



Welcome to Because Fiction!

Hello!

Thank you for your interest in being a guest on Because Fiction Podcast. We talk about all things Christian Fiction!

Authors: I no longer read the book before the interview to avoid accidental spoilers (and lots of editing to fix it). I do not require a copy of the book to be on the podcast, but I do appreciate one if you can provide it.

If you have something you would like to focus the interview on, please let me know. This could be how it relates to your other books, how it is a deviation from your usual genre, what you learned or hope others will learn from your book—anything! What do you think your readers would find most interesting?

Virtual Assistants: PLEASE be sure to include the AUTHOR'S NAME and email address on the form. This saves much confusion in scheduling and sending links etc.

Readers: Let's face it! We all have opinions on books, authors' works, genres—all things reading. If you want to talk about it, I'm here to do that. So, let's talk books!

Episodes

Interviews: These end up being 25-45 minutes on average and take up to an hour to record (talking a bit beforehand seems to ensure a nice, relaxed interview). The entire interview is focused on you, your books, and in particular, your most recent release, usually. These release every Monday and Saturday and are obviously limited so get your requests in as early as possible.

What to Expect

A few days before your interview (long or short version), you'll receive a reminder email of your time slot. If you need to reschedule, this is the optimal time to do so. However, I understand that life doesn't always play nice with schedules. Please do not stress if you have to request another date. Sometimes, I have to do this, too. I ask for grace now if this occurs. I really do my best not to let it happen.

About **TEN MINUTES BEFORE RECORDING TIME**, you should receive an email from me with a Zencastr link. Zencastr is an easy-to-use platform that only requires you to click that link, give permission for your microphone, and the service does the rest. No downloading or software needed. You will need to be sure your microphone is connected before you click that link, however.

NOTE: Zencastr is not on speaking terms with Safari. It is BFFs with Chrome and tolerates Edge if it must. 😊

The service will do a "health check" to ensure your computer and mic are ready.

We hit record, talk, and that's it!

On your release day, you will receive an email with the following enclosed:

- The website episode link
- A link to a snippet cut from the interview to be shared on social media (it is approximately one minute).
- An image featuring your author photo and your book cover.

I recommend utilizing these not to promote the podcast but to promote your book. I am told by many authors that they see sales upticks after interviews, so the more people know about the interview, the better chance you will find new readers.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need special recording equipment?

A: Not exactly. While you don't need a professional microphone and headset, if you have some kind of external mic it will make my job much easier and ensure the best listening experience for our listeners. Gaming headsets, small little desk or lapel microphones work fine. Additionally, some churches have USB microphones that they may be willing to loan you. Headphones can be nice, but they aren't necessary.

Note: MOST mics will pick up earrings or necklaces jingling, fingernails on keyboards, pages turning, books dropping, and kids running up and down the stairs next to your recording area. 😊

Q: What about internet? How good of a connection do I need?

A: The better your internet connection, the better the recording. If you have spotty internet, we may find the recording doesn't work, but I'm always willing to try.

Q: What if I make a mistake or don't like how something sounds?

A: Don't worry. You can stop, rephrase, take time to think... whatever you need. I edit every second of the episode, so don't stress about how things sound. Life doesn't always give us do-overs, but Because Fiction does!

Hint: sometimes, because I can't see you or am so excited about what we're talking about, I'll start responding before you're done. Please just keep talking. I'll cut me out later. The reverse is true, too.

Q: How long does the recording take again?

A: I schedule an hour, but forty minutes is average.

That's It!

I hope you're as excited as I am to talk books. If you have any questions, you can reach me at chautona@chautona.com. Until we talk, have a good day, and go read a good book!