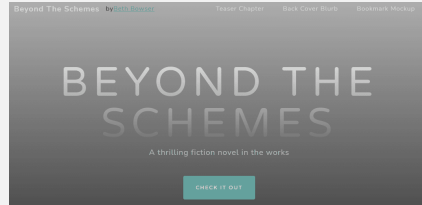




Writing Journey Updates

So sorry for disappearing! But my Novel progress is worth the wait!



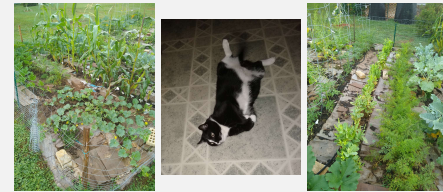
Beyond The Schemes (a novel)

I have a new single page website up! It's tied to my current website specifically about my WIP or Work in Progress and titled Beyond The Schemes. All of the posts I had included previously about the novel have pulled out and moved over, plus new information has been added! Including a chapter teaser. I am working on the novel almost exclusively so my happenings may feel a little light and I'm sorry about that. Please do not take this to mean that I will have a completed and ready for publishing novel in a couple months. No, I'm on my 2nd draft and still may need a 3rd draft. I also want to send it to an editor before I start trying to get an agent/publisher, but I have taken to heart a book marketers words that "It's never too soon to start talking about your work!" I still have time for you however! So, please remember to request for anything you want to see about writing, mine or otherwise, and I'll make sure I write something about it!

This new webpage requires a new subscription, especially if you want to get the complete 1st chapter. If you are interested in keeping in know and following all my news on the novel, I humbly request that you subscribe to that list. It allows me to better direct content to you. Simply click on the link above or find the new menu link all over my website to be directed there. I changed email marketing vendors recently as well as I was having bad delivery rates and my emails were more often being sent to your spam. The nail on the coffin was when I realized that the plan I was on did not allow for a second subscriber list! So welcome to Sender! I moved all of you over already, but I remain strongly protective of your data and will never sell give or sell your email and name to anyone else ever!

You may be interested to know why I have been asking you to tell your friends and family about my website and to subscribe to be part of this list, so let me explain. When you have a novel that you are looking to get traditionally published (that is: not self-published), publishers really want to see that a novelist they are considering has the ability and skill to market themselves. If my mailing list is large enough, it may be the difference between a publisher taking a chance on me or passing on my novel. This is true, to a lesser extent, of my chances of landing an agent as well. Agents are more willing to work with an author than publishers as they will help their authors learn how to best market their work, but everyone always prefers authors already knowledgeable about marketing and who don't require any extra work! So please spread my website far and wide to any and all family, friends, and acquaintances you have! Remember, I barely send one email a month so I'm not asking for much at all. I just want a leg up for when my novel is completed and I'm looking for representation. Thank you for reading and considering!

I leave you with some photos. Charlie in the middle is the cat we adopted as a three week old kitten, who is now 16 months. I included a few photos of my garden as was asked for by a few of you. These garden photos are about two weeks old. In the first garden photo, you can see melons nearest to you, corn behind that and pumpkins starting to take over that whole left edge. Now the pumpkins have been expanding into most everything! It's a daily struggle to pull them away from choking off the rest of the garden! The second garden photo, from right to left is displaying corn at the top edge, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes and a hint of the green beans. Not shown are the sweet potatoes, mostly underground, and peas which do look pathetic now as they apparently require much lower temperatures to thrive.



Finally, you may want to catch up my reading lists. It has been a while since my last newsletter...

April Reading List and Reviews



Novels by Genevieve Cogman, Brandon Sanderson, Deborah Harkness, and Joel Rosenberg

April began with The Invisible Library, book 1 of the aptly named Invisible Library Series, by Genevieve Cogman...

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May Reading List and Reviews



Novels by Nalini Singh, James Bennett and Lucy Foley

The first novel I chose for May was A Madness of Sunshine by Nalini Singh...

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June Reading List and Reviews



Novels by C. L. Polk, Harlan Coben, Ilaria Tuti and S. J. Watson

Witchmark, the first in the The Kingston Cycle series, by C. L. Polk was my first selection...

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July Reading List and Reviews



Novels by Eileen Wilks, Allie Reynolds, David Chandler and TJ Klune

For the first novel I finished in July, I was introduced to the World of the Lupi in Tempting Danger...

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