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**Interview: Before Hillary Clinton, There Was Victoria Woodhull...
MULTI-AWARD WINNING AUTHOR REVEALS THE INCREDIBLE, STRANGER-THAN-
FICTION STORY OF AMERICA'S FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

Multi-award winning historical fiction author Nicole Evelina is a feminist who believes strongly in women's rights and empowerment – which is reflected in the stories of strong females that she chooses to tell. While other writers may choose to write about the famous, Evelina tells the stories of those who are in danger of being forgotten in the history pages so that their memories may live on.

Based in St. Louis, MO, Evelina's newest historical fiction novel, *Madame Presidentess*, reveals the story of Victoria Woodhull, the first female to run for President of the United States in 1872. Set for release on July 25, 2016, it coincides with the Democratic National Convention, paralleling the possibility of America's first female President being elected in 2016.

“My personal mission as a historical fiction writer is to rescue little-known women from being lost in the pages of history, and I felt with today's political landscape, it was the best time to release *Madame Presidentess*,” says Evelina.

A diligent armchair historian, Evelina researches her books extensively, consulting with biographers, historical societies, and traveling to relevant locations whenever possible. She traveled to England twice to research her *Guinevere's Tale* trilogy, where she consulted with internationally acclaimed author and historian Geoffrey Ashe, as well as Arthurian/Glastonbury expert Jaime George (both of whom helped Marion Zimmer Bradley research *The Mists of Avalon*).

One of only six authors to complete a week-long writing intensive taught by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Deborah Harkness in 2014 at Hedgebrook on Whidbey Island, Washington, Evelina is a member of and book reviewer for The Historical Novel Society, and Sirens (a group supporting female fantasy authors). She is also a member of the Historical Writers of America, Women's Fiction Writers Association, Romance Writers of America, St. Louis Writer's Guild, Women Writing the West, Broad Universe (promoting women in fantasy, science fiction and horror), Alliance of Independent Authors, the Independent Book Publishers Association and the Midwest Independent Publishers Association.

In a timely, eye-opening, and thought-provoking interview to promote the release of *Madame Presidentess*, Evelina can discuss:

- How Victoria Woodhull paved the way for today's female politicians, including presumptive Democratic Party 2016 presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton
- Woodhull's incredible, stranger-than-fiction rise from dirt-poor daughter of a con man and religious zealot to a self-made millionaire by the age of 33
- The two reasons why America's first female Presidential candidate has been largely forgotten in the pages of history
- What inspired her to tackle Victoria Woodhull's story in *Madame Presidentess*, and what she learned about the history of suffrage and women's rights in the process of her research

- Fun facts about Victoria Woodhull – including what she might have to say about the 2016 presidential race!

Nicole Evelina is an award-winning historical fiction and romantic comedy writer based in St. Louis, MO. Her most recent novel, *Madame Presidentess*, was the first-place winner in the Women's US History category of the 2015 Chaucer Awards for Historical Fiction. Her debut novel, *Daughter of Destiny*, was named Book of the Year by Chanticleer Reviews, took the Grand Prize in the 2015 Chatelaine Awards for Women's Fiction/Romance, and won a Gold Medal in the fantasy category in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards. *Been Searching for You*, her contemporary romantic comedy, won the 2015 Romance Writers of America (RWA) Great Expectations and Golden Rose contests.

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***Madame Presidentess* will be available in both paperback and e-book formats on July 25, 2016 in major booksellers.**

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