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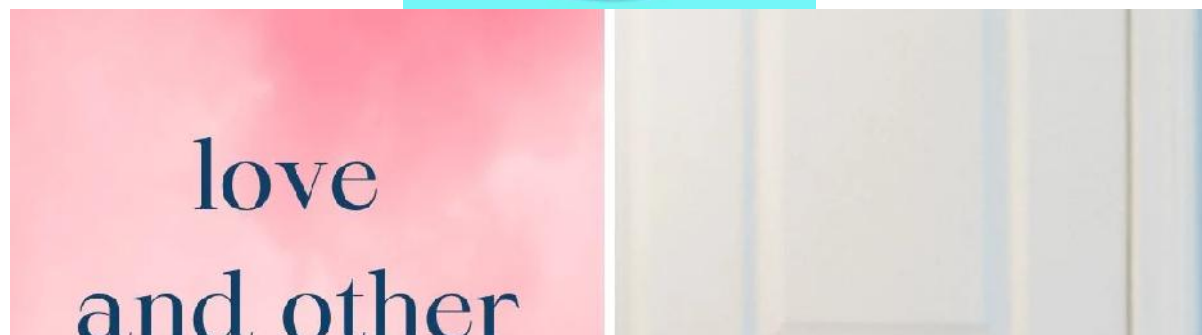
How can it be November already? And as it's almost Christmas I'm already in the giving mood! I have to admit to getting a little delirious at this time of the year. But my gifts to you aren't just because of the season. Every month there will be a little something for you, my lovely newsletter subscribers. Read on...

Caroline's monthly book giveaway!

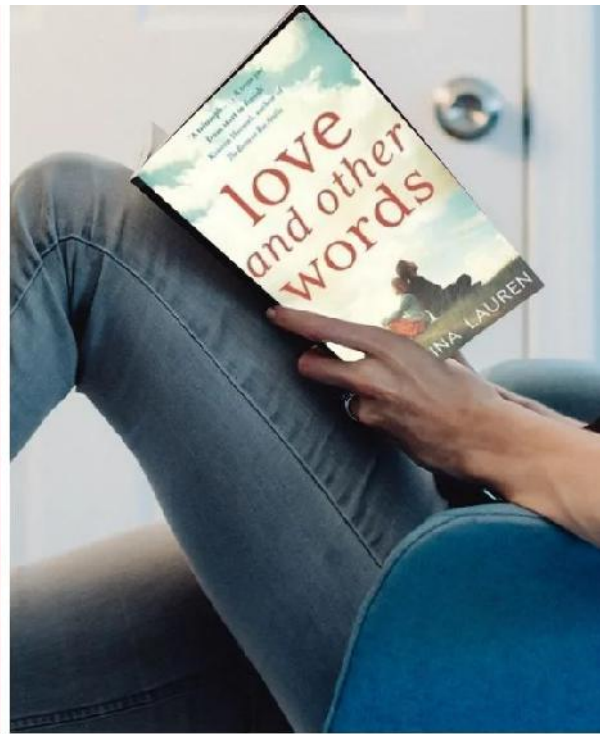
Congratulations to our first winner of the monthly giveaway

Jerry!

who has my copy of Happy Place heading her way. And now here's the November book:



words
by
christina
lauren



“Favorite
word?” he
whispers.
I don’t
even
hesitate:
“You.”

Why this book?

1. It's one of my favourite romance books ever.
2. This simple line has to be one of the most beautiful things I've ever read.
3. It's partly set in San Francisco where I'll be visiting soon.
4. It feels so right while I'm deep with Cassie and Nik in Tangled Past. There's something special about first love.

Enter here to win my
paperback copy!

And now for a special gift for you...

The first twelve chapters of my new Christmas romance, *The Twelve Days of Christian*, will roll out one a month until this time next year, when the completed book releases. But only you, my newsletter subscribers, will get to take this intimate look at the process of a book coming into the world.

Step into the world of an author, lean over my shoulder as I write, get to know Christian and Haley along with me. And be ready for a huge final gift to my readers in October 2024.



Welcome to

The Twelve Days of Christian



It's the first week in December, and Haley Templeton is relishing her freedom to indulge in the ultimate Christmas decorating frenzy. With a home to call her own and the company of two sweet, wonky senior dogs, it's shaping up to be the best festive season ever. With one exception: her job as a vet nurse at the dog rescue centre is under threat. But there's an unexpected glimmer of hope...

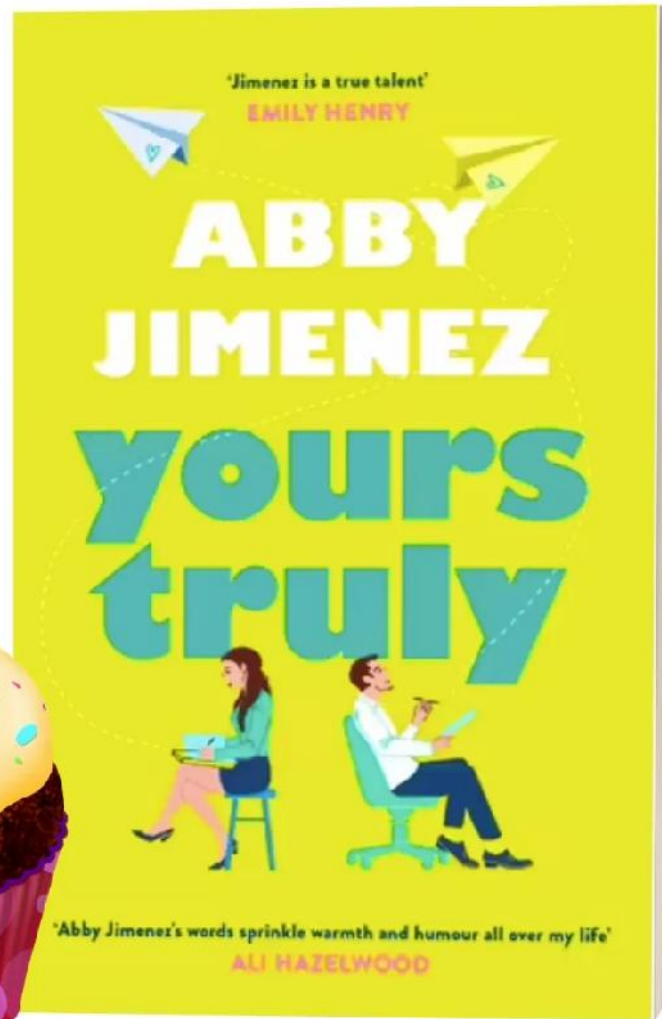
...in the form of Christian Steele, her brother's friend and Stellar Riot bandmate. He's nominated the rescue as his charity on a celebrity reality show. And although Christian may have a stereotypical bad boy rockstar rep, he's the only serious contender. Could Christian redeem himself and save them all?

Not when he's standing on her doorstep, dumped from the show. Now Haley has twelve whole days of babysitting Christian and no idea how she's going to survive living with the man who's let them all down.

While Christian must add controlling long buried feelings for Haley to his lengthy list of problems. Even under the mistletoe, it's hands-off his best friend's sister. But sticking close to Haley is his only chance to make out of this scandal unscathed.

[Get Chapter 1 here!](#)

Caroline's Reading Nook
Books, Film and Music



Love shows up

My top read this month has to be *Yours Truly* by Abby Jimenez. I don't have many auto-buy authors but she is one of them. The perfect mix of tears and laughter, with the most deliciously satisfying happily ever afters, these books also have my favourite book boyfriends ever. Move over Jamie Fraser, I'm afraid Abby's men are ahead of you in the line—including Doctor Jacob Maddox, voiced superbly in the audiobook by Zachary Webber. There's too much to say about this book so take my word for it or go with the opinions of thousands of readers.

Maybe it's because I've started writing a Christmas romance, that I've also been drawn to Christmas books lately. Here's three I want to share with you:



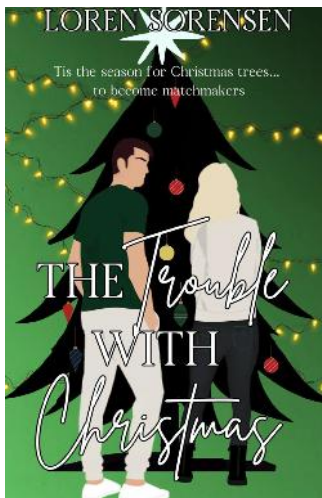
Last

By one of my favourite authors, Chloe Liese.

Workplace romance, opposites attract, secret identity, and a bookish love story all set in a book store! Throw in a bit of ice hockey...

I was always going to love this one.

[Amazon Link](#)



Current

Fabulous debut by Loren Sorensen, a name to watch.

Best friend's younger brother, exquisite sexual tension and steamy relief, mixed with fun and games, including a troublesome Christmas tree!

[Amazon Preorder Link](#)



Next

Melissa Dymond provides two versions: spicy or sweet.

I'm going spicy for this celebrity, forced proximity, enemies to lovers.

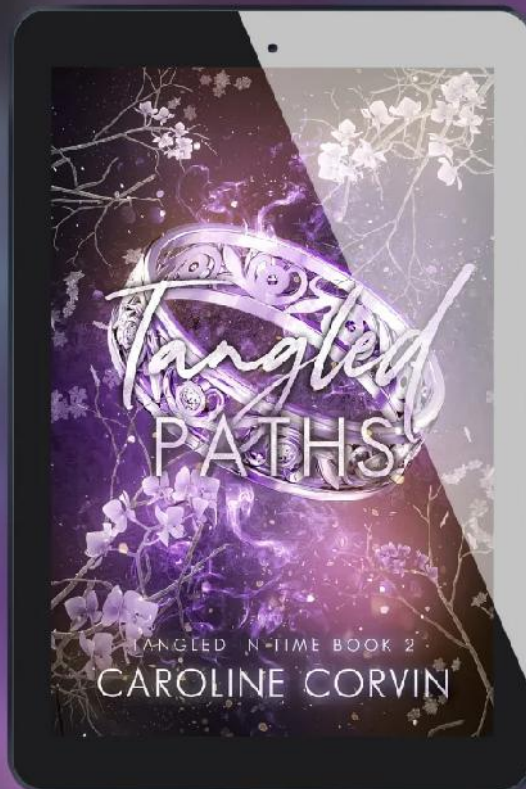
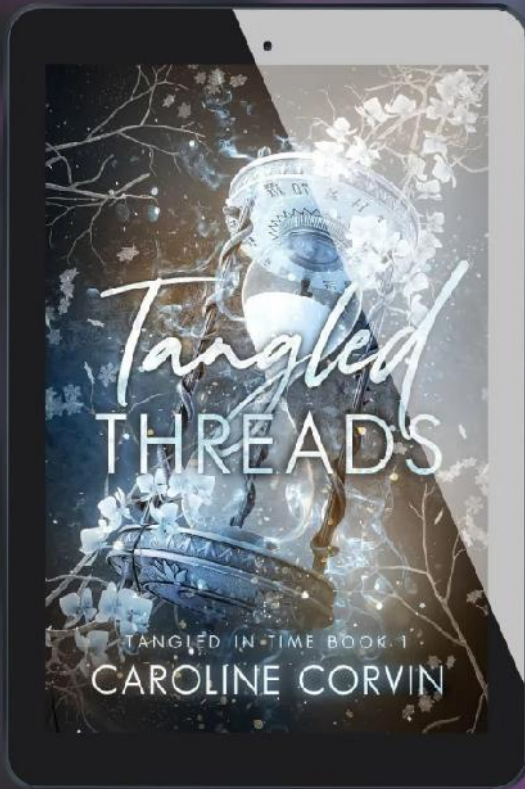
From the reviews, I'm expecting fun banter and a bit of angst.

[Amazon Link](#)

After a break, we're closing in on the final episodes of Sons of Anarchy, and I'm already getting goosebumps at the thought of the powerful ending! And on the music front I've been exploring the playlists in The Trouble With Christmas. A great variety, from Christmas favourites to Dashboard Confessional, Julia Michaels and the Foo Fighters. This might be a good time to mention I've bought tickets to see the Foos live in NZ this January and my teenage idol Stevie Nicks in San Francisco in December. Add in the Beatles Show 'Love' in Vegas and you can probably hear my squeals of excitement!

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Steamy Age-Gap

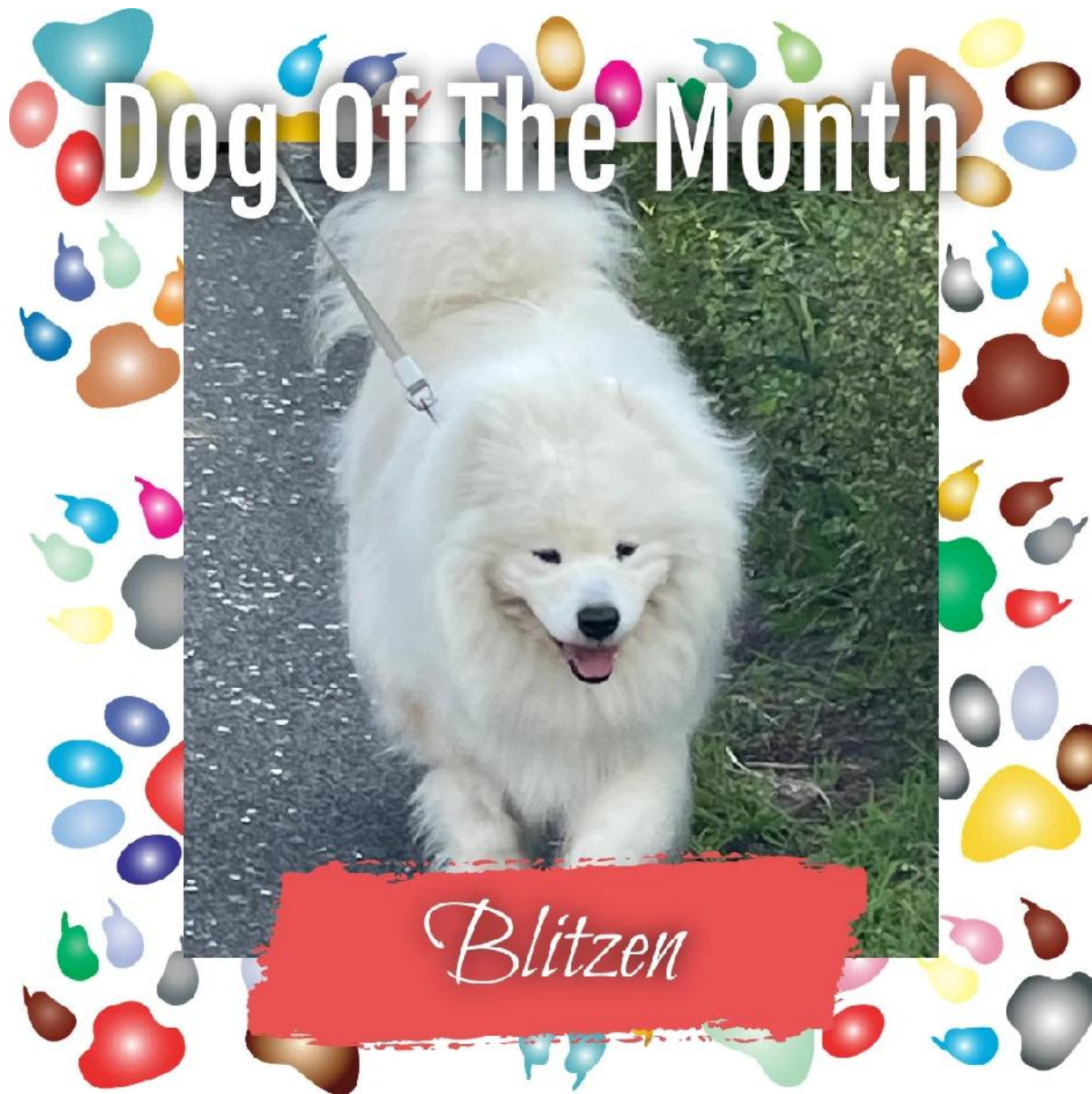
I loved writing the age gap between businessman Richard and student Sarah in Tangled Paths. Find that, plus a whole collection of swoony age-gap romance with sexy older men at the link below.

Steamy Age-Gap Romance
Collection

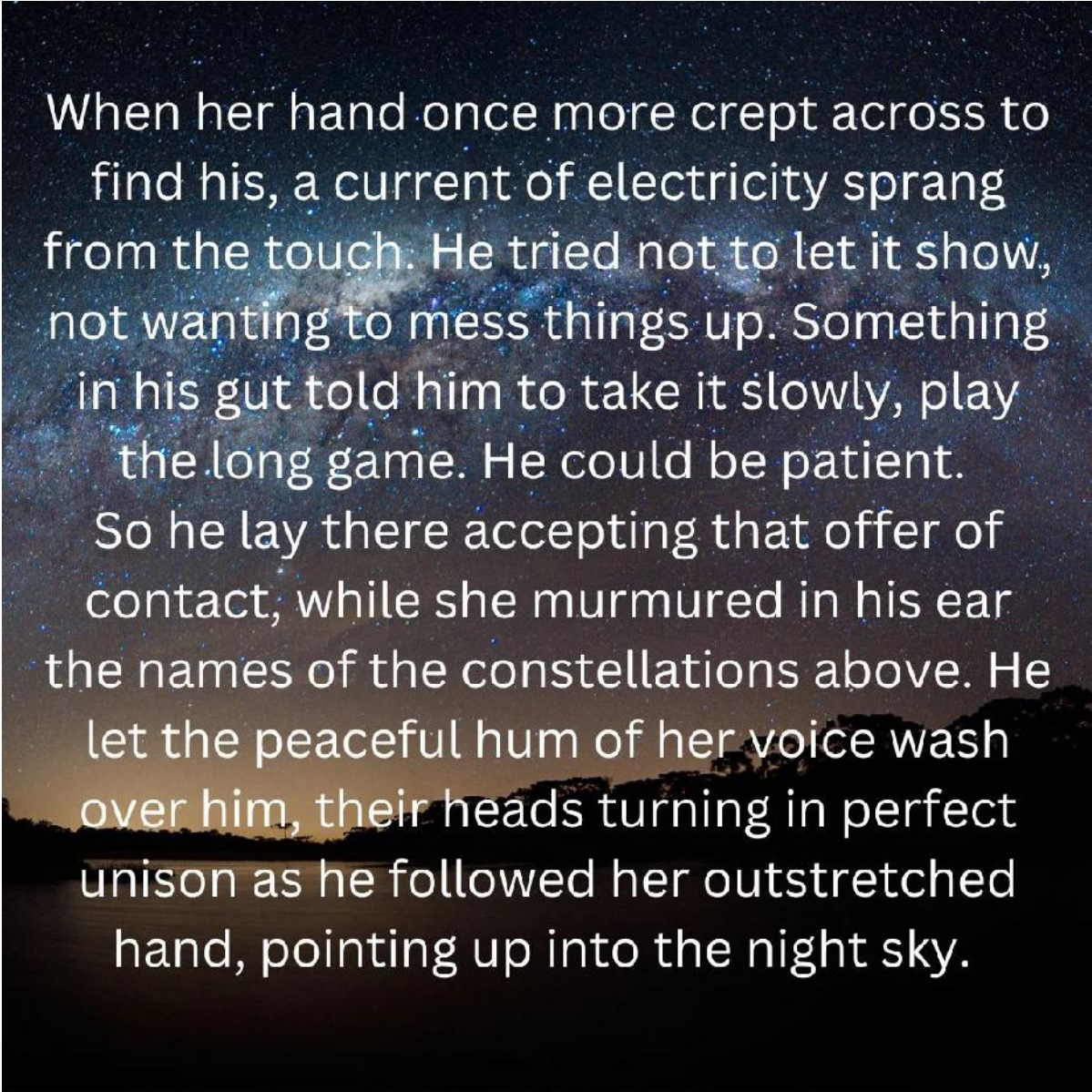
Christmas Dog!

When we got our first Samoyed, we were told they were the breed that carries the spirit of Christmas with them. This beautiful boy, aptly named Blitzen, certainly lives up to that ideal. We

spent two weeks caring for this sweetheart. Pictured on the way to the beach, every day he took us on a new adventure, knowing his way around a maze of beachside pathways.



Author Update
Caroline's writing life



When her hand once more crept across to find his, a current of electricity sprang from the touch. He tried not to let it show, not wanting to mess things up. Something in his gut told him to take it slowly, play the long game. He could be patient.

So he lay there accepting that offer of contact, while she murmured in his ear the names of the constellations above. He let the peaceful hum of her voice wash over him, their heads turning in perfect unison as he followed her outstretched hand, pointing up into the night sky.

It's all work...

so I'm not going to do a personal update this month, only an author one. On December 2nd I hop on a plane to the USA and get to spend five whole weeks playing. While I'll certainly read and write when away, travel and new experiences fill my writer's well, so that's what will take priority. In preparation for limited writing time I've had a very productive month.

Tangled Past is with my editor and I should have it back by the end of the weekend! I've been missing Cassie, Nik and Simon. Some writers dread their editor feedback but I love it and relish the revision process. I'll make a start but realistically it will be a January focus. I'll be reopening my ARC team for it in the January newsletter.

The first book in the Heartlands series, the story of Jenna and Geordie, is progressing really well. I just love the beautiful character arc for these two and writing it is so much fun. I was working on their scene at an All Blacks vs Scotland rugby match while watching the Rugby

World Cup (we came second to a relentless South African side). There's also a grumpy Scots Terrier who makes an appearance. He's evil!

And of course Simon and Haley burst onto the page from nowhere and I'm very invested in their bumpy road to love. The two dogs who are along for the ride in this one are delightful, especially in their Christmas jumpers.

Well that's it from me. Loads to do. The next newsletter will come to you from San Francisco as I prepare for the Stevie Nicks concert. I'm a very lucky girl.

Take care

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