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▫ **Holiday treats, bookish gift ideas, and a spicy party snack!** ▫

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Happy Holidays, Gentle Reader!

Happy Holidays! Love, J.T. & the Grinch

Another year's end is upon us. It's rather astounding, actually, that 2016 is drawing to a close. **It means things are finally—finally—quieting down at Chez Ellison.** I am busily writing the next standalone, preparing for a quick trip to visit Catherine in California, and am 80% done with my Christmas preparations, something that hasn't happened in a decade, because this is the first time I haven't been on deadline at Christmas. I've always been so jealous of writers who calmly begin a book in the new year, because I'm generally going with my hair on fire into Christmas and January with a book due. It feels great, and I'm never going to allow a December/January deadline happen again.

2017 is going to be a wonderful year. **There will be a new Brit in the FBI in March, my new standalone LIE TO ME in September, a lot of writing in between, and a surprise in October.** I'm finally taking a break from the whirlwind, and I anticipate a lot of writing, reading, yoga, and calm.

Holiday Treats, Just for You

Holiday Gift Guide For Bookworms, Nerds, And Productive People

This gift guide includes my top ten favorite novels of 2016, plus a few more bookish suggestions for your nerdy loved ones.

[Gimme those gift ideas!](#)

How to Conduct an Annual Review: Building Confidence, Clarity, and Contentment

If you're in the mood to do some productivity planning, I've broken down my annual review system to make it easy and accessible.

[Take me to the tips, please.](#)

What I'm Reading

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December's Recipe

Modern Mrs. Darcy's Spiced Nuts

A very special Christmas treat! I'm making them now, and **oh, my, does the house smell wonderful.**

May I pretty please have this recipe?

And so we wrap 2016 in a happy bow. That's it from me, my darlings. **Wishing you the most joyous of holidays, a safe and happy month, and a blessed New Year.**

XOXO,

Let's be friends. I don't bite!



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