



SPRING HAS FINALLY SPRUNG!

Hello everyone!

[Love You However](#) has finally landed on Amazon and Kindle Unlimited! I've been utterly blown away by the support it's received so far. To all of you who have bought paperbacks, eBooks, or read it on KU, thank you so much!! And even if it doesn't appeal to you for whatever reason, but you've boosted it on social media or otherwise spread the word, I am so immensely grateful to you as well.

So what's next? Well, at time of writing, I am 30,000 words into a new WIP. This one's moving quite fast, so I'm sprinting ahead with it while I can, because I'm starting a new job this month. This job is going to take up a lot more of my time,

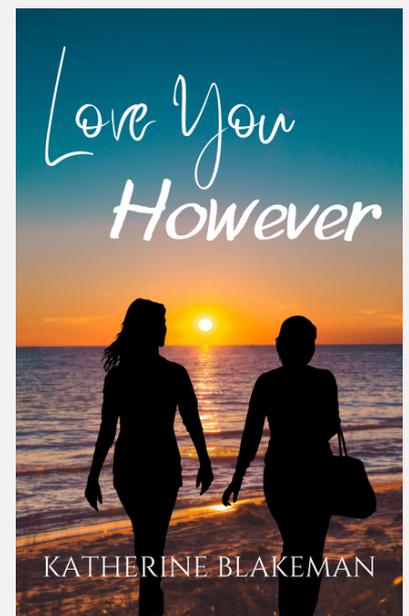
which obviously means a lot less writing time. I'm going to try and spin as many plates as I can to keep my blog going, this newsletter going, the socials going.... and, y'know, the actual writing going. But we'll have to see what happens. I have ME/CFS also, which could throw a spanner into the works if it flares. So what I'm saying is... don't be alarmed if I get quieter than usual.

Anyway! Back to the present. A week and a half into Love You However, and I'm so happy with the results it's getting so far. One message from a reader told me that I did a wonderful job of representing the gender spectrum, and right then I knew that whatever else happens, I've done something right.

So, if you haven't read it yet, please do. It would mean a lot to me.

[The Summer We've Had](#) is available now, and you can now order [Love You However](#) here!

Love, Kathy <3



WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO IN MARCH

Well, I released a book. Obvs. But other than that...

I finished off Sapphic Fiction February (yes, in March) with the last handful of wonderful interviews. I mean, did you know that [Micah Iannadrea](#) *didn't* know what an ice cream sundae was until I asked them about it? Their mind was blown, while Vacla Denarr and I were completely shocked that they didn't know!

One of my designated 'writing times' early in the month was cast aside in favour of a hospital trip. A&E (or the ER, as they call it across the pond) is no fun at five o'clock in the morning. But I'm fine, no worse for the wear!

I also went on a little trip to one of the Spanish islands. I could say it was research for another WIP, but it was mostly to recuperate from the horrendous few months my whole family has had. While I was there, however, I rediscovered how much my social media followers love to see my outfits! (So much so that someone hacked my Twitter and started sending weird messages to people. Don't ask.)

I also received some wonderful advance reviews of *Love You However!* Briony Molly posted on [Goodreads](#) that *'the characters are like friends'* and *'made me feel so many emotions'*. Alicia Reviews Books said that *'the author brilliantly captures the struggles of each character and the challenges they face in expressing their inner turmoil to each other'*. And the Sapphic Books Kitchen called it *'a plea for love ... intense, captivating and wonderful'*.

What more could I ask for? I'm so grateful for all their kind words.

I was also lucky enough to have a spot on IHeartSapphFic's 'All About The Books' feature! TB and Miranda gave me a little space to spout off about Petra and Jean, how they came to have their own book after being mere side characters in *The Summer We've Had*, and what music they'd choose to kick off a party. Since music is a key theme running down the middle of the book, I absolutely loved answering that one! You can read that interview [here](#).

And I expanded on how the book came to be in a blog post of my own. I know, Katherine Blakeman actually writing a blog post of her own... how often does that happen nowadays? I know that my book is very different - it's what I specialise in! - and I wanted to explain why I wrote it in more detail, without giving poor TB and Miranda a whole essay to format! Hence this blog post of my own. You can read that [here](#).