

# From the Desk of Elaine Overton

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## Inspirational Quote

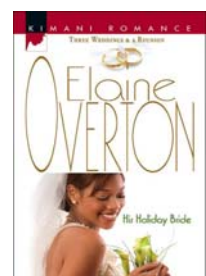
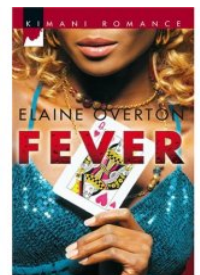
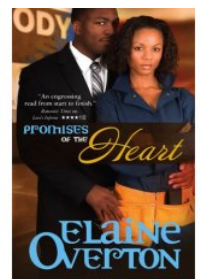
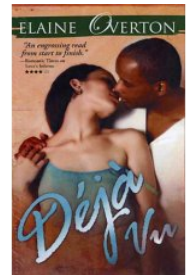
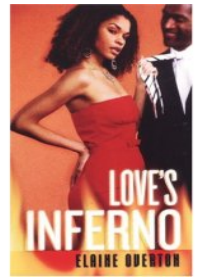
"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."

Jack London

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**2008 Romance Slam Jam**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Chicago, IL**

April 4, 2008



Dear Readers,

<http://www.romanceslamjam.org/conference/>

It's Slam Jam Time - and I'm Chi-Town Bound!!!! Yeah, I know, I know, not until the end of the month, but I can't help getting excited. As I've mentioned before the truly unique thing about the **Romance Slam Jam Convention** is it's exclusive focus on *African-American Romance Novels*. In case you didn't know, that's what I do!!

This is the **ONLY** reader/writer convention that caters to "US". So, forgive me if I get a little gushy about it. I've only been to one, Shreveport-06, and I had a blast, so I'm really looking forward to Chicago. For several reasons, one of which is that I'm not really a person who stands on ceremony, and the thing that made the greatest impression on me in Shreveport-06 was the genuineness of the people I met there. Many of my *SHEros* were in attendance, and everyone was so welcoming and accommodating.

As a newly published author who'd never been to a convention before, I found the down-to-earthiness of everyone greatly comforting. Now it's two years and four books later, but I still get star-struck when meeting my favorites authors, I've just learned to hide it better - lol.

BTW: I wanted to tell those of you who don't know about a book sorting database called **Shelfari**. One of my readers sent me a link a few months ago. Thanks Louise!

It's a great way to organize books you've read, or want to read, or see recommendations from people with similar taste. I'm not really a "online" person, sorta old fashion that way. But, this is one of the few sites I find myself spending a

lot of time on. If you love books, this is a data base you need to check out :

<http://www.shelfari.com/>

Just as a reminder, *Seducing the Matchmaker*, will be available for pre-order on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) next month. As for current projects, I'm still diligently working on book #8, and it's coming along nicely. ☺

Next month I'll have some pics from **RSJ** posted on the site. Other than that, I hope to see some of you in Chicago. Enjoy the Spring showers!! Until next time . . .

Take care,  
Elaine

