

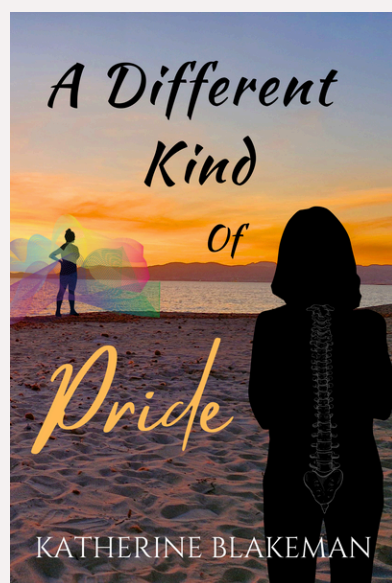
CHRISTMAS IS HERE,
BRINGING GOOD
CHEER



Hello everyone!

I know it's a cliché, but Christmas comes around so quickly, doesn't it? As I write this introduction, it's actually mid-November, and I'm making gingerbread. It's almost finished baking, and the glorious warming smells are spreading throughout the kitchen. That's what inspired me to start writing this newsletter a little early.

I've also been doing some more writing, because I have a Christmas gift for you guys. I've written a bonus chapter/very short story for *A Different Kind Of Pride* - Christmas-themed! It's called *On One Knee In The Snow*, so you can guess what it's about! It's attached to the email in which this



newsletter came. Call it an apology gift for not having the energy to talk about FanFusion last month.

And the other thing I need to apologise to you all for? Well, it's more of an announcement. I have decided that, from 2025, my newsletter will be periodic, rather than monthly. By that, I mean that you won't get newsletters on the first of every month, like you currently do. Rather, I'll store up my little bits of news, and send it less frequently, more when I have something to announce or when I just miss you guys.

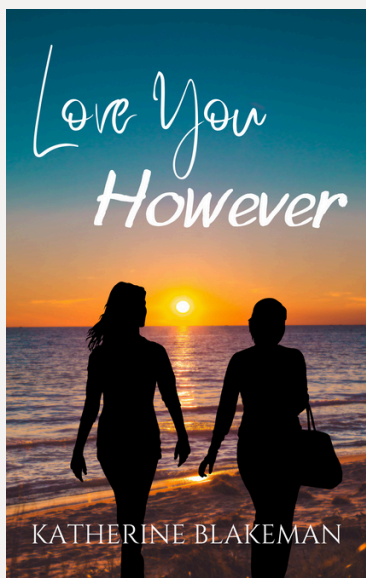
I've not come to this decision lightly, but with my ever-depleting energy levels thanks to CFS, I have to prioritise. Writing my newsletter takes away from my book-writing time,

and we can't have that! However would you read my books, if they didn't exist?!

Speaking of...

[The Summer We've Had](#), [Love You However](#),
and [A Different Kind Of Pride](#) are available now!

Love, Kathy <3



WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO IN NOVEMBER

I went to FanFusionUK2!!!

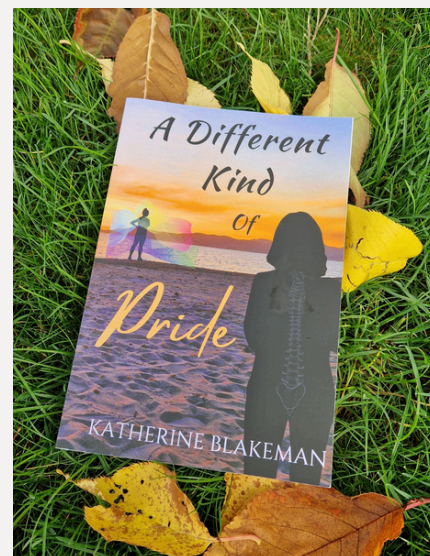
On Friday 1st November, I packed my bags and my books, and drove to the Renaissance Hotel in Heathrow, London. There, I was greeted by my friend S-Jay Hart, as well as the lovely author Kimberley Amato and her wife Sheila. Joined later on in the day by Lise Gold, we spent most of the afternoon chatting about books, the US election (eugh) and that fun, enriching activity known as book marketing. Kimberley, S-Jay and Sheila were part of the crew at the event, so I didn't see a whole lot of them on Saturday and Sunday, but I really enjoyed getting to know them better!

Throughout the weekend, Lise and I had a number of visitors to our stall. I must give a special mention to AJ, who helped draw attention to my table by shouting "Buy her books! I don't read books, but if I did, I'd read hers!" - I think I'm going to have that quotation framed. None of the famous people in attendance seemed to be readers - or if they were, they didn't have time to visit our stall! - but Caterina Scorsone passed by and said that my books looked cool. KaDee Strickland also walked through and said "Wow, I feel like I need to shop!" - so I guess those are my claims to fame!

We finished off the weekend on a high. On Sunday afternoon, Lise and I took part in an author panel, hosted by S-Jay. We talked about why and how we write, and I held my books on my lap so that I could hold them up as I talked about them. And then, just as I was about to leave, the fabulous Lauren Feeney offered to translate the blurb of my book *A Different Kind Of Pride*, and Lise's book [In Dreams](#), into BSL! That was a first for both of us, and the videos are on our Instagram pages.

After two solid weeks of no sun, it finally showed its face, so I got out there to take some photos of *A Different Kind Of Pride* against the autumn leaves. They're about the only thing I like about autumn - the rest of it, I find super depressing.

It's quite possibly the autumn blues that fuelled my anger, when I started seeing headlines about how young people in the UK are lazy, not wanting to work. It prompted me to finally post an article that I've been sitting on for several months. It's a pretty raw one, so if you could take a read and then share it to help me along, that would be brilliant! [Here is the link.](#)



And on top of that... I actually wrote something! As well as my WIP, I spent six hours crafting a super short story. It's more than flash fiction, but not quite a nouvelle... but it's a spin-off to *A Different Kind Of Pride*, a sort of 'what happened next?'. It features Cass, Felicia, Petra, Jean, Victoria and Anastasia. It's called 'On One Knee In The Snow', so you can guess what happens...