peace from her past at the Shipley mansion? For Jane Austen enthusiasts, this is the story you just have to read.

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Author Interview with Joanne Kerzmann-Troppello

Please list a short biography and be sure to include your website or blog.

I am a freelance writer / marketing consultant, located in Pennsylvania. I have two books published. My first is entitled *Shadowed Remembrances*; it's a mystery novel. My second is *Mr. Shipley's Governess*, published by Wild Horse Press; it's an inspirational romance novel. I am contracted to work for several different companies, to write non-fiction, how-to articles each week. I currently work out of my home office for a local medical organization, which is also located in Pottstown.

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Please list a short description of your latest book(s) and include the link where readers can purchase it.

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1. Why did you become a writer...was it a dream of yours since you were younger or did the desire to write happen later in your life?

Ever since I can remember, I have always wanted to be a writer. I started writing in my senior year in high school and kept working on my first novel and editing time and again until I finally felt ready to submit the manuscript for publication. I was working fulltime in various office environments doing public relations and in other management positions until 2008 when I launched out in my home-based freelance writing / marketing business. Now I have more time to write, which I am overjoyed about, and I completed my second novel and am almost done writing my third.

2. What was the inspiration for your latest work of fiction?

The inspiration for my writing is first and foremost, my faith in God, and my desire to write compelling stories about the journeys of faith that my characters are moving along.

3. Do you tend to base your characters on real people or are they totally from your imagination?

I am observant, a people watcher, and I take my inspiration from the people and places that I see and visit and live in every day. My experiences do play a part in character and plot creations, but I do get other ideas from my imagination.

4. What was the most interesting research you had to do for any of your books?

For **Shadowed Remembrances**, I really enjoyed doing research on crime scene investigation and especially researching fingerprint identification. For **Mr. Shipley's Governess**, I had fun doing research on the geographical locations of England, France and Italy that my characters visited in the latter part of the book. I truly believe that research is an important part of any writer's journey to creating a complete manuscript. If you do not have the correct facts woven throughout your story, you will lose credibility with your readers and in turn you will lose your readers as fans.

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5. How do you go from an idea for a book to the birth of the story? Is the process the same for every book you write?

I usually follow similar procedures in going from an idea to a book. I have so many ideas for new books, so I keep a list of all those ideas and add to it when I think I have a book-worthy idea. I try to work on the title first. It's always a working title because my first idea is not usually the end result for the title. Once I get that working title, I work on the chapter outline and try to be as detailed as possible, with the realization in the back of my mind, that as the story progresses, the chapter outline will most likely need to be changed to allow my characters the chance to tell their own stories. I never edit any of the chapters while I am writing because my first draft is obviously not the best I can produce. If I start to edit after I write each chapter, I know myself; I'll get discouraged and won't want to finish the book. After the book is complete, I actually enjoy the editing process since I truly want to make my book the best possible product that I can produce.

6. Do you have any advice for beginning writers on how to write a book? Do you have any advice for them regarding promoting that book once published?

For new writers, my most important advice is to keep writing. If you want to be a writer, you need to write. Wishing you were a writer on the best seller list is not going to get you there. You need to combine those hopes and dreams with a strong work ethic and hard work...then anything is possible. Once your book is signed with a publisher, you need to get a website set up. There are many good free websites out there, like www.weebly.com you can utilize until you begin to get a good investment on your book and then you might want to switch to a fee-based website like www.godaddy.com. After you establish your website, you should set up accounts on Facebook (a fan page is suggested, not just your own personal page), Twitter and LinkedIn and any other social media networking sites; however those three are the most currently utilized sites. Really try to create a strong online presence for your name, not just for your book titles. Try to network with other local authors to schedule book signings and readings. Always be active in self-promotion of your work. You are your most avid fan and you need to utilize that factor. No one cares about your success more than you; use that fervor to your advantage and never stop marketing yourself.