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When JoAnn Smith Ainsworth carried wood so her Great Aunt Martha could stoke up the iron stove to prepare dinner, the preteen wasn't thinking, "I could use this in a novel someday." Yet almost 60 years later, the skills she learned from her horse-and-buggy ancestors translate into a backdrop for her historical romance novels.

Samhain Publishing, Ltd. bought "Out of the Dark," a medieval romance with a touch of paranormal and a lot of suspense. It will be e-pub released June 2008 and as POD Trade by 2009.

"Out of the Dark" is set in the king's London residence in 1120A.D. A blind Anglo-Saxon gentlewoman fears retribution when she accidentally overhears a conspiracy being plotted. She turns to the battle-hardened Norman Sheriff for protection. The sheriff is torn between his heart and family loyalty when he falls in love with the Saxon beauty while rooting out corruption that may implicate his brother.

Ainsworth completed four historical romances before selling her first book. She is currently writing a paranormal suspense.

She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, with a master's from Fairleigh Dickinson University and M.B.A. studies from Pepperdine University. She likes to walk, swim and read. She lives in San Leandro with her son, Dennis.

Ainsworth grew up in East Mauch Chunk and graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1956. She has relatives in Breinigsville, Lehighon and Northampton.

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