

Canadian Indie Author, Andrea Carter Releases Humorous Novel Set in Chile

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, June 24, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- An enthusiast of South American culture and humor, Andrea Carter delivers plenty of both in her second novel, [Hard Bed Hotel](#). For those whose interest is piqued by cultural adventures this fiction, wrapped in cemetery oddities and superstitions, is a great read.

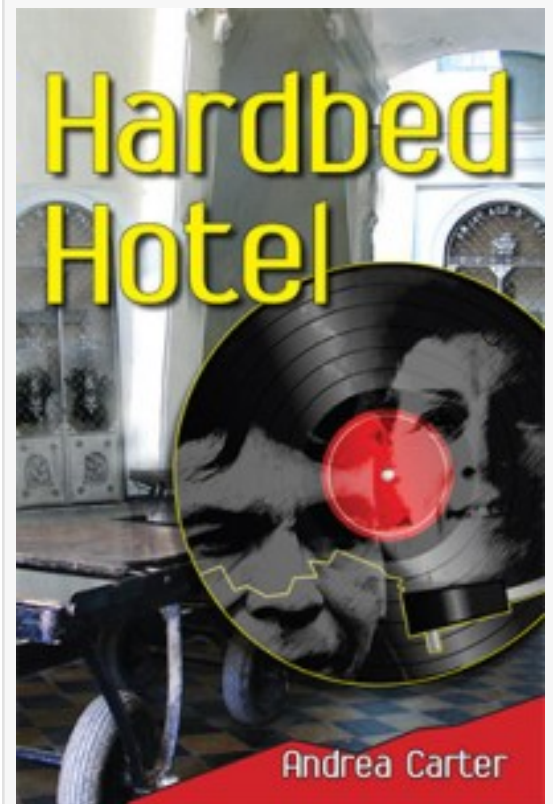
Hard Bed Hotel abounds in details gleaned from interviews with cemetery caretakers and imagery from countless visits to [Santiago General Cemetery](#). Incorporating contemporary myths into an offbeat plot that's peppered with magic realism, bizarre characters rise up to romp the sacred grounds and escape into Santiago's poor neighbourhoods.

When a major earthquake heaves a washed-up Latino rock star into the path of a cemetery caretaker she falls head over heels with his ghost while he is helplessly attracted to her cigarettes.

After the quake leaves him homeless, Juan Bonifacio (aka Jhonny Pretty, irresistible blue-eyed 70s singing idol) sets up new digs in the family mausoleum. Astrid de las Nieves is convinced that Jhonny's ghostly condition renders him incapable of promiscuity and heart all aflutter, she decides a relationship is not only her dream come true, it's their shared destiny.

Nothing is as it seems in this twisted Latin tale – rock star come ghostly indigent; pickpocket come tourism executive; shop owner come purveyor of the saints, con artist come plastic surgeon; meddling ghost come guardian angel. Everything goes wrong – but maybe it's right – as heaven and earth settle into an unexpected juxtaposition.

As in [South of Centre](#), Andrea Carter's first novel, greed and corruption follow innocence into an unconventional love story and the phrase 'there are no ordinary lives' becomes an understatement. As spirits and flesh trip over misunderstandings, the thin line between the



Hard Bed Hotel by Andrea Carter, book cover image

living and the dead becomes a wild, romantic blur.

Hard Bed Hotel is available in print (\$13.99 USD) and as an e-book (\$2.99 USD) from most online retailers. For more information about Hard Bed Hotel visit www.andreacarter-stories.com or contact Andrea Carter at +1 780 705 0874.

Sample excerpts of Hard Bed Hotel, South of Centre as well as selected short stories are available as free downloads.

About Andrea Carter

Born in Quesnel, BC, Canada, Andrea Carter began writing fiction while living in Chile and Bolivia. Married to a Chilean from Tocopilla whose anecdotes literally inspire countless tales, she's written several short stories and is working on a third novel.

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