



Snippets of How My Mind Writes

September 2023



Unexpected Diversions

If you read last month's newsletter, you'll remember that I was had finished up first round edits of *The Maenad*, and I was hoping to get in another round before September and be ready for beta reading in late September. Well, my brain decided to bombard me with a new idea that I just couldn't let go. On August 4, I woke up with a fully developed story idea at 2:30am that I had loosely outlined by 4am that morning. Not only did I spend all month working on it, and have it sitting at around 25k words, but I also created a separate pen name just to publish it. Check out the bottom of this newsletter to meet Leya Layne.



As for my other Works in Progress, I am making progress. I am about halfway through second round edits of *The Maenad*. I've added lots of scenes that were needed, and I have maybe one or two more left to add in this draft. Then another read through before I send her to my beta readers who are waiting ever so patiently. Once they have given me feedback, I'll be ready to set up a specific release date and request ARC readers. So if you'd like to get an advanced chance to read my debut fantasy novel, be watching for the announcements in my newsletter and on my social media accounts.

My Social and Book Links

Time to Start Over

September
Renewal
Time to start over
Backpack
Pencils
Wiped-clean record
Growth over summer
Energy released
Time to start over
New year in place

What if
We had that chance
That opportunity
For renewal
Time to start over
As adults
In our job
Automatic promotion
For work well done
New team
New office
New things to learn
Time to start over
When's it my turn



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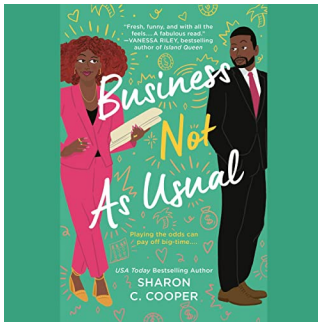
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My Favorite Writing Hack

I talked about this before, but writing sprints have really be so incredibly helpful and productive for me. I have two, sometimes three, different groups of authors that I sprint with. Not only does the body doubling help my motivation and productivity, but I have learned so much from each of them. If you are wanting to become an author and struggling to write (or edit) consistently, find a small group of likeminded others and give writing sprints a try.

What has Bobbie read this month?



Fun Contemporary Romance

Even with its quirky and sometimes corny plot lines, I really enjoyed this audiobook. The characters had great chemistry and they worked well together. I loved that the FMC regained her sense of self-confidence and was able to hold her own in the MMC's world of wealth and glamour. There were many LOL moments and some well-described spicy scenes.



Fantasy at Its Best

This book is hands down one of my favorite reads of the year thus far. I went in knowing nothing about it, except that I followed the author on TikTok and Facebook. The slow-burn romance between the FMC and one of the MMCs is delightful, while the magic-induced instalust between the FMC with the other MMC is satisfying. The magic system is very cool, and



Why Choose Erotica on Ten

I ARC read this book, and I was blown away at how well the author managed first person POV. I also loved how she managed to fully develop all of the characters to the point that I, and many of readers, had very strong reactions to many of the characters. If you're looking for a sweet romance, this is not the book for you. There are romantic elements, but

the twists were well-written. There were so many times that I went "Oh shit, is that...?" So good!!

really, this book is sex forward. Still, it was so good!

Author Spotlight

Leya Layne

Because many of my published works will be kid or at least teen-friendly, I decided to publish my romance novels, which are a little spicier, under a different pen name. She will eventually have an 18+ place on my website. See below for the first release coming this December.

Next month I'll be back to spotlighting my indie author friends.



Social Media Links



A Christmas Carol Retelling

Ten years ago, Carol swore off men and moved to Ardor Point, a sleepy mountain town. She's been happy at her floral shop living vicariously through her young assistant. That is until Jackson comes to run the Christmas Tree shop she lets sublet half of her parking lot. Will she let herself fully relax into Jackson's arms, or will she write him off as another regret?

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