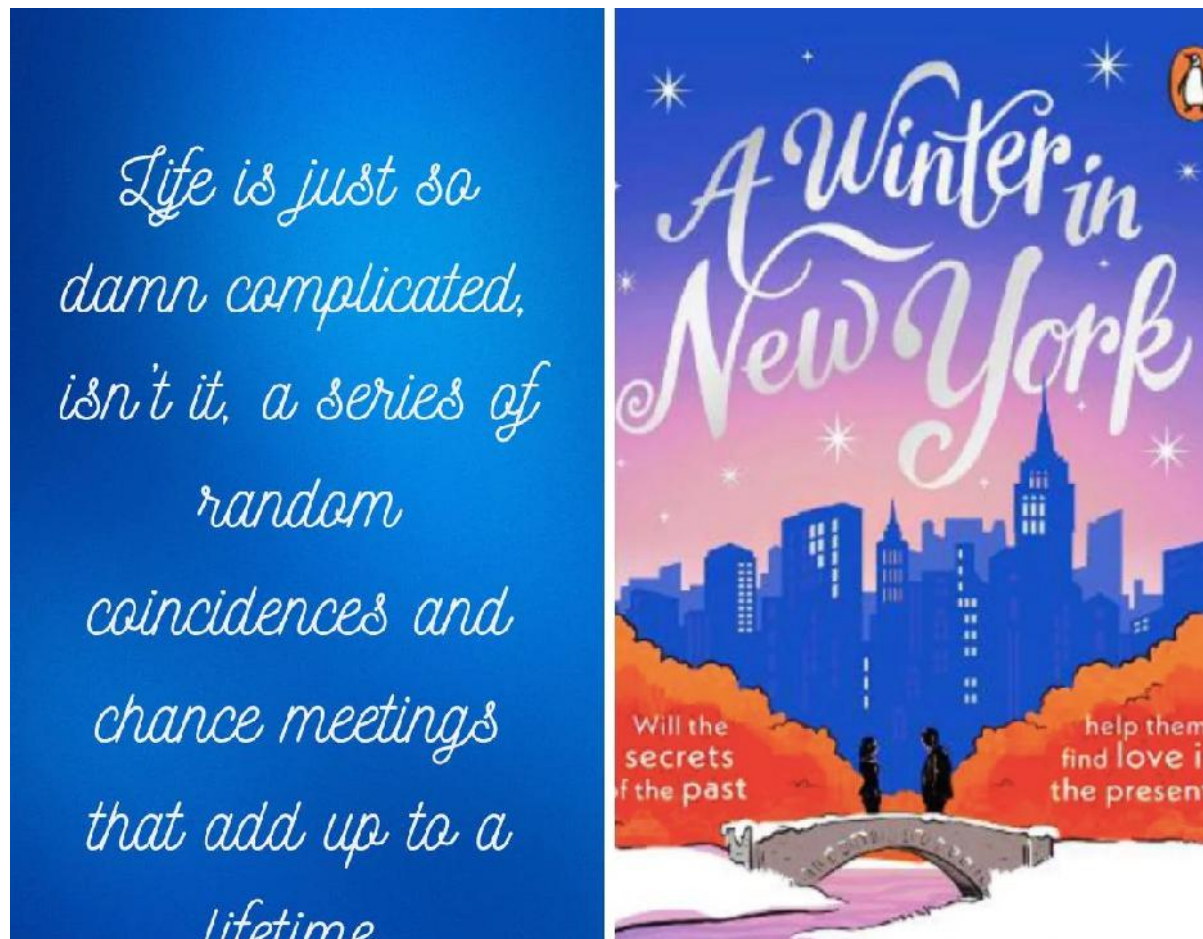




Merry Christmas!

I think I'm allowed to say that in mid-December. I'm writing this after indulging in a week of Christmas fabulousness in New York. Lights in Dyker Heights, shops with decorations on a scale I've never seen before and the legendary Rockefeller centre Christmas tree...my husband might be a little bit over it, but I'm not. And to match the New York theme check out my December book giveaway.

Caroline's monthly book giveaway!





I yearn to understand how the pieces of her life then intersect with my life now, to press a conch shell to my ear and catch the echo of her across time.

Why this book?

1. It was my delightful companion on the long flights from Auckland to Dallas and the final hop to New York.
2. I love Josie Silver! *One Day In December* is a favourite seasonal read (set in London). Also check out her book *One Night On The Island*, such a gorgeous forced proximity love story set on a remote Irish Island.
3. And of course, what else when I'm still living in the afterglow of my first visit to this magical city?

Enter here to win my
paperback copy!

And last month's winner was

Rainie!

It was a close spin, but Rainie's name came up by a whisker. *Love And Other Words* is on its way. I hope you are captivated by Macy and Elliot's story of first love and second chances as much as I am.

And while we are on the subject of giving away stuff...



*After the fucking
nightmare that's
been the last two
days of my life, I
need the blind
adoration and
total lack of
judgment these two
crazy old dogs
offer me in a
generous yelping,
licking, nose-nudging
whirl of
unconditional
canine love.*
Christian Steele

**Here's the next chapter of
The Twelve Days of Christian**



I hope you enjoyed meeting the fizzing ball of Christmas energy and best dog-mama ever, Haley Templeton, last month.

Now make way for the complex but brilliant Christian Steele—farm boy turned rockstar, with the heart of a poet hidden under that rough exterior.

And if you didn't download Chapter 1, don't worry. Each month I'll just keep adding in the new chapter to the book so you won't miss out.

Because I'm a little dog crazy I wanted to use the title page featuring our two canine characters for attention.

Get Chapters 1 & 2 here!

Caroline's Reading Nook
Books, Film and Music



I've had a really mixed bag of books this month which is refreshing. On audio I listened to my first Elsie Silver, **Flawless**, and I now know why her Chestnut Springs small town series is so successful. Rhett Eaton, a cowboy with an undeserved bad reputation was perfectly brought to life by the male narrator. I requested **Lessons In Chemistry** ages ago from the library and it finally came through. I really loved its quirky style, particularly scenes where you get inside the mind of the dog! And then I was lucky enough to win a giveaway with Whitcoulls NZ for **Wildfire**. Hannah Grace is another author whose books are super popular. This will be my in-flight read on the next leg.

I've been too busy to watch much lately, so it was good to see two movies on the plane: **Barbie** (which was so different to what I'd imagined in a good way) and **No Hard Feelings** (a sweet enough story that was ok to pass the time). Sitting in our hotel putting our feet up we are enjoying the endless stream of Christmas movies. There hasn't been too much music either, but again on the flight I caught **Coldplay's** Austin City Limits performance and they were amazing as always.

Books To Take A Look At...
come shopping with Caroline



Free Fantasy Romance

My *Tangled In Time* prequel is free so people can get a little taste of my work. Click below to check out a selection of free romance titles that all have elements of fantasy including time anomalies.

Free Fantasy Romance
for December



Sci-Fi & Fantasy Romance

My *Tangled In Time* series is very hard to pin down to a single sub-genre. That's why all three books are included in this December sales promo. If you like books where things are definitely not normal, check these out.

Sci-Fi and Fantasy
Romance Collection

On Sale!

As a wide author I know lots of my readers use platforms other than Amazon, so I love to leap into any sales promotions. This month I have two to share:

Kobo Buy One Get One Romance Sale

This runs for all of December, buy one promo book and get a second free. *Tangled Hearts* is available in this promo.

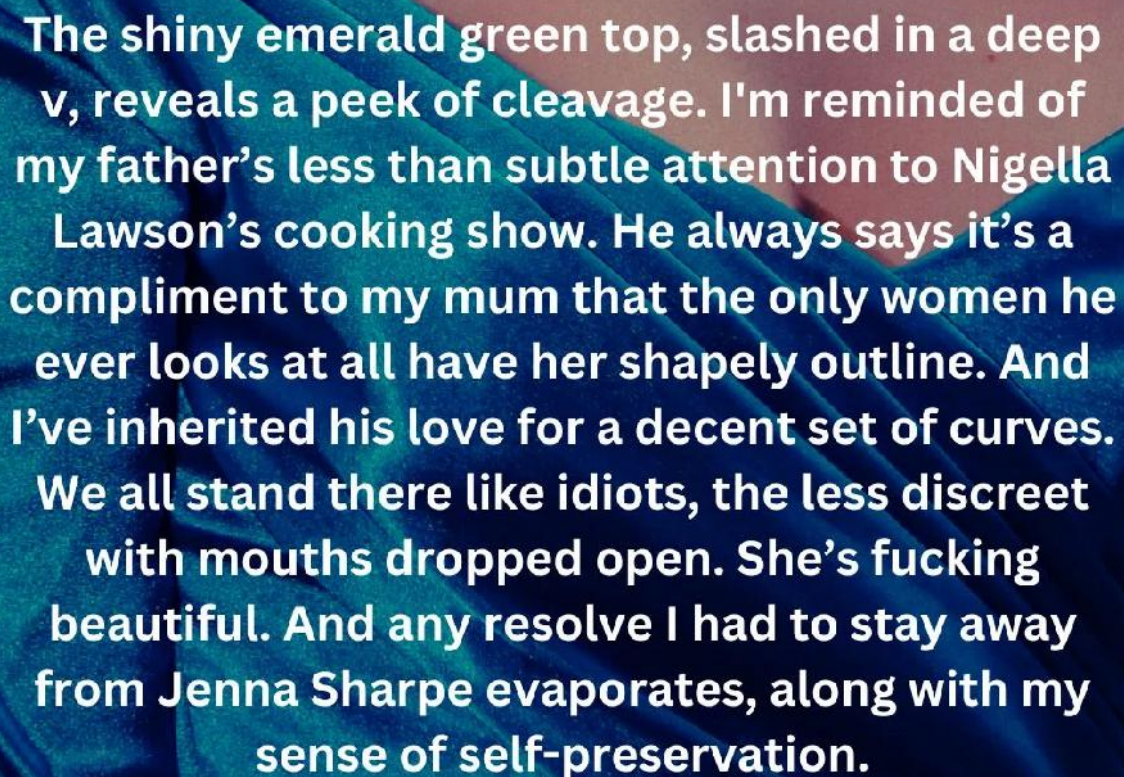
Smashwords End Of Year Sale

I'm excited that all of my books will be available as part of a promotion on Smashwords through January 1 as part of their End of Year Sale 2023! This is a chance to get my book, along with books from many other great authors, at a discount so you can get right to reading. From December 15th to January 1st all my books are 50% off in the Smashwords Store.

Here's the link: <https://www.smashwords.com/shelves/promos/>

Author Update

Caroline's writing life



The shiny emerald green top, slashed in a deep v, reveals a peek of cleavage. I'm reminded of my father's less than subtle attention to Nigella Lawson's cooking show. He always says it's a compliment to my mum that the only women he ever looks at all have her shapely outline. And I've inherited his love for a decent set of curves. We all stand there like idiots, the less discreet with mouths dropped open. She's fucking beautiful. And any resolve I had to stay away from Jenna Sharpe evaporates, along with my sense of self-preservation.

Geordie MacDonald - Blindsided By You

This month it's mostly play...

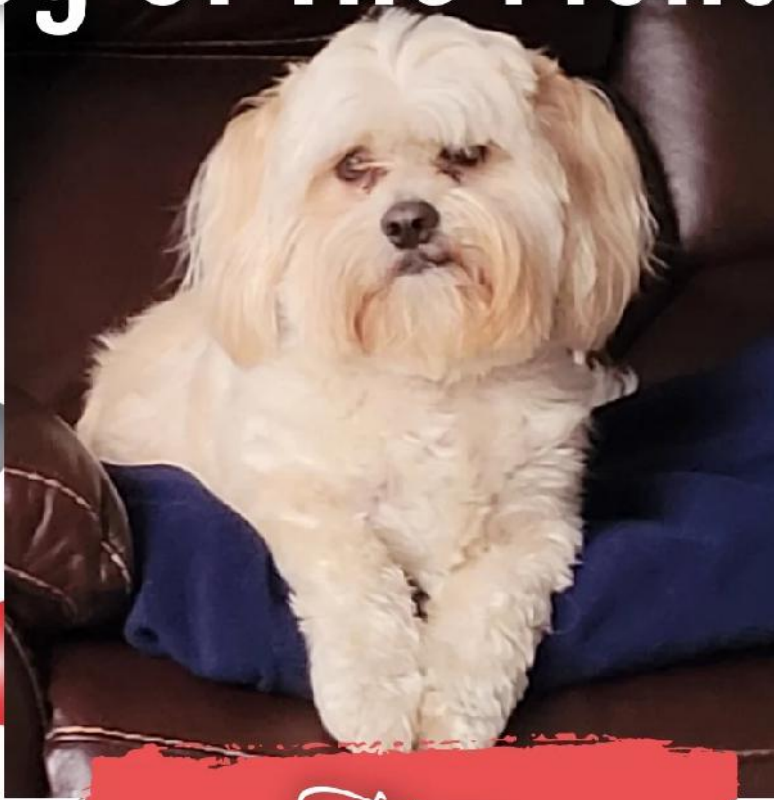
When I did my Clifton Strengths test, my number one strength was Input. I'm happiest and at my best when there's lots going into the system. Books, music, film, all fill me up so I can output creatively. But the type of input I love the most is experiencing the world firsthand through travel. It was a trip to the UK in 2018 that gave me the final impetus to write. And the places I went found their way into my work.

With a planned future series set in the USA, this holiday definitely doubles as research; work as well as play. But with three projects on the go, I can't walk away from the actual writing for five weeks—and I wouldn't want to—writing has become as important as breathing to me. So while I soak up all the amazing sights and experiences on holiday, here's what I'm working on: the next few chapters of *The Twelve Days of Christian*; keeping busy with Geordie and Jenna's story as it unfolds in the first Heartlands book (see image), tentatively titled *Blindsided by You*; and trying to do a little revision on *Tangled Past* after meeting with my editor. I'm excited to finish 2023 strong, knowing all of these books will go out into the world in 2024.

Hello Finn - our first reader's dog!

Meet an adorable bundle of cuteness who belongs to Sheelagh, a reader from Ontario, Canada. She tells me this delightful Havanese is a true lap dog, very sweet but also busy - a serial toy-destroyer! If you have your own cutie that you want to share with the group, email them through.

Dog Of The Month



Finn

Caroline's Corner
Welcome to my world



When I think of New York City my mind naturally goes to the many incredible books set here. To visit those places was one reason why it was my wish to celebrate my next 'big' birthday in New York. And my wonderful husband granted it (he's the one rocking the Santa beard). There have been so many special moments and I'll be sad to leave this city behind. It may have been my first visit but it won't be my last. As well as those pictured I have:

walked the Highline like Henry and Addie in **The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue**; visited Little Italy where Iris met Gio in **A Winter In New York**; rode in a carriage in Central Park and spent time in Manhattan like Louisa in **Still Me**; hung out in the theatre district like Holland and Calvin in **Roomies**; and spent time in New Jersey where August meets Jane on the PATH in **One Last Stop**.

This is a crazy but magical city and the people have been so friendly and helpful towards a pair of dazed Kiwis trying to work out the right subway stop! I hope if you've never been, you'll get the opportunity one day.

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