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It's July already - soon it'll be Christmas!

So I figured we might have a little of both this month. For those of you in the northern hemisphere, you might enjoy some of my latest reading recs to fill those lazy summer days. Or if you're in places south, where it feels like you're stuck in Narnia under a spell, and it's winter but not Christmas, I have some suggestions that might help with one of those things.

Blindsided By You News

Just over a month after release, early reader reviews are still coming in. Here's a couple of snippets from Goodreads that explain the reader love for this book. In an exciting development, audiobook narrator Harlow Wilde narrated part of the book for the Femme Audio Takeover July event. Hop over to my [Facebook Page](#) to hear her bring to life Jenna's beautiful Scottish accent.

What readers are saying about Blindsided By You



Geordie is the ultimate book boyfriend — protective, charming and so soft when it comes to Jenna. Their chemistry builds in the most delicious way, full of quiet glances, playful banter, and emotional depth. I loved how both Jenna and Geordie had their own pasts to untangle, but instead of drama pulling them apart, it brought them closer. Their relationship feels real and earned, like watching two people find their way home to each other. -

Goodreads reviewer



Blindsided By You is the kind of story that sneaks up on you in the best way. At first, it feels like a familiar forbidden romance—rules, boundaries, tension—but then, without realizing it, you're completely swept up in Jenna and Geordie's world. If you love stories that simmer with anticipation, deliver genuine heart, and keep you invested right up until the final page, Blindsided By You is definitely one to pick up.

- Goodreads reviewer



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Backchat

is taking a little break for now

Thank you for all your input this past few months. I really appreciate it and it will certainly help with my future plans. Last month's winner was Lori.

Author Update



Not My Little Drummer Boy is one week away from going to my editor! I've become so used to spending lots of my day with Teddy and Rachel, I'll need to get to work on writing bonus content. I've got a fantastic one-year-later epilogue planned and I'm excited to write it. There's a clue in this picture...

I'm also super excited about the cover for this one. I've had the concept for months, and now the ever-talented Ollie is bringing it to life. Opening up the first drafts, I was blown away by the way she has captured Rachel's "I'm in charge" smile, and Teddy's slightly bewildered and besotted expression. If you want to see some teasers for NMLDB, including a few smexy snippets, make sure you're following me here on [Instagram](#).

Let's Talk Christmas

Let's start off the unseasonal Christmas cheer with two indie books that I can highly recommend. First a self rec: grab ***The Twelve Days of Christian*** now, and you'll be ready for when ***Not My Little Drummer Boy*** releases in October!

My author bestie, Loren Sorensen has this fun Christmas novella, ***The Trouble With Christmas*** available in all formats, including a brilliant audio narration. The ebook is on sale for 1.99 right now too.



Christmas Rockstar Romance

Ebook, Paperback
& Kindle Unlimited

Get The Twelve Days of Christian



A Friends To Lovers Christmas Novella

Ebook, Paperback
& Audiobook

Get The Trouble With Christmas

We're staying on a Christmas theme. Here are three Christmas collections for you to browse. Books to read now for a Christmas in July buzz, or to stash away for later in the year when you want a holiday read.

KU Christmas Romance

Collection 1

Christmas in July

Collection 2

Christmas In July Romance

Collection 3

Reading: I don't have many reading recs for you—too much writing going on—but the ones I have are amazing! Both recent historical fiction, they're certainly an antidote to the supersweet Christmas books. ***Atmosphere*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid is a compelling book, both love story and a tribute to the women and men who risked all to go into space. I highly recommend the audiobook, but have tissues handy. And don't put them away...***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah takes us to Vietnam, where we follow nurse, Frankie, to the harrowing field

hospitals. If you loved the tv programme China Beach, then you won't be able to put this one down. Book or audio, either is amazing. And finally I started a series so many people recommend. With the first book ***Throne Of Glass*** complete, I'm intrigued to follow these Sarah J. Maas characters across the next books.

Watching: We binge watched ***The Waterfront***. Billed as Yellowstone in the Carolina's, it's an okay watch, but no one in the cast rivals the slightly unhinged Beth Dutton, one of my favourite female leads. Currently we're enjoying British series ***Brassics***, where UK humour meets drama and you also get a fabulous soundtrack. We ventured out to the movies for the first time in ages to see ***F1 The Movie***. A great watch if you're an F1 fan, but lots of my friends who aren't still enjoyed seeing Brad Pitt save the day.

Listening: As another ***Glastonbury*** rolls by, and we still didn't have tickets, I've consoled myself by checking out footage of acts we'd have liked to see. We also went to a fabulous concert where some top Kiwi musicians played ***Neil Young's Live Rust***. So good! And now all I want is some Neil playing in the background so I can sing along.

I'll admit I nearly burnt myself out recently. When the pressures of the day job and author deadlines coincide, it's a perfect storm in my world. But I ignored the signs and carried on (Achiever is my number 2 Clifton Strength: don't stop till it's done). Luckily, the holidays came and I did a little reset.

Did some things not related to work or writing. Took two whole days off to spend time with friends. Enjoyed a birthday party. Caught an exhibition. Went out for dinner and a movie. And guess what? The world didn't end. The book will still be finished. Note to self: it's okay to stop.

One of the most amazing things was catching up with a friend I haven't seen for years. She was a neighbour and my work buddy at my first job. I was even her bridesmaid! But life took us to different parts of the country and we lost touch. Our paths crossed by chance two weeks ago and I can't believe we let all this time go by without searching each other out. It was so wonderful to share the amazing lives we've each created over those intervening years. Do you have any friends like that? Go find them!

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