

Tricia Ballard

Real Worlds, Real People, Real Magic



The Official Biography

Tricia Ballard started making up stories as soon as she was old enough to talk, and began writing them down soon after.

When she could not find a story to fit her mood, she wrote one. And in one way or another, she's been writing ever since.

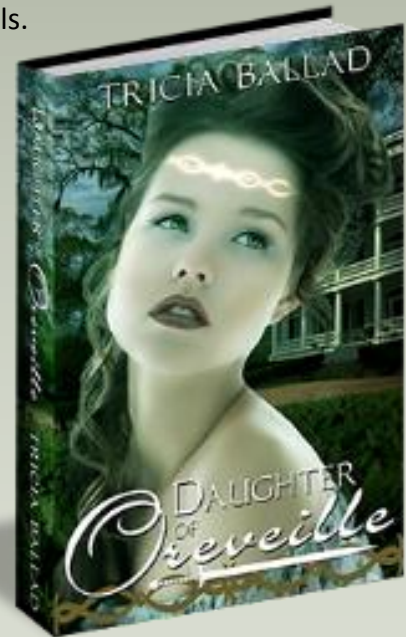
After spending most of her childhood cavorting with words when she should have been learning algebra, she came up for air in college, did her fair share of stupid things, met the love of her life, and managed to graduate with a degree in creative writing.

Tricia spent the next decade in a haze of sleep deprivation and diapers. When she finally remembered how to sleep again, she returned to writing stories. Her debut novel, *Daughter of Orevelle*, was released in August 2013.

Tricia lives in Illinois with her husband, four children, and assorted other creatures. She is fairly certain there is a family of coffee-stealing gnomes hiding in the walls.

7 Fun Facts About Tricia

1. Co-authored three programming books, including one college textbook and one "For Dummies" book.
2. Homeschooled 4 children for 4 years
3. Creates her own Renaissance Faire Costumes
4. Is a Disney Travel blogger
5. Once ran a travel agency
6. Once lived in a beautifully restored Victorian mansion
7. Roasts her own coffee, so she can get it exactly the way she likes it.



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