

(please don't) LET IT
SNOW, LET IT SNOW,
LET IT SNOW!

Hello everyone!

Regarding the title... it's not that I don't like snow, okay? I like the aesthetics of it. It's very pretty, and makes the entire world seem different. But I currently work in a little village that requires me taking fast, winding, dangerous country roads. It was a nightmare last year in the snow, and I have no wish to re-enact that this year. If it wants to come on my days off, and melt by the time I go back to work, then it can be my guest. Other than that, STAY AWAY, SNOW!

So those of you who read last month's newsletter may recall that I was reminiscing on this time last year. The anticipation of *The Summer We've Had*. And I said there was nothing even nearly ready for me to publish any time soon.



THE SILENT CHAPTER

*It was strange how
a few pieces of paper
and some ink could have
the ability to change lives....*

KATHERINE BLAKEMAN

I was lying.

Not intentionally. At that time, there wasn't. But huge steps have been made with my WIP in the last few weeks and I can finally announce... I have a first draft!

Not only that, but I have a cover.

So I thought... why not share it with you guys? After all, you signed up for exclusive news, did you not? So read on to see - exclusive only to you - the cover of my next book. Coming in

Spring 2024!

But for now...

THE SILENT CHAPTER IS AVAILABLE HERE, AND
The Summer We've Had is available here!

Love, Kathy <3

WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO IN NOVEMBER

The month started on a high when I did... an Exciting Thing.

Sorry. I'm not actually sure how much I can talk about it yet. But it involved [Ami Spencer](#) and [Adrian J. Smith](#), so if you've been following their social media accounts recently, you might be able to take an educated guess...?

My blog was also treated to [a guest post](#) by the wonderful author [Merlina Garance](#)! Their next book, *Mending Bones*, is out on December 15th. I found myself really connecting with what they wrote about angst, why they write it, and how it helps them to... well, put their characters through the wringer. Those of you who read my book [The Silent Chapter](#) will know just how much I battered poor Patrick and Dorothy with over the forty years it spans. I had a conversation with someone at the South Coast Sapphic Hangout last May about it, and they were... well, probably a bit scared of me!! But Merlina does the same to their characters. And explained why they do so, very eloquently.

I also did an interview, which is something I'm not very prone to. I have conducted plenty of interviews in my time... for those of you who remember Sapphic Fiction February... but I'm rarely on the receiving end of the grilling. But I saw that Atmosphere Press was on the lookout for unique authors to interview, and I thought, *'well, there aren't that many people out there who published a book featuring Dissociative Identity Disorder when they were nineteen'*. So I applied, not thinking much of it, and they sent some questions through! [Here is the interview](#), if you're interested.

And then the biggest news of all... I finished the first draft of my WIP! Happy dance, happy dance! I've been working on this one since March, and quite honestly I thought I would never get it done. It stagnated for so long. Now begins the editing process... and the teasing-all-my-followers-with-snippets-before-I-finally-release-it process!

But, as you know, you newsletter subscribers get first dibs on all of that. Which is why I am giving you the exclusive cover reveal today.

Introducing my next release, *Love You However*. Set in the Cornish village of Miltree - yes, the same village as *The Summer We've Had* - it follows Jean and Petra Taylor as they navigate choppy waters in their marriage. Petra's job suddenly ramps up its stress levels, while a blast of menopause hormones send Jean into an identity crisis. With the world set against them, can they stay together throughout all of it?

You will have to find out on March 22nd, 2024. But for now, scroll down for the cover!

Please do not share or reproduce this cover yet. It will be revealed worldwide in the New Year.



Love You However

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