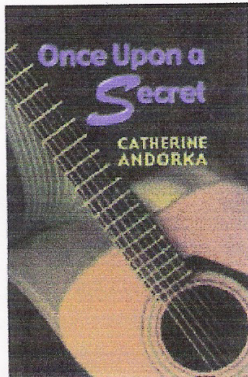




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Notes and writing tips from Catherine Andorka



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Catherine Andorka says "Tenacity is my mantra. I truly believe that if you hang in there long enough, you will succeed at your goal. When an agent or an editor says "no," figure out why. If there is a problem, fix it. If it's simply a matter of your manuscript not fitting the publisher's needs, then move on to someone else. Or wait till the timing is better. In the meantime, work at something new. Always keep writing. And keep your material circulating. Manuscripts can't sell if they're sitting in a drawer.

Someone once told me, "Write what you know." It isn't bad advice, but it is limiting. I say write about that which you want to know. If your research fascinates you, your writing will convey your enthusiasm. And that is how you will hook your readers.

That said, I'm off to plot my next story. But I love hearing from readers. So come visit me at my home on the internet, and drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you."

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