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A few reasons I'm celebrating!

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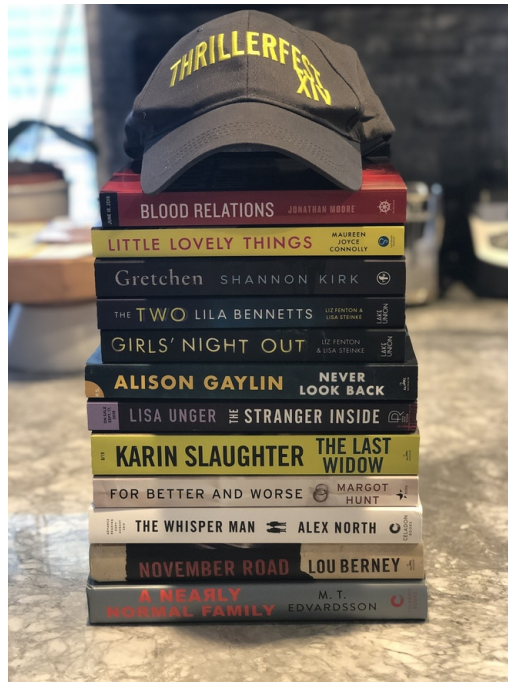


It is always a happy newsletter when I get to share big news, and I have some of the best kind. Ready? I've signed a new deal for three more books with my long-time editor Nicole Brebner and publisher MIRA Books. I am so thrilled!

Truly, friends, this doesn't happen without YOU! Your support over the years, helping me build my career, buying and reading and sharing the books with your friends and family, means the world to me. And to all you incredible booksellers and librarians who stock the books and recommend them to your readers, so much love!

I've just returned from New York and the 14th Thrillerfest, where I was able to celebrate the new deal with my team in person, and celebrate longtime team member Margaret Marbury being named the 2019 Thriller Legend. It was a very special weekend, spent with good friends, surrounded by the luminaries of our field, both established and upcoming (and trust me when I say, the upcoming authors are going to knock your socks off.) It's so heartening to see our original concept of Killer Year grow into the ITW debut author's program, to see the true support the established thriller authors are giving to those who are just starting their careers—and those who are restarting them, as well. Very cool stuff.

I'm especially impressed by our female suspense/thriller authors, both new and established. I spent time with luminaries and debuts and everyone in between, and there was a consistent *I am woman, hear me roar* theme to the weekend. You're going to see a LOT of recommendations from me in the coming months that center on these amazing women. Don't get me wrong, I adore our male writers, but I feel like the women of thriller are about to take over the entire world. I brought a massive stack of books home, and I can't wait to read them and start the recommendations!



With the conference and knee surgery (minus a small stress fracture) in my rear view, it's time for me to buckle down and write. Work on the next standalone has been underway for a while now, and the new proposal has just been approved! I will be on silent mode for the next few months, beavering away, building the outline, the characters, and the story. Happily, I have a working vacation coming up. How can you work on vacation? Pick someplace lovely, to start. Write in the morning, take a walk, then read/relax in the afternoon. I might not get to walk as much as I'd like, but I'm excited nonetheless. Lots going on in the fall, like [Bouchercon Dallas](#), to talk about soon enough.

Here's a little preview of what else is coming up in the next few months!

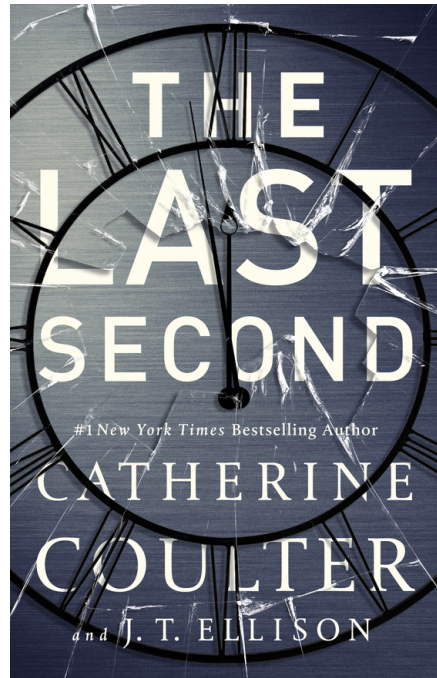
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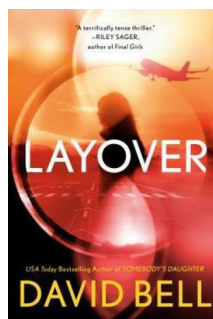
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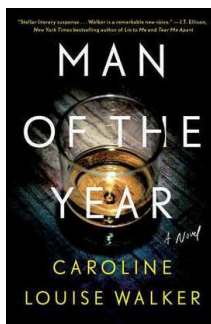
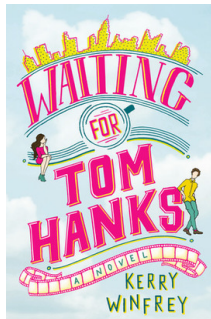
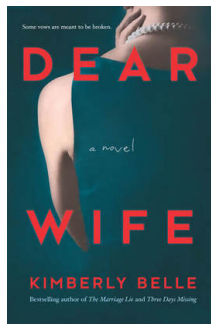


The trade paperback lifts off November 12 and I am in love with this cover...

TAKE ME TO THE MOON!

▯ What I'm Reading





Click the covers to learn more!

LAYOVER by David Bell

There is something inherently sexy about meeting a stranger at an airport, especially one you connect with on every level. But what if that someone might be a missing person? It's a great premise for a book, and David Bell's latest, *LAYOVER*, captures all the excitement and terror of this exact situation. If you like Harlan Coben, you will love David Bell.

DEAR WIFE by Kimberly Belle

I loved this book so much! Subtle, insidious, clever...*DEAR WIFE* is spellbinding. I was hooked from the first page. You're going to love Kimberly Belle's latest outing. And you aren't going to see it coming, which is the best kind of suspense!

WAITING FOR TOM HANKS by Kerry Winfrey

I know you've heard about this book and it is worth the hype. Absolutely adorable, sharp and funny and self-aware, this is the book for anyone who likes romantic comedies, who likes stories about hope, who needs some cheer in their lives. A quick and satisfying read.

MAN OF THE YEAR by Caroline Louise Walker

Beautifully written and deviously plotted—the very best kind of story. *MAN OF THE YEAR* is a stellar literary suspense, exploring the chasm between truth and lies, identity, love, hate, and the pursuit of self, and how a moment's decision can undo a perfect world. Caroline Louise Walker is a remarkable new voice to watch. Give me more!

Cool Things From the Internet

A Precise Taxonomy of 64 Hairstyles in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Probably the most fabulous thing you'll read this week, and bonus: it's written by an exceptionally talented Nashville author friend by the name of **Lauren Thoman**.

The Hit Books of the First Half of 2019. See any favorites? I am continually astounded by the level of talent out there. Literature just keeps getting better and better.

18 Popcorn Recipes For Your Next Netflix Marathon. YUM. Great ideas!

THE FINAL CUT, the first book in the Brit in the FBI series, is **a staff pick at the New York Public Library**! I'm sure Patience and Fortitude fully approve.

An amateur sleuth helped authorities confirm the identities of the New Hampshire murder victims. More proof librarians are amazing.

40 New Thrillers Out This Summer That Make The Perfect Vacation Reads. Every. Book. On. This. List. WOW! Like I said before, the talent pool just keeps growing!

July Recipe: Fruit Tea



Since it is so dang hot, I think we need something perfect for summer. If you're local to Nashville, you are more than intimately familiar with fruit tea, but for the rest of you, it's something I hope you'll find unique. It's one of those recipe's that everyone does a little differently, but I've adapted this recipe from Jennifer Justus at *Garden & Gun*.

I'M SO THIRSTY...

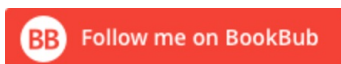
You can find all of my recipes [here](#).

That's it from me! Make some sweet tea, lie in a hammock with a good book, wear your sunscreen, and I'll see you next month (hopefully tanned, walking upright, and otherwise intact.)

peace and hugs,

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