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## Darius Stransky

**Currently living in:** Cheshire. England.

**Main works:** “The King’s Jew” (Literary /Historical Fiction) and “Short and Sweet” (Literary Fiction / Short Stories – Flash Fiction Style)

**I started writing because:** I had to write an essay for my ‘Eleven Plus’ examination. The ‘prompt’ was “Coloured Balloons” – I’ve been trying to catch up with those balloons ever since.

**My main writing interests are:** Historical fiction and the short story.

**My sources of research and information are:** WWW and the Rylands Library archives.

**My inspiration comes from:** Anywhere and anybody

**My stories are planned like this:** The initial ‘idea’ / ‘character’. Lots of pondering and I consider the end-point first. Thus a path is planned and a direction taken. If I come to a crossroad along the way – I take it!

**I have written a series of books based on:** The life and times of King Edward the First of England. With a back-story like that, how can you go wrong?

**My future plans are to:** I’m a writer and as such have no literary constraints.

**My own favourite character is:** Obviously my main man is Cristian Gilleson the half-Jew MC of “The King’s Jew.” BUT he has a follower named Mathew and if I had to live in thirteenth century England I’d much rather be Mathew than his more illustrious master Cristian. Mathew is ‘a man’s man’ and is free to follow his impulses and various diversions whilst still remaining true to his master. Maybe it’s the gypsy in me but Mathew will do for me!

**I sometimes find myself thinking like:** See above.

**I also have a few other books I’d like to highlight as follows:** “Short and Sweet” does what it says on the cover; short stories for a busy life. You can read one in less than five minutes and – in our madcap world – five minutes is precious so why not use time wisely and escape into the written word? “It is good for our lives to live for a while in a book.”

**My advice to new writers would be:** Write on!

**Writing has its ups and downs:** If I’m ‘up’ I write. If I’m ‘down’ I write and then I feel ‘up’. Cathartic eh?

**When I’m not writing:** I read and drink fine ale.

**For copy editing and proofreading:** I have a group of beta readers – thank you all. I’m still waiting for the agent/editor in New York to come to a decision

***I accept criticism from:*** Anywhere and anybody – all suggestions and critiques are gratefully received.

***My experiences with self-publishing:*** Easy – I recommend it.

***I promote my books via:*** Social media in the early morning (but nothing over the top) Then I write.

***My favourite mainstream authors are:*** E.L. Doctorow. Hilary Mantel. Tolstoy. Cormac McCarthy.

***I am currently reading:*** “Suttre” by Cormac McCarthy.

***I prefer to read books in:*** I love a ‘real’ book yet eBooks are handy sometimes.

***A bit about my other interests:*** Tell us one odd thing about you and one really mundane thing: Something ‘odd’? I rise before the dawn. ‘Mundane’? I have an affinity with my cat ‘Pippin’.

***My most unattainable ambition is:*** Nothing is unattainable.

***Last thoughts before we go down the pub/club/library/boot-sale/exercise yard:*** Yes. Whose round is it and what beer is on sale? Oh and do they have books there? Don’t worry – I will talk to you and if you get your mobile phone or tablet out I’m off! The art of conversation is alive and well and living in Stransky!

## Author Links

***Website:*** <http://dariusstransky.wix.com/darius-stransky>

***Amazon Author page:*** <http://www.amazon.co.uk/-/e/B00PAY7FOU>

***Twitter:*** <https://twitter.com/DariusStransky>

***Facebook:*** <https://www.facebook.com/darius.stransky>

***Any other links:*** “The King’s Jew” page is here <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Kings-Jew/97838295523334>