

Meet Shannon McKelden



Shannon McKelden has been writing romance/women's fiction for many years. She completed five novels before finally making a sale. Her first published novel, **VENUS ENVY** (Tor), was a Book Sense Notable for January 2007. She was also included in the cover story of the October 23, 2006, issue of **Publishers Weekly**, "[Looking for a New Love: 10 romance authors make their debuts](#)".

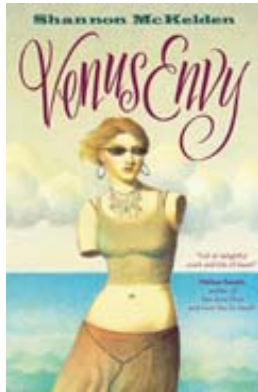
An active member of the Romance Writers of America, McKelden has served on the board of two local RWA chapters. She has published short stories in confessions magazines and, when not pursuing her passion for fiction, Shannon is a contributing writer for an online parenting magazine and writes a romance/love advice column, "What Would Venus Do?" for *Affaire de Coeur* magazine, taking on the persona of the title character in her novel **VENUS ENVY**.

In her "other life," Shannon is mother to two great kids and wife to her high school sweetheart. They live in the Pacific Northwest with a menagerie of pets.

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Books by Shannon McKelden



Venus Envy

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Praise VENUS ENVY...

Publishers Weekly -- "The story puts a fresh spin on the classic fairy godmother story." And "McKelden's sharp sense of humor pulls plenty of weight."

Romantic Times -- 3 stars (out of 4.5) -- "Debut author McKelden is undeniably talented, milking a fun plot for all it's worth."

Fresh Fiction: "Quirky and clever take on the Cinderella story."

Romance Junkies: "VENUS ENVY is a great twist on the fairy godmother storyline. It was laugh-out-loud funny, and reading about the budding friendship between Venus and Rachel is as enjoyable as the romantic storyline. A fantastic debut novel by Shannon McKelden, I look forward to more of her work."

Booklist: "Witty, funny, and truly original, McKelden's romance is a standout."

"Fans of chick lit with a lighthearted paranormal element (think MaryJanice Davidson) will find much to enjoy in this debut. Recommended." --Nanette Donohue, Champaign P.L., IL - Library Journal Magazine

"Loved it from the first line. One of the most fun debuts I've read, full of delightful snark and lots of heart!" --Melissa Senate, author of *See Jane Date* and *Love You To Death*

"Great Zeus! [*Venus Envy*] is Mount Olympus-sized fun!"—Lauren Baratz-Logsted, author of *How Nancy Drew Saved My Life*, *Vertigo*, and *Angel's Choice*

"Delicious fun! A sparkling, laugh out loud treat." --Gena Showalter, author of *Jewels of Atlantis*

"Eat your heart out, Cinderella. McKelden will dazzle readers with her brilliant twists on the beloved fairy tale. *Venus Envy* is fun, snarky and divine!"--Susanna Carr, author of *Lip Lock* and *Ex, Why and Me*.

"Take some Greek mythology, add a dash of fairy tale and a big dollop of *Cosmo*, and you get the cocktail that is *Venus Envy* -- a cute story for anyone who's ever gotten in her own way when it comes to love."--Cathy Yardley, author of *Couch World*

"Witty, charming, and surprisingly touching. Don't miss this delightful novel!" --Beverly Brandt, bestselling author of *Match Game*

"Sexy, clever and fun, *Venus Envy* is absolutely delightful from beginning to end. Author Shannon McKelden has talent to spare." --Jane Porter, author of *The Frog Prince*