

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Maine writer perseveres, polishes, and finally publishes her novel of ancient Rome**

They say Rome wasn't built in a day. Nor was "Roma Amor," an intensively researched new novel whose setting is the reign of the infamous Caligula.

Author Sherry Christie was a college student when she began the story about a son struggling to escape his father's shadow. Awarded a Phi Beta Kappa Prize for the early draft, she continued to develop the manuscript while working as an advertising agency executive, living on a boat with a Maine sailor who became her husband, and authoring four books on money psychology with a nationally known psychotherapist.

Since 1991 she has run a freelance copywriting business in Jonesport, Maine, with clients as diverse as the Independent Community Bankers of America and the Maine Credit Union League.

The manuscript revisions ("many, many revisions," Christie says) were aided by her library of 100-plus books on Roman civilization, and travel that helped the author put herself in her characters' sandals. Finally ready for prime time, "Roma Amor" was published as a trade paperback in April 2016.

The novel takes place in 37 AD. Headstrong young Marcus Carinna, the main character, longs to prove his courage by leading legions against Rome's enemies. Instead, his ambitious father orders him to serve the man who was his brother's closest friend. But Marcus can't forget how his brother died, accused of treason, or that the friend who didn't try to save him was Caligula Caesar, now master of Rome.

"Roma Amor," published by Bexley House Books, is available through major booksellers for \$22.99. An ebook version will be released later in 2016.

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