

Norway, The New Scotland

by Ray Bell

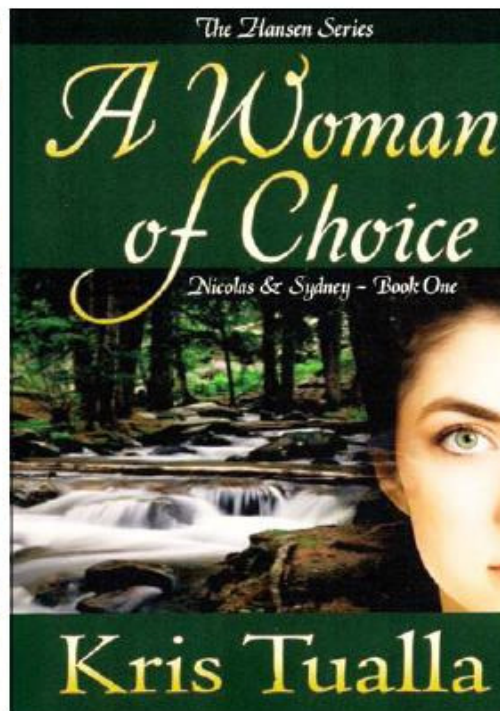
Kristin Tualla, CBI member and author of romance novels, draws upon her Clan Bell heritage for her ongoing success in publishing

When Kris started writing her series of romance novels in 2006, she wanted to go in a different direction from the highly overcrowded and fanciful "kilted warrior" market. But she wasn't willing to ignore her own heritage, so while her heroes are all members of the fictional Hansen family of Arendal, Norway - up to now, the heroines are all Scots. In homage to the Bell clan, she has given them the name - or use of it.

"Norway, the new Scotland," has been the very successful tagline/attention grabber that Kris uses when she communicates with the editors and agents. In her newest book, *"A Woman of Choice,"* releasing on September 8, 2010, a Bell lassie from Kentucky finds herself in Missouri in 1819. She is viciously betrayed and abandoned by her unfaithful husband. She is rescued by a widower uninterested in love. In desperation, she becomes engaged to his best friend. One woman, three very different men. Life is about choices.

A New Scottish Borders Novel

In email conversation with Kris, we jokingly mentioned to her that the Scots-American culture could really use another shot in the arm such as was experienced with the movies *Rob Roy* and *Braveheart*. So how about writing an incredible Scottish romance story about the border reivers...a tale so captivat-



ing as to attract the attention of the big film makers?

Kris had this response:

"Actually - I'm working on a novel set on the border in 1354 immediately following the Black Death. My heroine takes the "Bell" name as she steps into the role of Lady of the estate, and raises the plague-orphaned Bell heir. The hero is a Scottish knight from whom she is keeping her true English/bastard /servant" identity a secret."

We expect the Hollywood folks will be beating down Kris' door.

Kris has a very attractive website. Visit it for purchase information: www.KrisTualla.com