



NEW BOOK IS OUT!

Hello everyone!

A Different Kind Of Pride is officially out and into the world! Thank you so much to all of you who have bought, read, shared or even clicked on the book. It's an absolute honour to share my - and Victoria's - story with you. Because it is, in a way, my story. It's based on my own experiences of spinal fusion, which I had in 2017. I always knew I wanted to write about it someday, and when Victoria had an accident in Love You However, I thought 'Now's your chance.'

But I explained all of that better in a blog post. If you want to read the story behind the story, click [here](#). I have been utterly blown away by the response that A Different Kind Of Pride

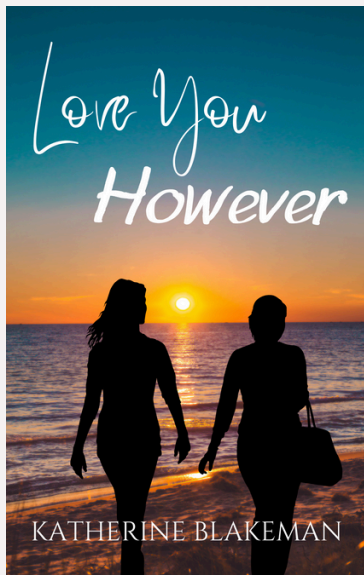
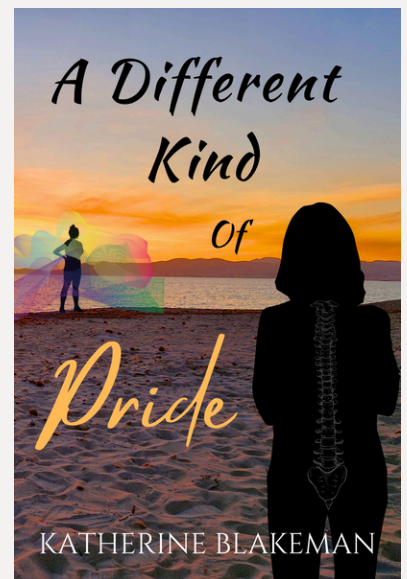
has received. It's blasted Love You However well and truly out of the water, and according to my Amazon page, it's my most popular book! It may not have hit the bestseller charts, but it's getting fabulous reviews. Shoutout to the lovely Ricci, who sends the most wonderfully warm and supportive replies to my newsletters, and who said 'I just wasn't ready for it to end!' when she reviewed A Different Kind Of Pride on Goodreads. Ricci, you rock!

As, of course, do my wonderful ARC team. Julie, Deb and Pat - thank you so much for your advance reviews! We're pending a couple of others, so fingers crossed for those soon! I'll talk a bit more about the reviews below, as well as catching you up on all my other news. It's been a busy month, so there is much to tell!

But for now...

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

Love, Kathy <3



WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO IN AUGUST

Fairly obviously, I released a book. But that was only on the 24th of the month! So what else happened before that?

In a particularly fun-loving mood one day, I played a game of 'Who's Most Likely To?' on my Twitter. I asked people to comment activities or other things to do, and I explained whether Victoria or Anastasia would be more likely to do it. From that, we established that Victoria wouldn't know what to do with a toddler if it came up and introduced itself to her, but if she met a cat, it would be another story!

I also went to Brighton Pride! I really should have taken a copy of my book - then we'd have had A Different Kind Of Pride... at Pride! But I didn't think that far ahead - and it's just as well, because my bag was heavy enough without the weight of a 85,000-word book! Anyone else pack for EVERY eventuality when they're going on a day trip?

The ARC reviews for A Different Kind Of Pride started coming in, despite Goodreads not updating properly. The first came from Deb, who called it an *'absolutely beautiful read'* and said that I *'even managed to put into words feelings [she] struggled to voice'*, having been in a similar situation herself. A few days later, the wonderful Julie said that Victoria is *'the iciest headmistress going'*, and called the book *'a joy to read'*. And then Pat completed the trio, saying *'read this if you enjoy stories about strong, complex women facing challenges and moving forward, then backward and forward again, in a journey toward friendship and intimacy'*. Thank you, you lovely people!

After releasing the book (and being blown away by the love and support everyone has shown - thank you so much!), I decided to get creative with some digital avatars. I wanted to make them for my other characters, but I haven't found the time yet. The two I made for Anastasia and Victoria are on the next page of this newsletter - I'm intrigued to know whether they match the images you guys have in your head. Please let me know!

I also had a chat with TB and Miranda at I Heart SapphFic about A Different Kind Of Pride! If you'd like to learn about the book's origins - and about which celebratory beverage Victoria and Anastasia would go for, if given a choice - then you can find that interview [here](#)!

I subsequently expanded on the aforementioned origin story with a blog post dedicated to it. The Story Behind The Story - find it [here](#)!

And then there was the most wonderful review by LESBİreviewed. I've never had a video review of my writing before - it was an almost surreal experience, to watch Carol talk about my work! But she perfectly encapsulated exactly what the book is about, and I was so, so happy. You can watch that on the LESBİreviewed YouTube channel [here](#).



Meet



Miss Victoria Berry



'Scary Miss Berry', as she is known around the village of Miltree, is so called for her ruthless froideur and impenetrably professional veneer in both her personal life and her career as headmistress of the local primary school. She has never had - or wanted - a friendship, let alone a relationship, and that is how she is happy to stay. That is, until she crashes her car on the way home from the gym, and her meticulously organised life comes crashing down like a tower of cards.

Enter Anastasia Savchenko, village florist and her next-door neighbour. But you need to read *A Different Kind Of Pride* to see what happens next...

- 45 years old
- Devon-born
- headmistress
- ice queen
- 5 ft 2 inches



Meet



Anastasia Savchenko



Fresh out of a burnout-induced breakdown due to the pressures of being a nurse, Anastasia moved to Cornwall a year ago and threw herself into reviving the village florist. Now, having failed at actually making friends (much less finding a woman to settle down with), she's starting to feel rather lonely. Not that there seems to be many available or willing potential friends to associate with in the first place...

Enter Victoria Berry. She is neither available nor willing, but she is in need. When life throws them together, they end up being closer than they bargained for. But you need to read *A Different Kind Of Pride* to see what happens next...

- 39 years old
- Ukrainian-born
- ex-nurse, now florist
- human sunshine
- fiercely protective