

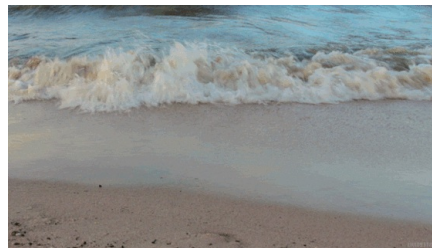
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Write in the morning, beach in the afternoon

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Hi, Gentle Reader!



August? How can this be? Only yesterday we were freezing our tushies off, then stretched like languorous cats on chaise longues, soaking up the sun at the beach, and now the kids are back in school? Where does the time go?

I, for one, have always been a fan of August. I was married in August, so I always get to take an anniversary trip. We have several family birthdays. And of course, back-to-school means office supplies!

My Bullet Journal is going to run out at the end of this month, just in time for me to start a fresh notebook. I am a huge fan of **Quo Vadis Habanas**, and I'm about to burst because they've just started making a grid version. Mine is hot pink exterior, white Clairefontaine paper, a light gray dot grid... heaven. They're slightly taller than the traditional bullet journal, which lets me tape in my monthly calendar. If you're curious about my set up, check it out [here](#). It's a few years old but still the same deal.

My working vacation was a roaring success. I actually feel relaxed for the first time in months. I stuck religiously to the write in the morning, beach in the afternoon model. I believe Hemingway called it done by 12, drunk by 3... Though I wasn't drunk, of course, just happy to put my work aside without guilt. I read 5 books in 10 days, changed the POV on my manuscript, which let it fly, ate a ton of processed meats (salami, prosciutto, parmesan, and nectarines for dinner, anyone?) and slept in. All in all, a great success. The knee is still progressing, albeit slowly. Next time I decide to wreck my knee and have surgery at the beginning of the summer, remind me that it's a BAD idea.

So here's some fun news for you...

☐ **ATD only .99 cents!**



If you missed this unique book the first time around, never fear, it's not too late. I know you'll love it – PW gave it a starred review (!), Bookreporter said it was worth the wait, and the reviews online have been stupendous. Added bonus? You'll find a LOT of super talented authors to read!



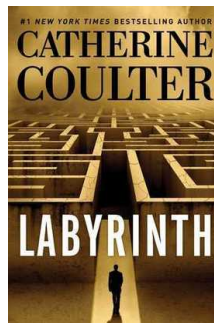
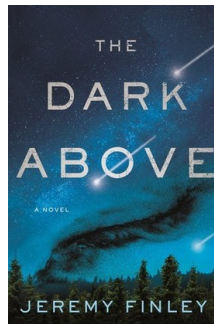
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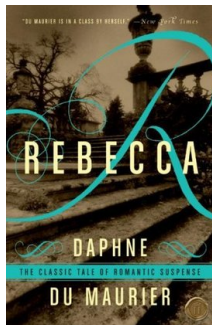
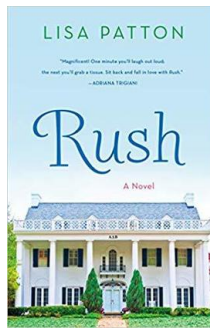


September 24 can't come soon enough!

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▣ What I'm Reading





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THE DARK ABOVE by Jeremy Finley

I'm always up for some aliens and government conspiracies, and **THE DARK ABOVE** is as intense as it is compulsively readable. Lyricaly written and expertly plotted, moody and elegantly thrilling, it will hook you from page one all the way to the shocking end. This haunting follow-up to his stellar debut **THE DARKEST TIME OF NIGHT** firmly cements Finley in the who's who of today's thriller writers. It's perfect for fans of *Strange Things* and *The X-Files*, but also has a much broader appeal, sensitively handling the tenuous relationships between Will and his grandmother Lynn, fifteen years after the incident that started it all. Perfect summer reading.

LABYRINTH by Catherine Coulter

When a Savich and Sherlock book comes out, people drop everything to read it. So clear your schedule for the weekend, friends. **LABYRINTH** is out and it's amazing. So many congrats to CC for her great showing with this one!

RUSH by Lisa Patton

What a beautiful, haunting novel. In addition to being an engaging, lush portrait of the phenomenon known as sorority rush, **RUSH** tackles some of the most serious injustices in the south. Lisa Patton's work personifies "be the change". You have to read this book, and share it with everyone you know. The paperback came out last week!

REBECCA by Daphne Du Maurier

This is, without a doubt, one of my favorite books. It's a huge influence in my work, as I'm sure you can tell. This time around, I'm listening to the audio. It is even more disturbing and sinister. A genius at work.

Cool Things From the Internet

How to Live Intentionally in the 21st Century: An Experiment. I've read hundreds of articles in this vein over the years. This is by far the best conceptually that I've seen. It's written by a psychology student, and is totally accessible and usable info.

A Harry Potter Book, Bought for \$1 at a Yard Sale, Could Sell for More Than \$37,000 at Auction This is wild! Makes you want to start doing the yard sales, eh?

Arctic fox astounds scientists by trekking 2,176 miles in 76 days — from Norway to Canada. I'm resisting dropping

a why did the fox cross the Arctic joke here... what an amazing girl!

Kindle and Nook readers: You know you don't own those books, right? Scary to entertain but something to keep an mind...

World War II Veteran Reunites With French Woman He Loved 75 Years Ago. What a sweet story! Be still my heart.

August Recipe: Crockpot Peach And Bourbon Pulled Pork



I generally reserve crockpot meals to the cooler months, because I associate slow-cooked meals with warming comfort food. But I've broken with my tradition this year, especially for this recipe from Iowa Girl Eats. Here's my adaptation of Peach and Bourbon Pulled Pork.

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You can find all of my recipes [here](#).


That's it from me! Drive a little slower in the mornings to help the school buses, donate a few items to your local elementary school or library, give your garden a big once-over for late season producers, and I'll see you next month.

peace and hugs,



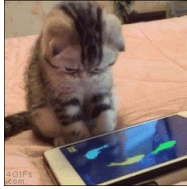
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