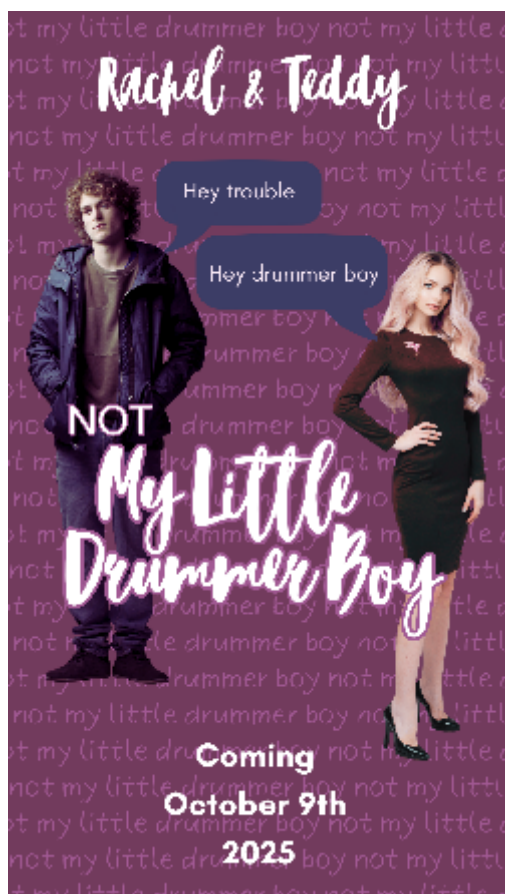


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Meet Rachel MacDonald!



Rachel MacDonald has appeared as a side character in two of my books: Haley's friend in *The Twelve Days Of Christmas*, and Jenna's childhood friend, as well as Geordie's sister, in *Blindsided By You*. If you've read either of those, you'll have met the confident, capable, potty-mouthed, and loyal woman who others know they can count on. Now, in her own book, *Not My Little Drummer Boy*, we see a different Rachel, dented by a cheating ex, trying to fight off the self-doubt and mistrust of men he's left her with. Enter Teddy Hargrove. He might be a very bad idea, but he looks so damn good!

Here's a chance to dive into Rachel and Teddy's book, Not My Little Drummer Boy. It releases October 9th but be sure to check out Chapter 1 by clicking on the link below.

Sneak Peek at Not My Little Drummer Boy

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Author Update



There hasn't been much downtime this year. In amongst the release of *Blindsided By You* I was working furiously on completing the manuscript for *Not My Little Drummer Boy*. I knew what I wanted to write, but holding down a full time job while writing puts a real squeeze on my writing time. Anyway, my fabulous editor let me push out our date a week—which was just as well, as then I got sick! Sometimes winter sucks.

While I waited for her to work her magic, I've been writing a bonus epilogue. After months of spending time with my characters, it's hard to say goodbye, so writing bonus content lets me hang out with them some more.

Then today, a wonderful surprise: editor feedback arrived in my email. The first time I received feedback I was so scared I nearly threw up and didn't want to open it! Now I find it exciting. I'm one of those weird authors who enjoys revising a book and I love working with my editor to make it the best it can be. So the next month will be focusing on this book. Watch out for the cover reveal (it's nearly done and I LOVE it), as well as an ARC sign up opportunity.

Sports Romance

Fancy sports romance with a bit of steam? Here's a great collection to check out, all are in KU.

[Steamy Sports Romance](#)

Time Travel

Here's a cute collection of time travel books, all with low spice and a guaranteed HEA.

[Time Travel Romance](#)

Reading: A mixed bag this month and it's been good to read across different genres. I got a fun dose of hockey romance from two of my favourite sports authors. Chelsea Curto's **Power Play** was Book 2 in her DC Stars series. I loved it so much I bought **Slap Shot** and **Hat Trick**. I was a bit sad to finish **Mr Swoony** and **Mr Charming** this month because now there are no more in Piper Rayne's The Nest series. Although I did preorder

their Christmas novella where I'll get to see all four couples again.

I've loved Julie Soto's books and I enjoyed her first step into romantasy with **Rose In Chains**. I especially liked the magic system in this one, as well as being captivated by our FMC Briony and the morally grey Toven Hearst. I also spent time with two of my other favourite morally grey characters, Victor Vale and Eli Ever, created by the incredible V.E.Schwab. **Vengeful** is a stunning sequel to **Vicious** and I can't believe it took me so long to get to it. I highly recommend Victoria's books and I love her newsletter too.

Finally, I listened to Gillian McAllister's thriller, **Famous Last Words**, on audiobook. What if the police came to tell you your husband was involved in a hostage situation—and he was the hostage taker? I loved the premise of this book, extra good because the FMC was a literary agent and her husband a writer. This twisty tale also had a satisfying ending.

Watching: After a long wait, the first episodes of the Outlander prequel, **Blood Of My Blood** finally dropped on the weekend. If you're an Outlander fan you absolutely must watch, and even if you've never seen the main series or read the books, I think the intersection of two couples from two different times makes for a great story. I was also pleased to see the return of **Wednesday**. Spending time with the Addams family is so nostalgic. Another good watch was British series **The Assassin**, about an ex-assassin dragged unwillingly back into her old career to protect her son.

Listening: Whatever You-Tube shuffles across our screen! Hubby and I have fallen into a routine where we watch a bit of tv each night and then put on You-Tube and let it choose for us while we dive into the books we're reading.

I'm writing this while my suitcase stares at me accusingly. I really should be packing for the Romance Writers of New Zealand Conference which is here in Auckland. We're an hour from the venue which is the perfect excuse to stay at the conference hotel. Really it's because staying will be much more fun. While I'm looking forward to

all the speakers and workshops, it's the experience of being with other authors who love romance that's the main attraction. I made friends at my first ever RWNZ conference who are still part of my support network four years later.

Well, that's all from a very tired me! I've been working too hard in my day job and on my writing, and not sleeping enough. I'm counting on the weekend away and a few early nights to give me the energy to attack my manuscript next week. Hope you're all doing well.

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