

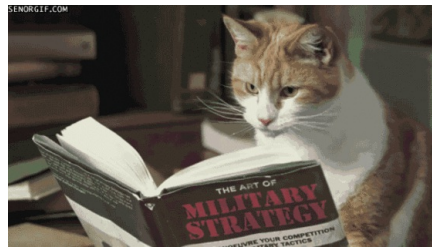
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The Blessed Summer Silence and Other Good News

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Hi, Gentle Reader!



Hear that? No? I do. It's the calm after the storm. The chirping of birds, the swish of the sprinkler, the whirr of the ceiling fan. The deep breaths I haven't been able to take for a while. The blessed silence of not being on deadline, and wow, it's been lovely.

Not that there isn't another book due, of course there is. But I'm in the beginning stages of conceptualizing the next standalone, and working on a secret project, and both of these actions require long, uninterrupted stretches of deep work. And that's where I am, in deep work mode.

Soon enough, the PR machine will gear up for **GOOD GIRLS LIE**, and the daily word counts will need to double, and the quiet days of summer will be behind me. But for now, I am reveling in the calm. Reading a ton of books, writing, meditating. Taking advantage of the lull in my schedule to reset and rejuvenate. (And having knee surgery to fix a torn meniscus incurred whilst 5k training. Oops.)

Speaking of, I was so excited to see **GOOD GIRLS LIE** featured in the **Fall/Winter Buzz Books** from Publishers Marketplace ahead of its galley release at BookExpo. So. Freaking. Cool! And (hint, hint) you can read the first few chapters if you download the sampler, plus see samples of 45 other books. Incredible, right?

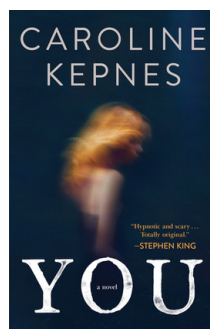
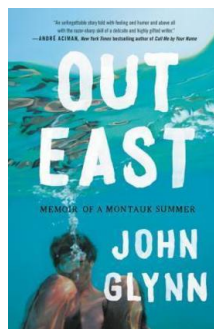
□ **NO ONE KNOWS** In Mass Market Paperback

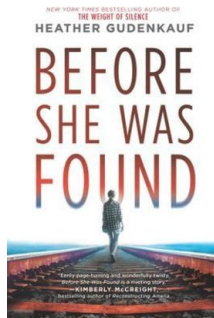


I just finished editing the mass market galley of **NO ONE KNOWS**. I've never had an opportunity to revisit a book that's been published (THANK YOU, Gallery!) and I thoroughly enjoyed the process. I'm looking forward to getting the book into new hands in this new format—and it will have the original ending that I wrote, which makes me doubly thrilled. It will be out in September!

PREORDER, BABY!

▯ What I'm Reading





OUT EAST by John Glynn

I've always been obsessed with the northeastern beach scene, being a Florida beach girl myself. I went in expecting a light read about the Hamptons and WHOA. Glynn's style is amazingly evocative. This is a wonderful coming-of-age memoir, beautiful, lovely, heartbreaking, and inspiring. I gobbled it up in two days. While John's day job is editing for Graydon House, I really hope he writes a lot more. He's a true talent. This was a perfect first read of the summer.

YOU by Caroline Kepnes

I started reading this so I could freely watch the TV show of the same name. Once I was well in, out of curiosity, I watched the first episode. Holy cow! I had to all-stop and wait for DH; I knew this was a show/story he'd dig. Crazy, twisty, ends-justify-the-means type of story. Highly recommended.

QUEEN OF SHADOWS by Sarah J. Maas

Y'all know how much I love Sarah J. Maas. I finally allowed myself to read book four as a reward for all of my hard work the past several months and it did not disappoint. It's fascinating to see her growth as a writer and a storyteller. Maas's books showcase my favorite kind of story: extraordinary female lead who inspires loyalty and love and is fearless in the face of adversity. I can't wait for her [Crescent City series](#) to come out!

BEFORE SHE WAS FOUND by Heather Gudenkauf

Heather Gudenkauf writes intricate, emotional suspense, and her latest is hands down her best yet. Told through journals, police interviews, and a stellar narrative, this perfectly terrifying story is ripped from the headlines (there are parallels with the Slenderman case) and layered with Gudenkauf's flair for small towns and intimate family portrayals. Heartbreaking. Devious. Intelligent. Misleading. Too familiar for comfort. I couldn't put it down. Have you read Heather before? If not, add her to your list immediately!

Click the covers to learn more!

Pulling The Wine Vixen Out Of The Cellar



Now that things are finally calming down, it's time to get back to weekly wine recommendations! For years, every Friday on my Murderati blog post, I did a quick wine recommendation. The Wine Vixen is the site I started several years ago to continue this, but I stopped updating it when my workload got to be too much. I've been collecting wines to suggest this whole time, and now The Wine Vixen is back up and running!

WINE RECOMMENDATIONS? I'M IN!

Cool Things From the Internet

From Agatha Christie to Gillian Flynn: 50 great thrillers by women. What a list! I could just start at the top and work my way through over the summer and be happy as a lark.

How a Canadian Chain Is Reinventing Book Selling. "It may seem strange for a bookstore chain to be developing and selling artisanal soup bowls and organic cotton baby onesies. But Indigo's approach seems not only novel but crucial to its success and longevity." I LOVE Indigo. One of my favorite stops in Toronto.

How To Get The Perfect Instagram Photo, According To 8 Bookstagrammers. I am NOT a photographer, and happily Assistant Leigh has a great eye and has really helped make **my Instagram** pleasing to the eye. But I have room for improvement, and these are great tips.

Is the bookstore crawl the new pub crawl? I would like for this to become a thing beyond Independent Bookstore Day. More books, please.

The Rise of Elective Sobriety. As an occasional teetotaler and total lightweight, I find this interesting and encouraging. Then again, I've never felt pressure from the people around me to drink. Maybe this is a Southern thing?

Six Steps for Decluttering Your Kitchen . . . and Reclaiming the Heart of Your Home Excellent advice. I'm looking at my counters right now thinking they could use a few less items...

A WORD ON WORDS





Season 4 of A WORD ON WORDS has come to an end. Click on the photos to watch our interviews with Harlan Coben, Dani Shapiro, and Delia Owens. Or head to the page to watch them all!

[I WANT TO WATCH!](#)

May/June Recipe: Soup Stock



Stocks! We have all sorts of stocks!

Darling husband's soy allergy manifests itself in wonderfully weird ways. The latest: he can't eat any proteins that were fed soy or processed at all—chicken, turkey, pork. (This includes eggs.) Which means all boxed broths are off limits, too. So I have developed a few recipes of my own. They are easy, healthy, and delicious, plus a base for pretty much every liquid, rice, soup, and pasta dish I make.

[CHICKEN STOCK](#)

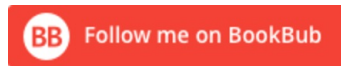
[VEGETABLE STOCK](#)

I hope your summer goes wonderfully, you have fantastic books to read, lemonades to drink, cool pools to frolic in, and beautiful gardens to enjoy. See you next month!

peace and hugs,

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