



Sample Q&A

What was the inspiration behind your novel and why Craigslist?

The idea came to me 10 years ago. It was 2 a.m. and I couldn't sleep, so I decided to swing over to Craigslist. For kicks, I wrote this insanely fake Missed Connections post. It was a ship-crossing story between a wheelchair bound gal wearing golden ballet slippers and guy in a zebra mesh tank top riding the F train together. I went to bed thinking no one would believe such an over-the-top story. Low and behold I woke up with my inbox flooded with scores of love letters from people claiming to have seen my fictitious character, Kelly Brix, on the subway. When I met my future husband through a Craigslist gig a year later, I knew I had a book worth writing.

Why did you use NYC and the year 2000 as the story's jumping point?

I'm a New York City native, so it was natural to set it there. I choose the year 2000 because the Internet was still a baby. The dreaded Y2K never happened. Craigslist had just come to town and the site really revolutionized how folks met and conducted business. This mass migration online is something that fascinates me, and what a better way to explore this subject than through the life of Kelly Brix?

***Craig's List Chronicles:byte-size tales* is based off some of your real life experiences. Why write it as fiction?**

Writing is personal and I didn't want to be so close to the subject matter. I wanted the freedom to throw Kelly in all sorts of situations to see what would happen. The idea wasn't to write a memoir; I wanted to tell fun stories. While some tales are plucked from real life, others are completely cooked up. As for which stories are real or fake—well, that's a mystery the reader will have to figure out!

Why did you choose to use emails and classified ads as part of your story-telling?

Since the book idea started with a fake ad, I wanted to continue with this theme. Using Craigslist ads at the beginning of each chapter sets tone for what is to come in each story. Nowadays everything is digital, and since the bulk of Kelly's adventures are online, emails were a necessity.

Do you plan on writing a sequel?

Every person I talk to about *Craig's List Chronicles:byte-size tales* has an experience to share. I'm encouraging people to hit up my website and share their crazy Craigslist stories. Who knows, some of them might make into the 2nd book! It's still up for grabs if the next batch of byte-size tales will be in NYC or in another city. Craigslist is used all over the world; the adventures are limitless!