



Snippets of How My Mind Writes

October 2023



A World of Writing Possibilities

I know that I try to get this newsletter out around the first of the month, but sometimes the news I have to share isn't quite ready. Hence, why you are getting this one on the first Friday of the month. I now have lots of things to share with you.

First, *The Maenad* is nearly ready to go out to Beta Readers for feedback before final editing. I am stilling looking at a January or February release for this YA Coming-of-Age Fantasy. I love these characters so much and can't wait for you to meet them.

Second, Lilli and the Nervous Narwhal is still slated to release early December just in time for holiday gift-giving. The illustrations are beautiful, and I will have the cover ready to reveal by the end of October.

Next, I have taken a bit of a break from poetry and editing to get Leya Layne's holiday romance novel released on 11/1. Kindle pre-orders are already up, and the ARC sign-up form just went live. See the bottom of this newsletter if you're interested.

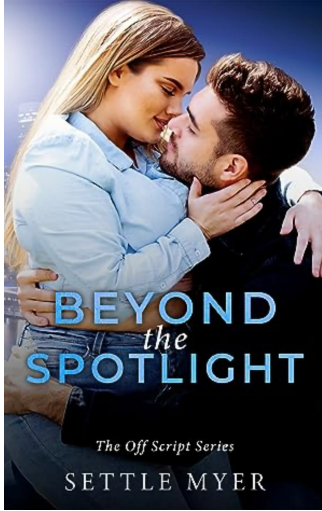
Finally, November is going to be a bit crazy for me. I am having a full knee replacement at the end of October in between all the reading and writing plans. I am also planning to participate in NaNoWriMo. For anyone not familiar, NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month. The goal is to write a completely 50k novel from start to finish in the month of November. That equates to approximately 1400 words per day. I will be writing an epistolary thriller told completely through email, letters, and newspaper clippings. It's going to be a wild ride. If you're participating and want to send me a friend request, my name is b.isabelwrites on there.

My Social and Book Links

My New Writing Obsession

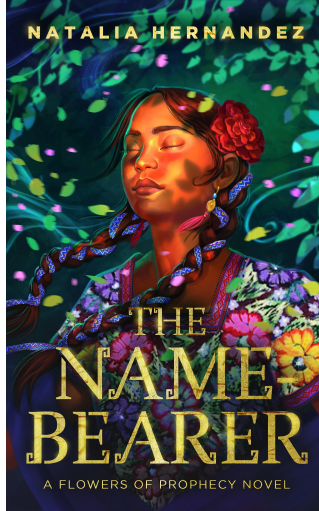
I was watching a TikTok Live event with two authors the other day, and one of them mentioned a website they use to keep them motivated to write and that helps them write more each day. The website is called [4 the Words](#) and it is an adventure game tied to the number of words that you write each day. You can fight creates, collect items, and earn rewards. My ADHD loves it! If you are struggling to get your words in, give it a try.

What has Bobbie read this month?



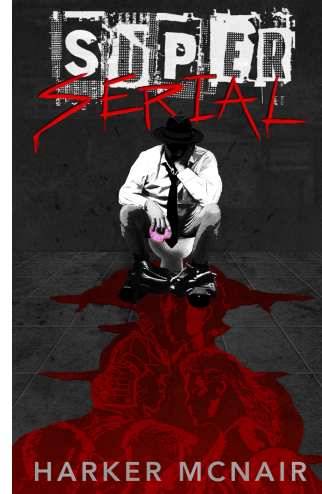
Spicy Contemporary Romance

This is the third book in the Off-the-Script Series, and it was absolutely my favorite. When I first agreed to read the ARC, I was skeptical because it was described as a nanny romance, but the FMC, the nanny, is in her 30s. The chemistry between the characters was great with fabulous tension. The spice was tingly. I really enjoyed the storyline and all its elements.



Storytelling at Its Finest

I have been wanting to read this book since it was released, and I just could not get to it. Finally, I downloaded the audiobook, and I am so glad I did. Not only are the author's words and the way she wove this tale absolutely stunning, the narrators interpretation put this book in the realm of oral storytelling in the purist way. I was entranced and am ready to listen to Book 2 as soon as it's released on audiobook.



Unhinged Satire

This book was so much more than I expected and exactly what was needed. The story makes a point, really many of them, in the most unhinged ways. It was as if the authors said to themselves, what metaphor could we use to describe this situation in society, and then pushed that metaphor to the nth degree. It is not for the faint of heart, but it is for those of us who 1) love satire, and 2) see the ills of the world and feel incapable of doing much to change it.

ARC Sign-ups



Debut Romance Novel coming 11/1

Leya Layne will be releasing a spicy holiday romance under the B. Isabel Writes LLC imprint. In an effort to build interest in the book, we are looking for a team of advanced readers. Click on the link or scan the QR code for access to the sign-up link.

Social Media Links



A Christmas Carol Retelling

She sells flowers. He sells Christmas trees. He's all she ever wanted. She's everything he

Kindle Pre-orders are already up on Amazon. Paperback pre-orders coming this week.

needs. What's holding them back? Fear. Will the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future be able to help? Or will their pasts come back to haunt them?

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