



Why I Love My Gay Boyfriend

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When Veronica graduated with an MBA and dreams of saving the world, she never knew she would end up a corporate slave to the lipstick gods, in love with her playboy boss and in need of a gay best friend to make her feel fabulous. Straight out of school, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, Veronica has her heart set on an honourable job, such as saving starving children. Instead, she accepts a job at Gisele, a global cosmetic empire that seems to mock her every value. Veronica struggles to fit in until she meets Stevie, a gay co-worker, who immediately assumes the role of fashion counsellor and fabulousness

Under Stevie's mentorship, Veronica flourishes as a vixen and marketing peon. But for Veronica to truly succeed at Gisele and seduce her boss, she must bequeath her soul to the makeup gods and sacrifice her friends in a ritual known as corporate brainwash. How far does Veronica go before she realizes she is losing everything she once valued, including herself?

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"Why I Love My Gay Boyfriend has many laugh out loud moments, it's quick paced and I really enjoyed the character dynamics between Veronica and Steve... Zollo is a gifted writer and I look forward to what she writes next. A humorous chic-lit story that I'll be recommending to my friends!" Minding Spot

"Sabrina Zollo captivates with her corporate world of cosmetology and the fashionistas who strive to own the beauty crown. I enjoyed how we followed Veronica fresh from gaining her new MBA with dreams of goodwill and how easily she succumbs to the lure of the shiny, sparkly aesthetic industry." Night Owl Reviews

Discussion Questions

1. Can you relate to Veronica's experience and feelings about her first job? Which experience rings the most true to you?
2. Each "evil" character at Gisele represents a different Seven Deadly Sin. Which character would you match to each "Sin" and why?
3. Veronica starts to exhibit the different Seven Deadly Sins as she gets caught up in the Gisele culture. Which one is your favourite or funniest example?
4. Do you have a gay best friend and if so what do you love most about him?

Sabrina Zollo is a marketer and author who lives in Toronto, Canada. She has been compulsively writing stories since childhood. She graduated with an MBA from York University and has worked in brand management for almost ten years.

Sabrina is a consummate lover of Pinot Grigio, dark chocolate, shoes and spin class.



Interview with Sabrina Zollo

Q: What inspires you to write?

A: I need to feel so strongly about something and so connected to it that it just comes pouring out of me. I read in *WRITING DOWN THE BONES* that you need to let life experiences marinate within you before you realize what impact it had on you. *WHY I LOVE MY GAY BOYFRIEND* was inspired by a life event but it took me more than five years to realize what I wanted to say about it. And then as I wrote, I learned some more.

Q: What's your "day job"?

A: I'm a brand manager at a health company. After marketing beauty, food and health products, it's so weird to be marketing myself!

Q: How do you carve out time to write?

A: I force myself to write every Sunday afternoon no matter what. It's amazing how efficient and productive you become when you restrict yourself to small windows.

Q: What was the first book you ever wrote?

A: *WHY I LOVE MY GAY BOYFRIEND* is my first book! I wrote a lot growing up but *WHY I LOVE MY GAY BOYFRIEND* is the first book I ever finished writing. A pretty good incentive for me to follow through on all my endeavours!

Q: What was the best piece of advice you ever got about writing?

A: The best piece of advice was from my good friend Alysia. I was disappointed after a year of publishers and agents rejecting my book and she made me promise to keep submitting and not stop until I got a hundred rejections. Who knew that setting massive rejection as a goal would end up as the opposite?