



Gillian Felix was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad. She grew up watching night time soap operas by Aaron Spelling with her mother. That was where her obsession with rich, powerful and devious characters were born. After repeatedly seeing Mr. Spelling's name on the screen night after night, Gillian knew she wanted to be an Aaron Spelling, before she knew that Aaron Spelling was actually a person.

Gillian went on to write mini novels for her own benefit. Her favorite subject after drama was creative writing. She graduated from the Caribbean and UK version of college, then went on to pursue a "real job", but felt a "calling" to the stage. She joined the Trinidad Theatre Workshop and in her debut role, she played Belle in the Caribbean play *Belle Fanto*. Gillian and the cast toured the country performing. The play, about a young girl trapped between two boys that loved her

became a hit. Talk about drama!

When Gillian moved to the US in 1998, she landed an internship with Spotlight On Theater Group in New York City, where she learned stage managing, casting and the technical aspect of running a production. Later she branched out into film, and fell in love with the behind the scenes action of film and theatre production. She traded acting and her "real job" for a career in film and theater production. Gillian continued writing novels and scripts but kept them to herself.

It was not until she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico that she took writing seriously and began making her work public. The first script she marketed was a romantic feature called *You Sang To Me* which she turned into a novel but was not released. *Family Portrait* came next. She queried it to several literary agents who turned her down. Tired of the rejection slips and no replies, she re-wrote it into a television pilot. That version got several responses and even came in the Top 10 of a script writing competition in the UK. After being optioned and 'passed', Gillian rewrote it yet again and turned it into what it is today.

When not writing, Gillian can be found volunteering at the New Mexico Children's Grief Center or hiking the many mountains that surround New Mexico.

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