HAPPY NEW YEAR -LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN...

Hello everyone!

Apologies that last month's newsletter was a short one. I had a family bereavement in late December and was pretty shellshocked when I wrote to you last. But here we are, a month on, and I'm bearing up. Enough to be cracking on with publishing Love You However!

That said, I'm not sure whether you'll actually see this. New rules regarding newsletters have just come into effect, and despite contacting Wix about them, I'm still not 100% sure what I have to actually do... so give me a wave if you see this? ove You However

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A lot has happened in the last month! Love You However is coming out (pun not intended) in just over seven weeks... and I cannot wait for you to meet Jean and Petra properly. Keep your eyes peeled for an exclusive snippet in next month's newsletter! AND... make sure to pre-order the eBook, if you haven't already!

> For now, though, you get an exclusive preview of Sapphic Fiction February. Yes, it's back for 2024, and it's shaping up to be a cracker. All the author interviews are scheduled and ready to go up on my blog every day of February (and a couple in March - I overran again), and they're full of fun and Sapphic joy. All that's left for me to do is reveal the set list to you! And exclusively you... so shhh! Keep it to yourselves so it's a nice surprise for everyone else, okay?

Read on for all my news and the official schedule! In the meantime...

<u>The Summer We've Had</u> is available now, and you can pre-order <u>Love You However</u> here! Love Kathy <3

WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO IN JANUARY

I had intended on doing a worldwide cover reveal of Love You However on January 1st. New year, new book, etcetera. But after my family bereavement I just didn't have the mental headspace to focus on that, so I put it on hold.

The Summer We've Had turned one year old! It had its first bookversary and, thinking about it then, it shocked me just how far it's come. I know that it's small fry compared to most Sapphic Fiction authors, but it's certainly a start! Given that Love You However is set in the same village, with many of the same characters, I'm hoping that readers from one will flock to the other - and vice versa!

The day after the 'bookversary', I finally did that cover reveal I'd been putting off. I woke up that morning with absolutely no intention of doing the reveal that day, but at some point I simply thought 'no time like the present' and posted it everywhere! It took a hell of a lot of work, but I'm happy with the cover now. Here's a fun and exclusive fact for you all: the two fonts in the cover represent the handwriting of the two main characters. I'll let you discover which is whose when you read it!

So it doesn't look like much, but I've really done quite a lot!

And of course, next month is Sapphic Fiction February! Here is the official schedule, so you know exactly who's starring, and when. Please keep schtum!

Sapphic Fiel	tion February
2024 1st Feb - Erica Lee 2nd Feb - Elle Ire 3rd Feb - J.J. Hale 4th Feb - Diane Billas 5th Feb - Abi Payton 5th Feb - Matthew Zakharuk 7th Feb - Matthew Zakharuk 7th Feb - Sabrina Blaum 8th Feb - Sabrina Blaum 8th Feb - Issy Waldrom 9th Feb - Jamey Moody 10th Feb - Jamey Moody 10th Feb - Olive J. Kelley 11th Feb - Rachel Bowdler 12th Feb - E.Y. Bancroft 13th Feb - Isy L. James 14th Feb - Kristen Zimmer 15th Feb - J.S. Frankel	17th Feb - Carrie Byrd 18th Feb - Nicole Pyland 19th Feb - Merlina Garance 20th Feb - Miranda Mundt 21st Feb - SD Simper 22nd Feb - Jay Wright Jompkins 23rd Feb - Eliza Lentzski 24th Feb - Addison Clarke 25th Feb - Jitania Jempest 26th Feb - Frica Rose Eberhart 27th Feb - Joharra Harper 28th Feb - Rae Knowles 29th Feb - Ami Spencer 1st March - Kate Gavin 2nd March - Anna Burke
16th Feb - Elizabeth James	3rd March -Vaela Denarr + Micah Innandrea