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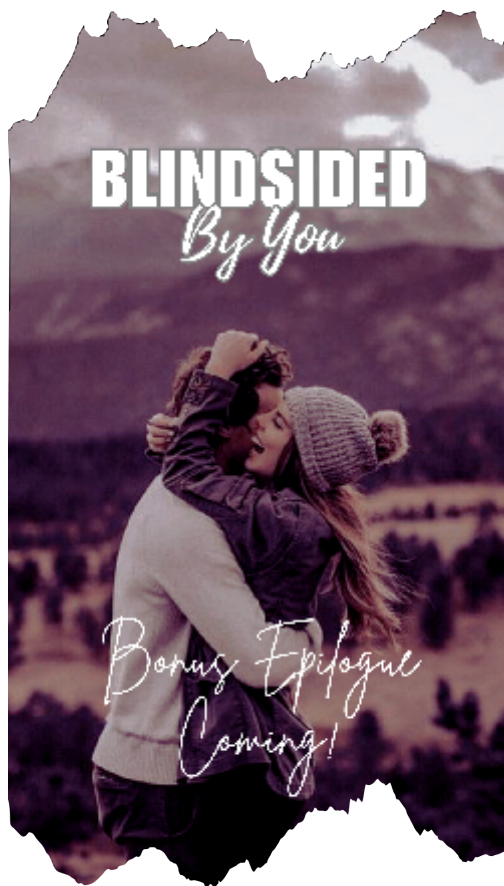


I know many of you are welcoming spring and with this time of year comes lots of new books. I've got a new one coming for you, too. Here's the full trope list for *Blindsided By You*. I'm sharing it here first for all of you! The blurb and cover are not far away and you will also get the first look at those too. *Blindsided By You* will be out on June 3rd, but watch this space as ARC and Street Team sign-ups are coming earlier.



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coach's daughter sports (rugby)
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Author Update

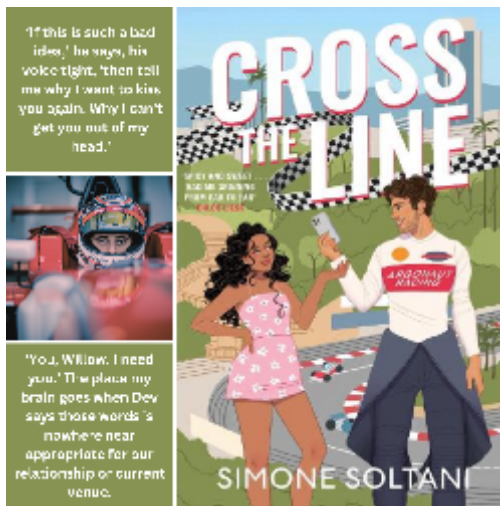


The moment *Blindsided* winged its way off to my editor, I plunged straight into writing a four-chapter extended epilogue which will be available as bonus content. I love taking my characters into the future and showing you their happily ever after is a lasting one. In this epilogue, you'll meet up with Geordie and Jenna, a year on from the end of the book, around Christmas time. I'm not saying any more than that...

After finishing the bonus I got back to my next full Christmas book, *Not My Little Drummer Boy*. Those of you who read the first chapter

tucked at the back of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, will know this is the story of Rachel, a kick-butt corporate lawyer and the loveable playboy drummer in the band, Teddy, who is eight years her junior. On paper, he's a very bad idea, but when has Rachel ever worried about that? I'm looking forward to working on this in the coming months in between final revisions and the release of *Blindsided*.

Monthly Book Giveaway



It's F1 season

To celebrate the start of the Formula 1 season, I thought I'd choose this book I enjoyed last year, *Cross The Line* by Simone Soltani, as my giveaway. Don't worry if motorsport is not your thing (it is mine because I've lived a lot of years with a big fan).

This book is a great brother's best friend/childhood friends to lovers story that just happens to be set in the world of a parallel F1 competition. I also loved the MCs' diverse cultural backgrounds and the FMC's disability representation. It was a fun read!

[Click Here To Win Cross The Line](#)

Last month's winner of *The Twelve Days of Christian* was Cindy, one of my original ARC readers. Thanks for your long time support Cindy. I'm glad the winning wheel finally stopped on your name!

Books To Take A Look At

This month it's all about the tropes! If you're into brother's best friend or roommates romances you'll find them here. A bonus for those of you who are in KU, these are all Kindle Unlimited titles.



Brother's Best Friend

As you know sibling's best friend romances are my favourite. Check out this collection.

[Click here!](#)



Roommates Romance

Nothing like a bit of forced proximity, especially when it's between roommates.

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Caroline's Story Nook



Reading: Four fabulous books this month. *First Time Caller*, B.K. Borison's reimagining of *Sleepless* in Seattle, is on my top books of 2025 list. There's no room here to tell you all the things I loved about it, so I'll just say: I was totally invested in Aiden and Lucie; and, because it's about a radio show, the audiobook is perfection! My second audiobook, *Sweet Talk* by Cara Bastone is an audio only and again the format is spot on, as it's based around voice messages and phone calls. Loved it so much, and it's free if you have an Audible membership. I just downloaded

her other three free audio novellas. You might recall this author from the fabulous *Ready Or Not*. Her next book, *Promise Me Sunshine*, is getting rave reviews from early readers.

If you haven't found Hannah Bonam-Young yet, you should—but don't start with these two! They are standalones, but I loved them more because they each featured characters from a previous book. So grab *Next of Kin* then read *Next to You*. First read *Out on a Limb* and then *Out of the Woods*.

Watching: I was excited to see the return of *1923*. What a cast, with Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren (still fabulous at 79!), Timothy Dalton, a former James Bond playing a villain, and the mesmerising Brandon Sklenar who I'll admit to having a bit of a crush on (it's his beautiful eyes!). I love this era and it's such a sweeping story taking you across the world.

Listening: I've fallen in love with a band I hadn't heard before, called *X Ambassadors*. So many great songs from this alt/rock, alt/pop band and a couple are on the shortlist for my *Blindsided* playlist.

Caroline's Corner of the World



So many books, so little time! I think it's a problem many of us have. As a writer it's compounded because the 'too many books' includes those I want to write. I'm really feeling it at the moment. The number of books I manage to read each month has plummeted, despite me substituting some of my podcast listening with

audiobooks. I'm trying to stay disciplined, each evening switching away from television to reading well before bedtime. I promised myself I'd start reading a little every lunchtime, but somehow I seem to write lunchtime off as too little time to immerse myself in a story. So, this month, tell me—how do you squeeze in a bit of extra reading time? I look forward to hearing all of your tips so I can make a bigger dent in the ever-growing TBR.

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