



Welcome to 2024!

It's great to have you back and share the exciting bookish things coming our way in this new year. I had a blast in 2023 with so many amazing books and authors in my life, as well as meeting special new characters and their stories in my own writing. I hope you'll stay with me as their lives unfold on the pages and enjoy some fun and gifts along the way.

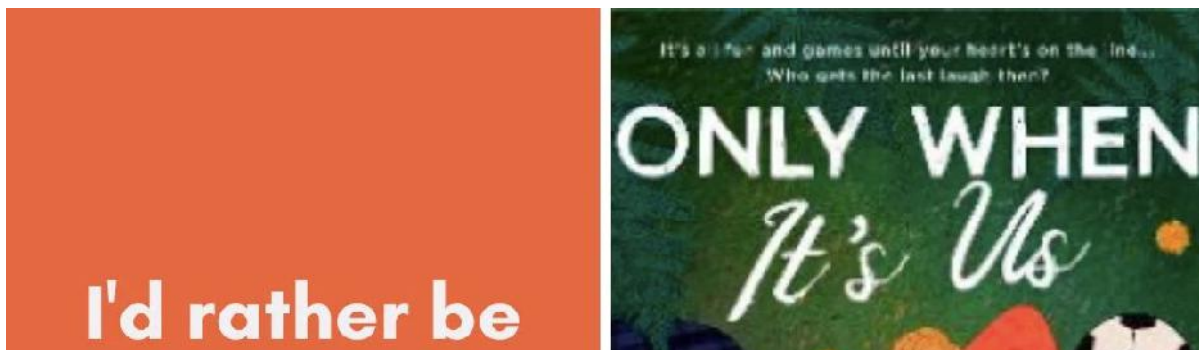
## *Caroline's monthly book giveaway!*

You know how sometimes you have a really great idea, but the practicalities of it then drag it down? Well, that's what has led me to tweak the monthly book giveaway. You see, I'm in New Zealand and I've discovered posting books around the world is crazy expensive. To send a book from within the US costs around \$7 NZ but from here to there is a whopping \$44!!!

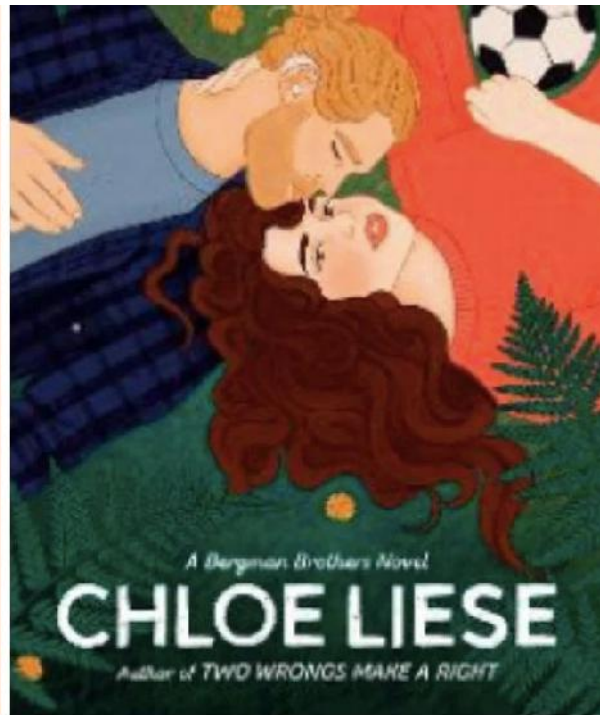
So I've come up with a plan. Don't worry, book giveaways are not going away. But instead I'm going to send them direct from Amazon\*. I think this will work fine for most countries. The good news is that:

1. I can choose whatever book I want for you, even ones I want to keep, so we both have a copy!
2. Thrift stores and little free libraries will benefit from the ones I need to move on :)

So we all win! If you want a chance to win this month's giveaway book, click on the button below to enter your details.



**afraid with  
you than  
fearless with  
anyone else.**



**I want to  
close my  
eyes and feel  
the memory  
of the  
moment only  
when it's us  
became only  
us, forever.**

**January Giveaway**

# Only When It's Us

I discovered some amazing new authors in 2023 and Chloe Liese is one of them. A key aspect that sets her work apart is her representation of differing abilities and neurodiversity in her characters.

I devoured the whole Bergman family series and can't stop recommending her books all over social media.

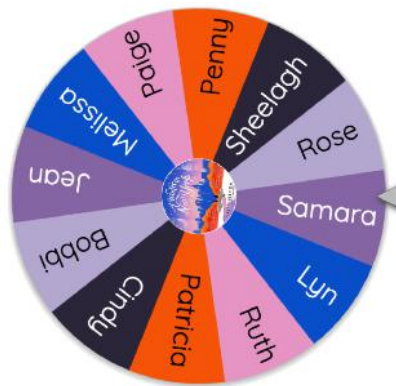
This month I'm offering the first in the series: *Only When It's Us*. Meet the first Bergman brother Ryder, and feisty Willa! I snared a new copy with this gorgeous updated cover at The Ripped Bodice in New York. So I'm not parting with that, but this month's winner gets their very own! Enter below...

[Enter here to win!](#)

And last month's winner was

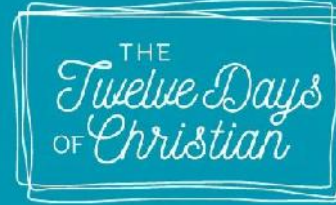
**Samara!**

Samara was the winner of my December book giveaway, a copy of the delightful Josie Silver book **A Winter In New York**. If you've never read Josie Silver, I highly recommend her work. **One Day In December** and **One Night On The Island** are fabulous, as is **The Two Lives Of Lydia Bird**—but that one comes with a major tissues required warning!





The dogs are huffing with joy, and he's murmuring endearments to them as both hands caress their bodies. As a guitarist, he's very good with his hands, and it seems he applies this talent effectively to other purposes.



Neither dog looks towards me. He's got them under his spell, and I can't say I blame them. If I had someone showering such affection on me, stroking all my most pleasurable spots, I wouldn't be seeking anyone else either.

## Make sure you catch up with what's been going on with Haley and Christian...

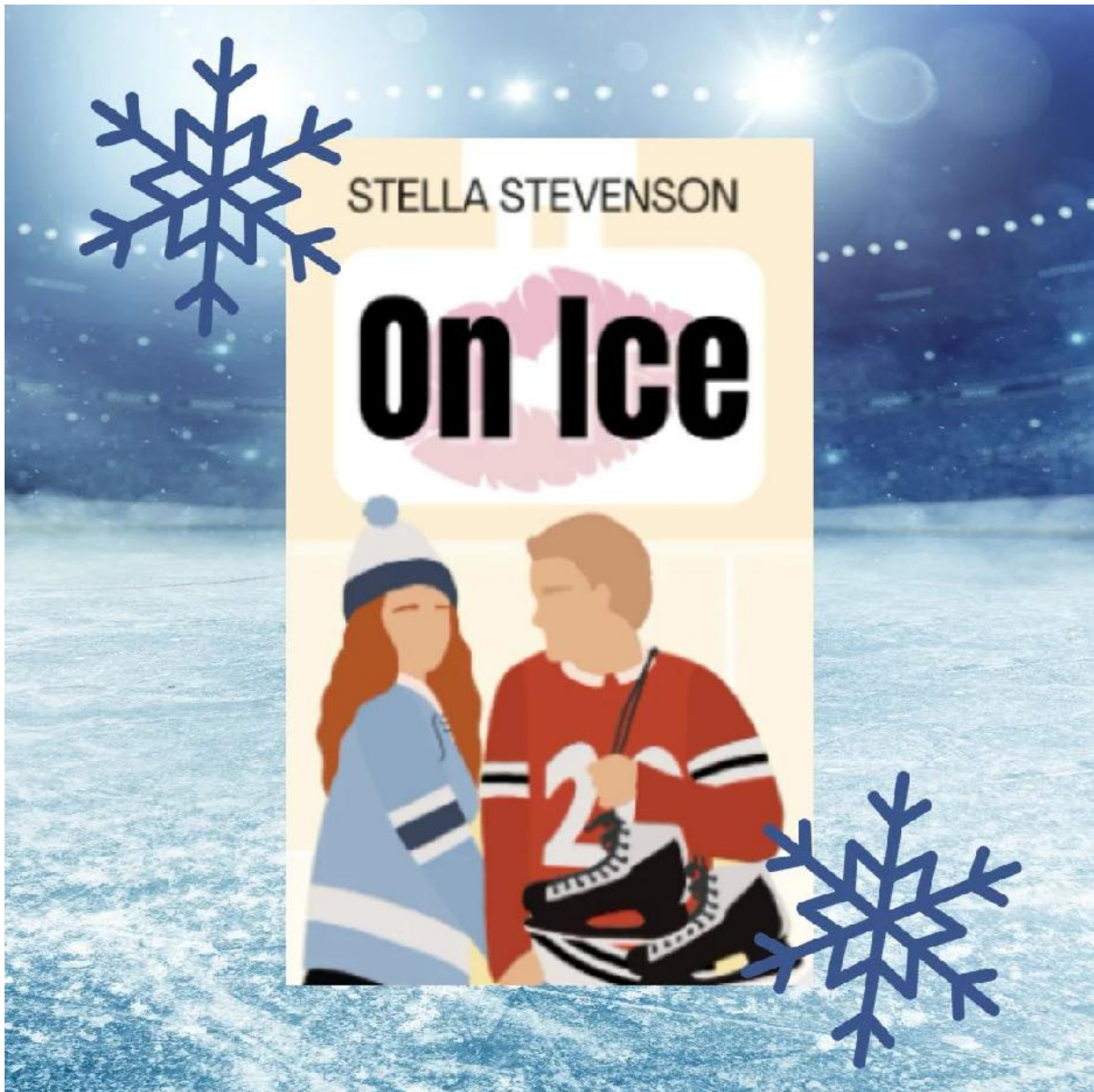


Christmas has been and gone but I'm one of those people who thinks about it all year! Which is why writing a Christmas book feeds my soul.

The third chapter of *The Twelve Days of Christian* is now live, so head on over to the link below and download the latest edition with chapters 1-3.

The 12 Days of Christian

*Caroline's Reading Nook*  
Books, Film and Music



Surprise choice! My first book recommendation of the year is a hockey romance. But **On Ice (The Arctic Series Book 1)** by **Stella Stevenson** is about so much more than hockey, so if you're not normally into sports in general, or hockey in particular, don't let that stop you. I loved this book about a daughter's dedication to her dad, and a guy struggling with the loss of the hockey career he should have had.

Quinn and Erik are just so good together and I guarantee you'll love them. Stella has a second book in The Arctic series coming in March and I can't wait.



The only good thing about long flights (apart from the fact you're going somewhere cool) is the opportunity to watch tv and movies you've never got around to. I now know why **Ted Lasso** is so universally loved. After watching a tantalising four episodes we are home trying to get AppleTV set up so we can binge the whole lot. I really loved the strong female characters and the grumpy sunshine between Keeley and Roy! Another reason we need AppleTV is the excellent British series **Slow Horses**. Gary Oldman is superb as one of the leads. The story follows a group of disgraced spies who get sidelined to an obscure MI5 office. Once again, I only got to watch the first few episodes. I need more, soon!



One part of our holiday that was even better than I imagined was finding out more about the birth of rock and roll in Memphis. Our visit to Graceland and then a tour of Sun Studios were highlights of the holiday. Listening to early recordings of **Elvis** (one of my Mum's favourites) and **Johnny Cash** (Dad's music hero) showed why they were (and still are) greats of the music industry. Afterwards we enjoyed some **live music** in the bars of **Beale Street** and followed that up a few days later with fabulous **jazz bands** in the streets of **New Orleans'** French Quarter. Another uniquely American music experience was seeing **college bands** in two football parades. Incredible the talent of these young people!

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

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## Kobo readers, stand by...

Australian and NZ readers it's summer sale time with Kobo and you can find **Tangled Threads** there!

Here's the link:

<https://books2read.com/Tangled-Threads?store=kobo>

Remember you don't need a Kobo device, you can just download the app.

There's also something else special coming on Kobo... I can't jump the gun on this one, but I'll be sending a little extra email in a few days' time that highlights a great opportunity for romance readers, particularly those of you who are hungry for books and find it expensive keeping up with that voracious appetite.



Where it all begins..



...and my gift to you!

**Tangled In Time** is a permanent gift to my readers!

The little novella that grew to over 40,000 words is available at no cost across all retailers at this link:

<https://books2read.com/Tangled-In-Time>

This prequel story is about the first traveller across time, Blair Thorne, who meets the love of her life, Daniel Tremayne, in two parallel lives.

This is an ideal time to read **Tangled In Time**, with my next release **Tangled Past** telling the story of Blair and Daniel's daughter Cassie.

I also had fun making some very different bonus content for this book! This too will add an extra dimension to readers of **Tangled Past**.

# Author Update

Caroline's writing life

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Words written  
in the Rose  
Reading Room,  
New York  
Public Library

## My muse gets shy!

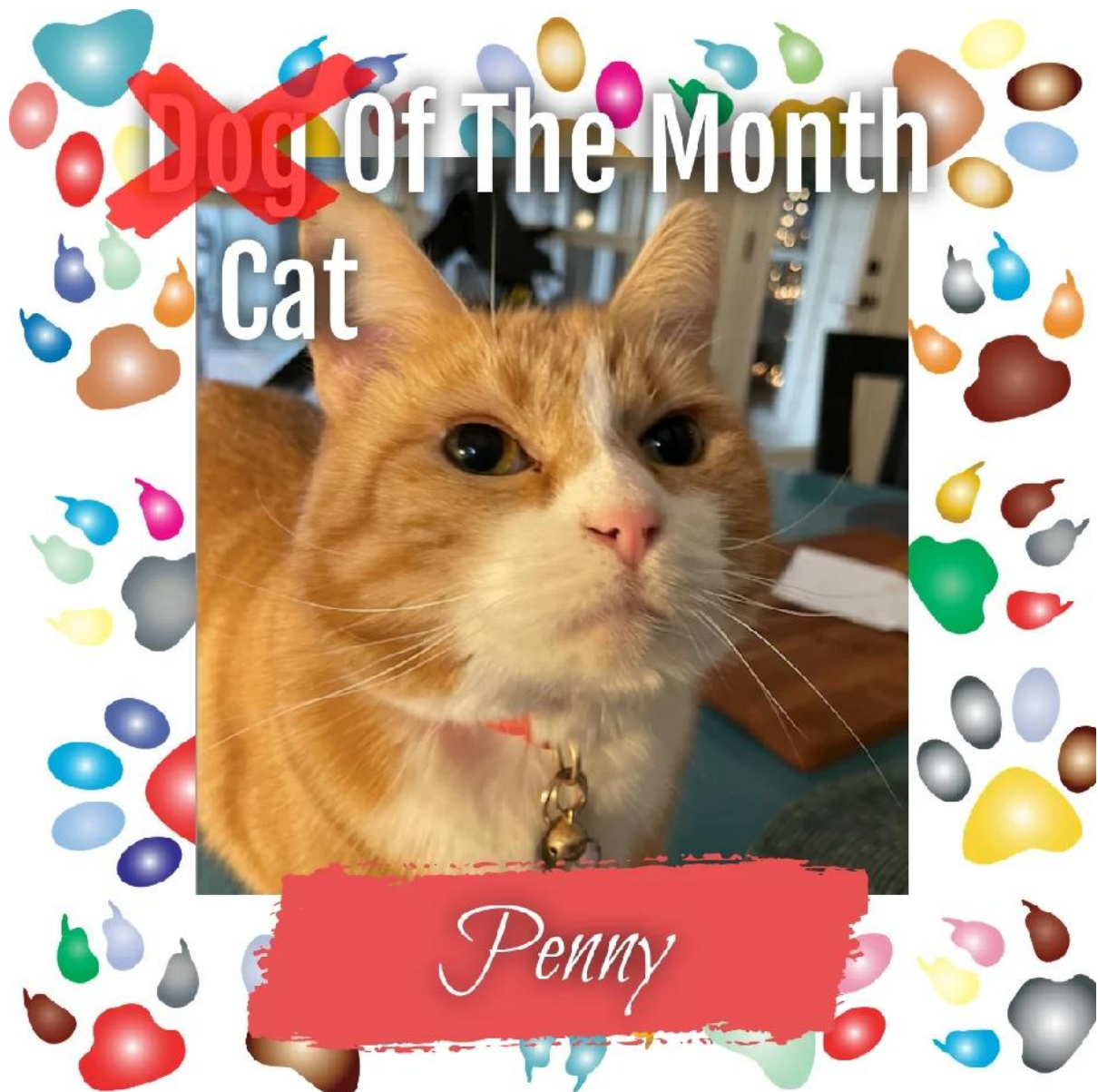
Creative muses are renowned as being quirky companions. Mine only works on full volume when she's alone—such as in my windowless writing cave, or the anonymity of a crowded cafe or airport. She's like a Hollywood star who shines in the intimacy of a studio but struggles to make a speech at a family wedding. Therefore, I was overly optimistic about the amount of work possible during my holiday. A hotel room shared with Mr C is never going to be a productive space! After a small positive start with words flowing on the subway and buses and in the gorgeous New York Public Library Rose Reading Room, things dried up once we moved to travelling by car. Driving or navigating swallowed up the time I'd earmarked for writing, although I still did lots of thinking, and to quote the very wise author coach, Becca Syme,

“thinking is working” for a writer. So while I’ve made some good progress across all my current projects, the surge of enthusiasm that a new year always brings will be extra welcome in getting those word counts up.

I’m excited about diving deep into revision of **Tangled Past**, loving the way Jenna and Geordie’s **Heartlands Book 1** is unfolding and enjoying the challenge of writing a book in linear order for a change with **The Twelve Days of Christian!**

## Time for a change

Yes, this month, we have a cat! While I adore dogs, I also love meeting cute cats like Penny. This little sweetheart belongs to my author friend Loren Sorensen. She is one of those rare ginger females (usually ginger cats are boys). Penny also has a noticeably short tail which allows her to wag it just like a dog. So funny! As is the way she surveys the two dogs in her household with disdain from the high ground. There is no doubt that Penny rules!



# *Caroline's Corner*

Welcome to my world



They say the only way to avoid post holiday blues is to plan the next one! And while that is definitely happening, I'm really not feeling too sad at being home. Firstly, I've arrived to a stunning New Zealand summer. The days are hot with clear blue skies and the beach is beckoning. And secondly, I still have a few weeks before having to contemplate my day job. Which means I have time to devote to writing and to mapping out my 2024 journey. While my books are light on detailed planning and tend to just evolve, the rest of my author life benefits from a bit of structure. So I'm setting goals, making colourful lists, and playing with my pretty Trello boards that I use to keep track of it all. It is work, but it's also fun. Check out my socials for some of the big picture plans.

How about you? Do you plan out the year? Or do you simply go with the flow? Whatever your approach, I hope 2024 is filled with fun, happiness and success.

*Caroline*



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