

**Sarah Wendell  
Biography:**

By day Sarah Wendell is mild mannered and heavily caffeinated. By evening she dons her cranky costume, consumes yet more caffeine, and becomes Smart Bitch Sarah of *Smart Bitches, Trashy Books*. The site specializes in reviewing romance novels, examining the history and future of the genre, and bemoaning the enormous prevalence of bodacious pectorals adorning male cover models. In April 2009, *Beyond Heaving Bosoms: The Smart Bitches' Guide to Romance Novels* was born, published by Touchstone Fireside and co-authored by Sarah and her partner in nefarious deeds, Candy Tan.

Sarah has spoken at Romance Writers of America's national conference, at the Romantic Times BookLovers' Convention, and at several RWA chapter conferences and meetings. Sarah was invited to speak as part of the closing plenary panel at the first academic conference devoted to the romance genre, *Love as the Practice of Freedom*, at Princeton University in April 2009. She was also invited to speak about the effects of digital publishing advances on the female fiction reader at the Digital Book Conference of the International Digital Publishing Forum in May 2009 and at the O'Reilly Tools of Change in Publishing Conference in February 2009.

Sarah's writing has appeared in Narrative Magazine, Tango Magazine, and in the SmartPop book *Grey's Anatomy 101: Seattle Grace, Unauthorized*. Sarah has appeared on *The Today Show*, the Canadian Broadcasting Company's *Steven and Chris Show*, and on *Too Many Books*. She has been quoted in *People Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Post*, *USA Today*, *New Jersey Monthly*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Los Angeles Times Book Blog*, *Metro:New York*, and *Publishers Weekly*.

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