

Hello everyone!

Yes, you read that right.

This newsletter contains your exclusive cover reveal for my next release, A Different Kind Of Pride. Only three other people in the world have seen it. I don't tell you often enough how grateful I am that you've all chosen to be in this little gang of mine, receiving my monthly updates, so I like to repay you in the best way I know how: by making you the first to know about my future plans.

I won't lie, it's been a rough month for me this June. I think this has somehow reflected in my general activity levels - very



few new readers. I know this gives the impression that I'm failing, but it is just a fact of life when you're an independent author. You have good times and bad times. The rough with the smooth. I thought that Pride month would be a good month for me, given all the lesbianism and general LGBTQ-ness in my books, but perhaps not.

Oh well. All I can do is keep plugging away at promoting my existing books, and getting the next one ready for publication. I don't have a date for it yet, but we're currently looking at late summer or early autumn. I think you'll like this one. It's a slow-burn, hurt/comfort, ice queen and toaster-oven romance, half in a hospital setting and half in good old Miltree, checking in with Cass and Felicia as well as Petra and Jean. So scroll to the

end of this newsletter to find that. But for now...

The Summer We've Had is available now, and you can also order Love You However here!

Love, Kathy <3

Love You However

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WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO IN JUNE

I was treated to a blast from the past by writer and author James Molloy. Back in late 2021, he interviewed me ahead of the release of my first book, The Silent Chapter. He's since rebranded, and a few weeks ago he re-shared my interview. If you'd like to see young-Katherine's innocent little musings about her home-spun historical fiction... click here!

I then proceeded to - what felt like - take the Sapphic fiction world by storm. I released an article on my blog, a list of fifty Sapphic books with under fifty Goodreads reviews. It was a surprisingly difficult feat that took a long time to compile, but I was just so heartily sick of seeing the same few books repeated on a loop throughout Pride month. Smaller authors are here too, and we deserve attention as much as the blockbusters. I made a Part One at the start of the month, and then the community helped me put together a Part Two.

On June 12th, I was treated to an utterly fabulous piece of book mail. I rarely get paperbacks any more because they're expensive, but Chloe Keto sent me a signed copy of her new book Caretaking Love, which came out on the 15th. I loved beta reading this one, and I loved re-reading it even more. It's rare that a book makes me genuinely laugh, but this one has done it. If you'd also like to partake of a little LGBTQ+ laughter, you can find the book here.

There seems to have been a lot of themed 'days' in June. Not just the gay ones. For example, we had National Picnic Day on June 18th, and then World Music Day (or Fete de la Musique) on June 21st. I marked both of these with two small snippets from Love You However - given that Jean and Petra go on a picnic, and they both adore music. In fact, I'd go as far as to say that music is the lifeblood that runs through Love You However. I really should make a playlist for it.

And then I disappeared for a week! I went to France with one of my closest friends - side note, aren't Internet friends wonderful? The way it's so mindblowing when you get to say 'see you tomorrow', even when they live hundreds or thousands of miles away? Anyway, that's where I've been for the last week. My Tweets have mostly been pre-scheduled since last Sunday. Shh, don't tell anyone...

Looking forward into next month - it's my birthday (and my 21st, at that), so I have plans. I'm still not sure what those plans exactly are, but keep an eye on my social media! There will certainly be a giveaway involved, I know that much...

I'll quit rabbiting on now, and show you what you're really here for. Scroll down for your exclusive first look at the cover of A Different Kind Of Pride, which is coming very soon! I'm soon going to be looking for ARC readers, but I'll be sending a separate email about that, so keep your eyes peeled!

And now, what you're really all here for...

THE COVER REVEAL!

Coming soon - keep an eye out for the pre-order link, and for ARC details!

