

Kate Dolan/K.D. Hays

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Kate Dolan writes award-winning historical fiction and romance under her own name and contemporary mysteries and children's books under the name K.D. Hays. A professional writer since 1992, Kate has written everything from legal analysis to a weekly newspaper column on religion.

Historical Novels Review praises her "humor and unusual characters that crackle off the page," *Midwest Book Review* finds her tales "riveting," and historians admire her research and reconstruction of places and manners of bygone eras. Drawing on local color for inspiration, she sets many of her stories in her home state of Maryland.

Her most recent historical novel, *The Appearance of Impropriety*, won The 2010 Written Art Award for humorous fiction. For her newest release, she worked in partnership with her twelve-year-old daughter to create *Toto's Tale* — the "real" story of the Wizard of Oz from Toto's point of view.

Although Kate earned a law degree and passed the bar (as her husband says, "the only bar she ever passed without entering,") she has actually spent more time working with preschool children than with lawyers. Of the two groups, she prefers children because "if they have something bad to say, they'll say it to your face."

She loves to explore the past by visiting historic sites and engaging in living history demonstrations and experiments. She also tries to spend as much time as possible riding roller coasters and waterslides with her kids, which can be just as educational. For example, last summer they learned exactly what *not* to put in your pocket when you riding El Toro at Six Flags.

When not writing and riding coasters, Kate enjoys singing, dancing, coaching jump rope, and taking long walks with her two dogs. She shares her office with Downy, a mini-rex rabbit who likes to gnaw on reference books.

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Publications:

Children's Fiction:

Toto's Tale - The Wizard of Oz from Toto's point of view (Zumaya Thresholds, 2010)

Historical Fiction:

Langley's Choice, set in 1713 Maryland (Zumaya Publications, 2003)

Restitution, set in 1774 Maryland (Cloonfad Press, 2006, winner of the MD Romance Writers Award)

Avery's Treasure, set in 1718 South Carolina and Bahamas (Zumaya Publications, 2007)

Romantic Comedy:

A Certain Want of Reason, set in 1816 London (finalist in Golden Quill and NJRW Golden Leaf competitions) (Cerridwen Press, 2007)

The Appearance of Impropriety, set in 1816 London (winner of 2010 Written Art Award) (Cerridwen Press 2009)

"Bride of Belznickel," in *Cotillion Christmas Spirits* (Cerridwen Press, 2009)

Inspirational Mystery (as K.D. Hays):

George Washington Stepped Here, set in present-day Maryland (Barbour Books 2008)

Worth It's Weight in Old, Barbour Books, set in present-day Maryland (Barbour Books 2009)

Nonfiction:

Everyday Life in Colonial Maryland (St. Timothy's Publishing, 2006)

"Seeds" in *Words to Write By* (Mountain View Publishing, 2008)

contributed to: *Family Heart Moments* (National Center for Biblical Parenting, 2008)

"Planetary Romance" by Catherine Asaro and Kate Dolan in *Subgenres of Science Fiction*, edited by Keith Brooke, coming 2011 from Palgrave Macmillan.

Online Interviews:

Seattle Post Intelligencer (http://www.seattlepi.com/books/429759_147961-blogcritics.org.html)

As the Pages Turn (<http://asthepagesturn.wordpress.com/2010/11/18/interview-with-motherdaughter-k-d-hays-meg-weidman-author-of-totos-tale/>)

Review from Here (<http://reviewfromhere.com/2010/11/24/interview-with-k-d-hays-and-meg-weidman-authors-of-totos-tale/>)

Risky Regencies (http://riskyregencies.blogspot.com/2007/02/interview-with-kate-dolan_11.html)

Larissa's Lair (<http://larissalyons.com/blog/2010/01/01/ring-in-the-new-year-with-regency-author-kate-dolan/>)

Writing News (<http://www.jenyfermatthews.com/2008/07/04/friday-feature-kate-dolan/>)

A Pen and Fire (<http://apenandfire.com/?p=504>)