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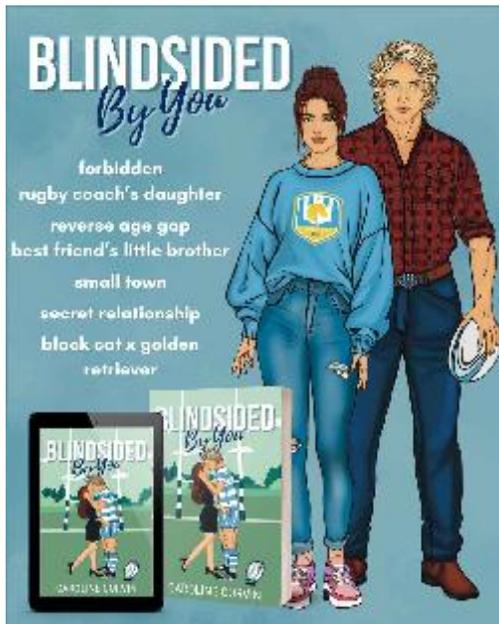
It's February, the month for lovers!

Hi lovely Romance Readers

I hope you had a wonderful Valentine's/Galentine's/Palentine's Day. If nothing else, perhaps you did something for yourself? Maybe you didn't go for something as extreme as the FMC in one of my favourite books, *One Night On The Island*, where she marries herself! But some sort of treat to celebrate the importance of self-love seems like a perfect thing to do in February.

I'm starting this month with my author update as I have important news to share and a chance for you to see a new(ish) book first. It's why this newsletter is a day late—I've been working hard on my writing.

Author Update



EXCITING NEWS & ARC OPPORTUNITY!

You heard it first: I've been quietly working on a revised edition of **Blindsided by You!** Apart from my IG Street Team, you're the first people I've shared it with.

I loved Jenna and Geordie's story, but not long after I published it, in June last year, I had this need to go back to it.

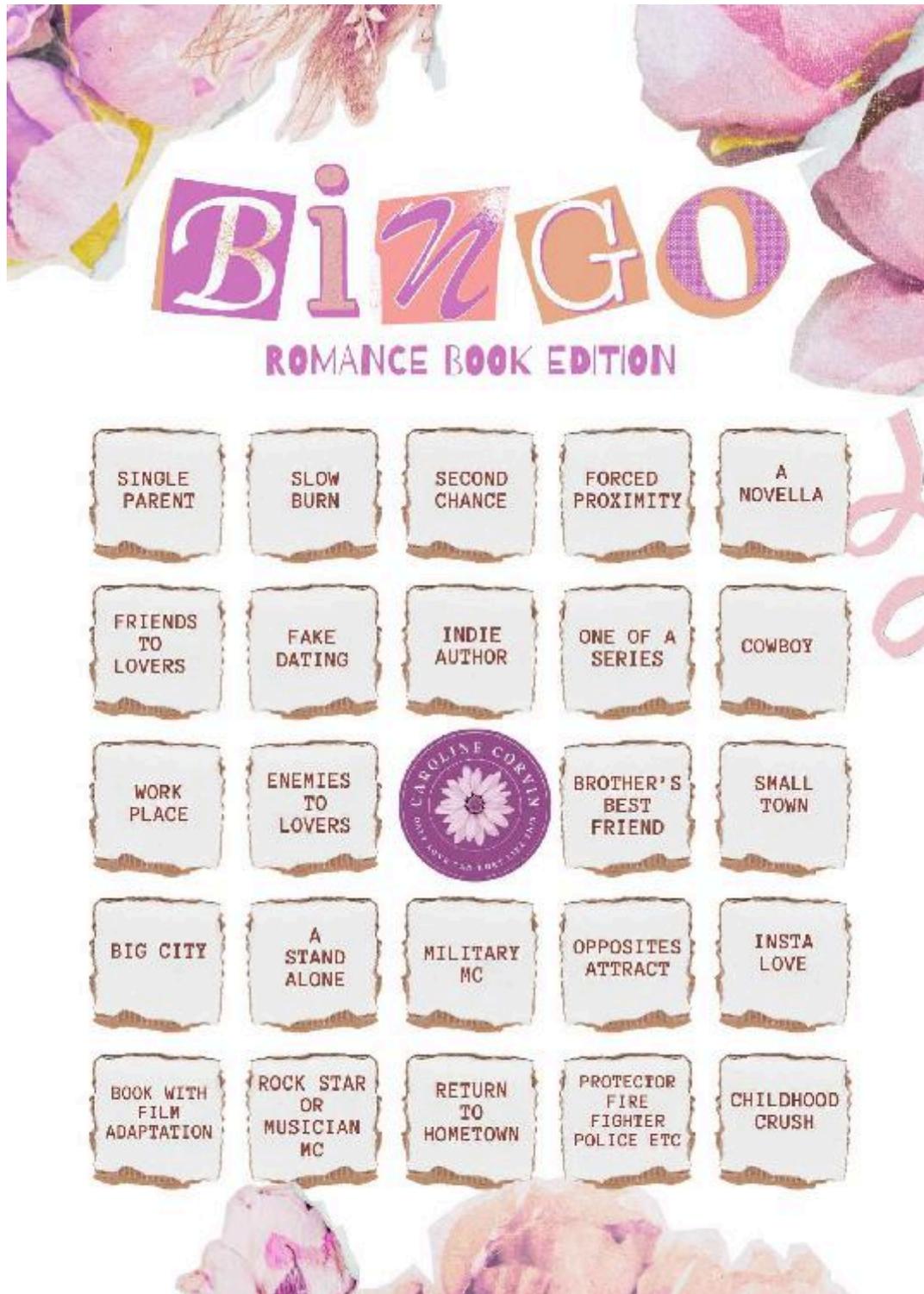
I felt these two characters were whispering in my ear, telling me that I hadn't got the full story. I couldn't ignore them, and the ideas just flowed from there. With the help of an author friend (who is so amazing she really should be an editor) I've spent the last couple of months doing a second edit—including five new chapters—and I'm nearly ready to share the results. The revised version officially goes live on April 7th and to support that I'm putting together an ARC Team. If you were on the original team, or if you've already read it, I'd love to see what you think. And of course, I'd love any new ARC readers too. Click the link below to join the team.

BLINDSIDEDBY YOU - ARC TEAM

In between working on BBY edits, I'm also making good progress on Heartlands Book 2, **Sidelined By You**. Perfect timing as rugby season has kicked off here! Kyle Stewart wasn't everyone's favourite character in Book 1, but we all love a good redemption arc. FMC Quinn Jamieson is a world class triathlete, suddenly catapulted back into her hometown of Cluanie. I'm looking forward to sharing snippets of this childhood friends to lovers story with you.

Have you started your Romance Book Bingo card?

It's not too late to start my Romance Book Bingo card. If you have, don't forget to send me a screenshot when you complete a line. I haven't had any yet and I'm looking forward to sending out some prizes! First people to complete each line will win a little gift. If you still need a card, grab it below, and start adding those books.



ROMANCE BOOK BINGO CARD

Caroline's Story Nook

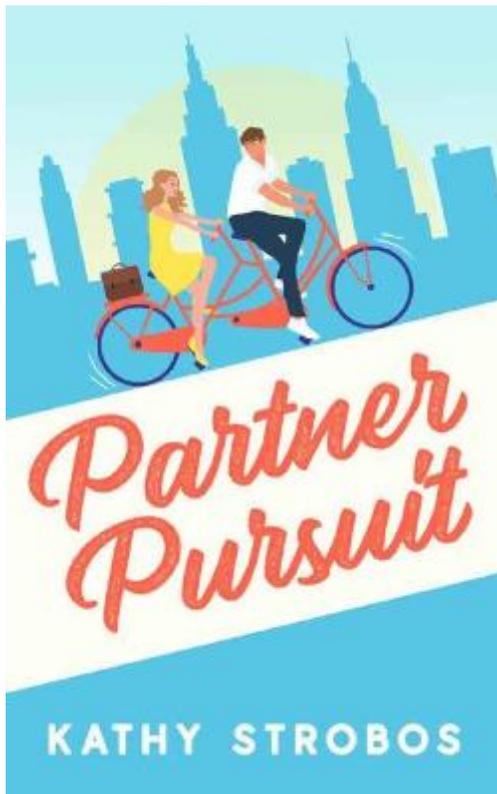
Reading: I've carried on with Rachel Reid's Game Changers series, with **The Long Game** (achingly beautiful with Shane and Ilya taking over my life again) and **Role Model** (with great Ilya cameos). I finished **Brimstone** on audiobook (stunning) and I've been catching up on a few of last year's seasonal audio novellas (**Hot For Slayer** and **Falling** were so good). I also adored **Cash** on audiobook, complete with gorgeous Texan cowboy accents.

Watching: You probably predicted that I'd have to do a **Heated Rivalry** rewatch. Loved it even more second time round and I'm immediately ready to do it again. Very excited to hear both this and the soon to be released **Off Campus** series, have second seasons confirmed. I've also been enjoying the **Winter Olympics**. With **The Favourites** being a top book of mine from 2025, ice dancing was number one on my must-watch events, and I'm looking forward to the hockey. I did the annual **Superbowl** marathon watch, though not live this time (which made it longer). It's such a spectacular sports event.

Listening: This month I've been listening to a lot from **Miley Cyrus**, a female artist I love. I've still got the **Heated Rivalry** playlist on repeat too! And after the Super Bowl show, I decided I needed a little **Bad Bunny** in my life.

Indie Author Spotlight

Welcome to this month's indie author, Kathy Strobos! I'm featuring her book *The Partner Pursuit*. Who doesn't love a book set in New York City, and as you know from *Not My Little Drummer Boy*, I have a soft spot for FMCs trying to win a partner spot in their legal firm!



Take one workaholic lawyer trying to make partner. Add a hot neighbor next door who makes her laugh. Is this a recipe for love or disaster?

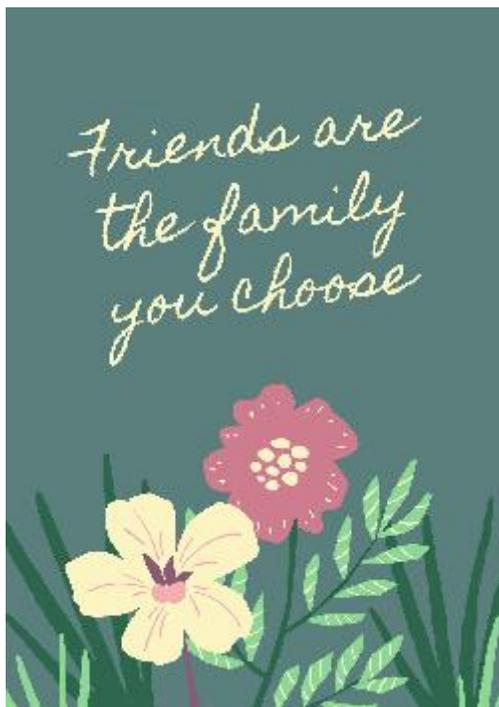
When Audrey's boyfriend mocks her dream to be a law firm partner, she breaks up with him. She is determined to prove him wrong, committed to working 24/7 to realize her dream, even when she's not sure who she can trust in a world of shifting corporate alliances where playing "nice" may be a liability. But then Jake, a successful

music marketing executive, moves in next door. Finding him attractive but way too sure of himself, Audrey plays a joke on him. Now he's intrigued. Living life to the fullest, Jake tempts her with another life—a life where Audrey is not passing by New York City's nightlife on her way home from work in a locked black sedan but experiencing it with Jake as her own personal guide. But Jake will never date a woman married to her job. He hasn't fully forgiven his father for being a workaholic lawyer who never had time for family. Audrey is determined to prove that she can juggle work and romance—even if managing court cases, candlelit dinners, and bike rides around Manhattan is a lot harder than it looks. But how long, in fact, will she be able to balance it all? And if making partner is like a game of musical chairs and the last seat is business-class alone, which partnership will she choose?



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Caroline's Corner of the World



This year my husband and I promised ourselves that we'd make more effort to reach out to our friends. We have them scattered all over New Zealand and across the world, and sometimes in our busy life we don't always connect with them as much as we should. They're busy too, so it's hard.

So far we've been doing really well, and it's only halfway through February.

We've done so many things with friends: went to a market, visited a bar to listen to music, been out for lunch and dinner, went to the beach, had people over for a BBQ, met for coffee and chilled at each other's houses.

I love how technology has slashed the distance between us and our

friends who live further away. Zoom has to be one of the best things to come out of 2020! And I know some people hate social media, but I love how it lets us and our friends share what's happening in our lives even if we're not physically close.

What do you do to keep your friends close, especially if you don't live near each other? Always looking for new ideas!

Take care my bookish friends and we'll talk again in March.

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