

# BRONWYN HOULDSWORTH

FANTASY AUTHOR | ROMANCE AUTHOR



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Bronwyn's early years were spent in the Hawkesbury district, north-west of Sydney, surrounded by history. In more recent years she's worked on documenting historic buildings and in a museum. A degree in Sociology and Politics gave her an understanding of the human condition, as did varied life experiences—clerical and administrative work, several years in the Australian Navy, a partnership in a press photography business, and as a farmer—rearing beef cattle, growing bush tucker, and breeding and successfully racing thoroughbred horses.

Her short stories, articles and book reviews have been nationally published.

All the above, combined with uncovering secrets long hidden in a branch of her family tree, have culminated in the writing and release of the book of her heart and her new YA fantasy magical adventure.

*The Heart Has Its Reasons* is a historic romance, based on a family scandal that rocked 1790s England. It involved tracking down, in a San Francisco law bookshop, an account of a salacious court trial. Bronwyn has unearthed copies of portraits of some of the event's real-life characters painted by a famous artist. She encountered a self-portrait of that artist in a Chicago gallery that was so character-revealing that a fictional counterpart just begged to be included in the story. She's wandered the streets of Bloomsbury looking at townhouses her relatives inhabited, imagining their lives in late 18th century London.

The results of her exhaustive research are books bursting with interesting characters, passion, tragedy, romance, and adventure.

## AUTHOR BIO

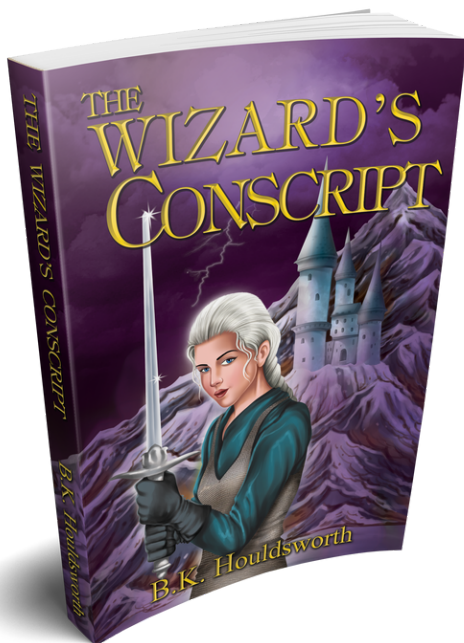




# THE WIZARD'S CONSCRIPT

The new YA fantasy story with magic, adventure, and a young princess racing against time to save a King and both of their kingdoms from an evil wizard bent on destroying them.

## BOOK BIO



Author: BK Houldsworth

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In a looming war against a powerful and vengeful wizard, two kingdoms gamble on Princess Caeri's fledgling magic abilities to protect them.

When the malevolent wizard kidnaps King Arturo, Caeri's adventures escalate to the extraordinary.

Assisted by a band of eccentric warriors, she must race against time through all the corners of the world to save Arturo from certain death.

Will her magic be strong enough to battle such horrifying evil?

Caeri felt weighed down with responsibility.  
What should she—what could she—do?



# THE WIZARD'S CONSCRIPT

## BOOK EXCERPT

A snippet of *The Wizard's Conscript*, from Chapter 12

'Caeri!'

The desolate cry—was it Arturo?—seemed to come from a million miles away—a keening, desperate cry that clutched at her heart and filled her with terror.

Caeri could not see. Everything was pitch-dark, the air thick with the stench of sulphur, and a wild wind tore at her clothes. She gripped the horse's reins and the pommel of her saddle and held on for her life.

Her horse lunged and twisted in terror, bumped against another heaving, bucking animal that had to be Arturo's steed, then suddenly reared, flinging her to the ground with a resounding thud, before galloping away.

A fusillade of dust and grit buffeted her face and body before she sank into oblivion.

# TESTIMONIALS

## THE WIZARD'S CONSCRIPT

This is a fantastic adventure story! It's aimed for teens, but as an adult, I enjoyed it too! With a world map, list of characters and world building glossary, lovers of wizards and fantasy will find this novel a real treat.

Carol Convine

Published author of fan fiction and writer of contemporary and historical fiction

What a great read! While *The Wizard's Conscript* was written for 10+ year olds, it was thoroughly enjoyed by this 60 year old. Filled with great characters, loads of excitement and drama, this book delivers a rollicking good adventure from beginning to end.

Lorena Chiappara

Avid reader

*The Wizard's Conscript* has it all, including magic, mayhem and memorably good and evil characters. Middle Grade readers are in for a spell-binding adventure with captivating hold-your-breath moments!

Vanda Vadas

Bestselling author of historical fiction

The protagonist [is] independent, strong, compassionate, and vulnerable. Teen readers will really identify with her. The story is so engaging. I couldn't put it down. Fantasy usually isn't my genre, but this story had me hooked from the beginning. It is indeed a magical read.

Barbara Giles

Author and Former Middle School Teacher



# THE HEART HAS ITS REASONS

Immerse yourself in a world where women are considered chattels, where propriety is all-important—despite society's barely concealed vices—and divorce available to only the few.

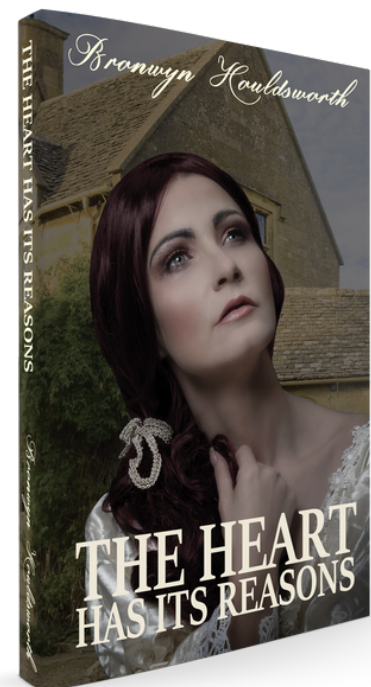
## BOOK BIO

The heart has its reasons which the mind knows nothing of.

Blaise Pascal's words, written in the 17th century, still resonate. The very nature of love implies that it's ruled by the heart, and not by the head.

And so it is with Rachel, the heroine of *The Heart Has Its Reasons*. Her love for Nathaniel, even after he deserts her and makes a disastrous marriage with Susanna, is a constant in her life. But then ...

When the hero and heroine independently venture out from the security of 18th century England in search of adventure and salvation, they encounter lust, scandal, heartbreak, love, and, ultimately, self-discovery.



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# THE HEART HAS ITS REASONS

## BOOK EXCERPT

Rachel was startled by a light tap on her shoulder. Why should such a gentle touch have her feeling she was on fire? Nat! Who else could it be?

He edged round, to stand mere inches in front of her, his grey eyes gravely contemplating her face, her hair, her throat... She quivered. Her entire body throbbed its awareness of him.

Neither spoke.

A servant passed by with a silver salver laden with glasses of champagne. Nat reached for two of the coupes and passed one to her. She noticed his hands shook. Regrettably, so did hers. Carefully, she raised her glass to her lips and sipped.

The liquid moistened a throat that had dried when she'd felt his touch. She chanced a remark. "You look well, Nat."

"You do, too." He inspected the sleeves of his dark grey coat and brushed at an imaginary speck.

Such stilted conversation. Talk to me, Nat, the easy way you used to. And look at me, won't you!

But she, too, was tongue-tied. She examined her hand, the one gripping the glass, noticing the small burn at the base of her thumb. Jam-making last week. It had spattered. Just a little. Such a tiny mark—

# TESTIMONIALS

## THE HEART HAS ITS REASONS

Immerse yourself in a bygone world and soak in the stunning atmosphere of this book. *The Heart Has Its Reasons* is a gorgeous story, set in the eighteenth century. Rachel is a heroine with grit. She deserves her poor hero who faces his own challenges. You will laugh and cry, but never regret the journey.

Lisa Barry

MA Creative Writing, and author of published short stories

Beautifully written and with a gentle sensitivity which engages and delights. *The Heart Has Its Reasons* is all about love lost and won again. This debut novel by Bronwyn Houldsworth is filled with wonderful characters you can empathise with—including a colourful cast of secondary characters. With an interesting premise based on a true story, this book really should be on your Christmas reading list this year.

Lorena Chiappara

Licensed Real Estate Agent and author of *How to Sell Your Home for Top Dollar!*

Reminiscent of the works of the Bronte sisters, *The Heart Has Its Reasons* deals with lost love and the changes life brings, taking the reader on an exciting journey with star-crossed lovers. An enduring book to keep close and to revisit.

Winifred Cross

ex journalist and published award-winning short story writer



# TESTIMONIALS CONT.

## THE HEART HAS ITS REASONS

The Heart Has Its Reasons is an enthralling story of love lost, love found, and personal growth. Set in the eighteenth century, it is based on a true story involving the author's ancestors. Rachel has loved Nat since childhood, but he is tricked into marriage with a scheming adventuress. I particularly liked the way Nat appears as a gullible fool, then matures into a hero worthy of Rachel's love.

Josephine Allen

husband and wife team, authors of 2 published novels and indie published x 6,  
plus five published short stories

Skilful writing and exceptional characters. This compelling read is rich with detail and historical atmosphere. Houldsworth understands the human heart. She delivers an exquisite tenderness in the bond between two people whose lives will touch your soul.

Vanda Vadas

bestselling author of historical fiction and award-winning short stories

# INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Want to interview Bronwyn? Here are some great questions to ask her.

1 What is the book about?

2 What was the inspiration for The Wizard's Conscript?

3 Has the story any historical basis?

4 What else have you written?

5 What's your advice for anyone wanting to write fiction?

6 Why are you using the name BK Houldsworth, rather than Bronwyn Houldsworth?

7 Why did you decide to produce this novel via assisted publishing?

8 Would you recommend the process?

9 Where do you write? What methods do you use?

10 Do you plot your stories, or prefer to see where your characters take you?

11 Will you write more Fantasy Adventure stories for children?

12 Where can people buy The Wizard's Conscript?



# THE WIZARD'S CONSCRIPT

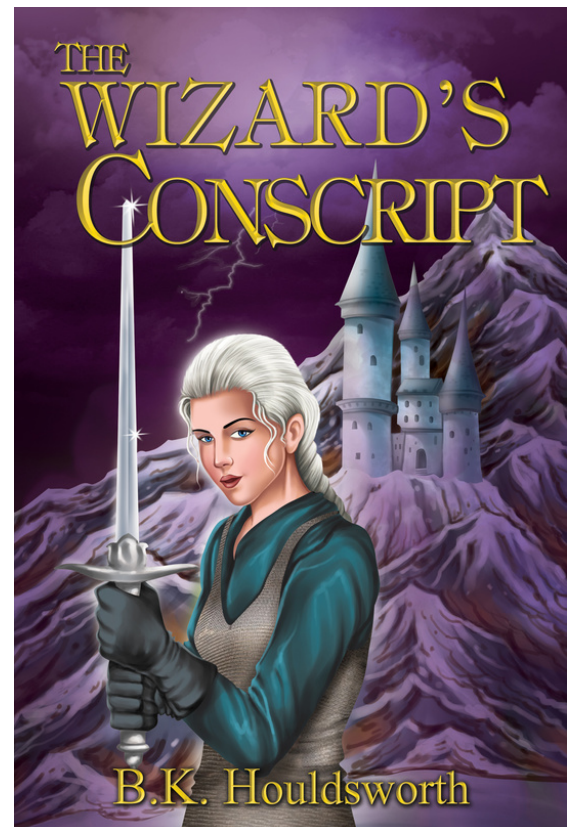
## MEDIA RELEASE

The Wizard's Conscript is a fantasy adventure for Middle Grades (10+ years of age), released by Ocean Reeve publishing in print and ebook form.

The story was the result of a crazy dream and arrived almost fully formed.

Originally written for adults, it's been significantly reworked to ensure it's suitable for the 10+ years age group. At its heart is a young teenager, a princess no less, conscripted to save a medieval world from evil. She finds herself on a steep learning curve to master magic, at the same time as she undertakes a perilous journey to rescue a king in great danger.

Bronwyn Houldsworth, here writing as BK Houldsworth, has worked in many spheres, including secretarial, research, and administration. She also served in the Royal Australian Navy and has run a small farm. She has a diploma in Secretarial Studies and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics and Sociology.







# THE HEART HAS ITS REASONS

## MEDIA RELEASE

The Heart Has Its Reasons is a historical romance, released in print and as an ebook.

Based on actual events, including a scandalous court case, the story came to light when its author unlocked the secrets of a previously impenetrable branch of her family. The story concerning her late 18th century ancestors was too good to pass up, and formed the basis for a story of deceit, lust, scandal, tragedy, adventure, and enduring love.

In a search for details and documents, over several years the author visited a law bookshop in San Francisco, corresponded with an antiquarian on the Isle of Wight, in Chicago gazed at a self-portrait of the famous artist who'd painted portraits of real-life equivalents of some of her book's characters, and explored the streets and squares around Bloomsbury, London, where they'd lived.

It's been a wonderful adventure and a labour of love. The author trusts you enjoy reading about these characters as much as she's enjoyed the journey in bringing them to life.

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