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Hello lovely readers

I've decided I've got a book hangover—not the sort from reading a book that's got you so tied up in knots you can't move on, but from publishing one!

April's usually one of my favourite months. Here in New Zealand we usually get lovely autumn weather (well that hasn't happened), I have two weeks off school (and that hasn't happened either, I've been working on teacher stuff all day today) and it's my husband's birthday (that *is* happening, much to his disgust as he doesn't like getting older). Maybe it's the sum total of these things and just being REALLY tired, but I've been feeling off since the new edition of *Blindsided* went live last week.

So sitting here putting this together for you might be what I need to get me fired up again. After all, I have two books to write! (see my Author Update).

In case you missed it...
there's something new this spring



[Find Blindsided By You Here](#)

I was pulling out some reviews for my Amazon Book page and found all these wonderful things Goodreads readers had to say about Blindsided By You. You can see for yourself what they're talking about by grabbing a copy for yourself.

★ "Jenna and Geordie's romance is the pure, slow-burn sweetness we all crave." — **Sadie Glover**, 5★

★ "Their chemistry was instant, but the emotional build-up kept me hooked." — **Loreina Klevenski, 5★**

★ "The 'F it' moment was great because these two had great banter and chemistry!" — **Dara Wasalino Tremblay, 5★**

★ "The spice was amazing and every time Geordie called her 'sweetheart' I nearly swooned." — **Shauna, 4.5/5★**

★ "Jenna and Geordie's chemistry is off the charts, and I loved how their connection grew from a secret fling to something deeper." — **Wendymarielovesbooks, 5★**

★ "I loved the communication and the willingness to meet the other halfway..." — **Andrea Humphries, 5★**

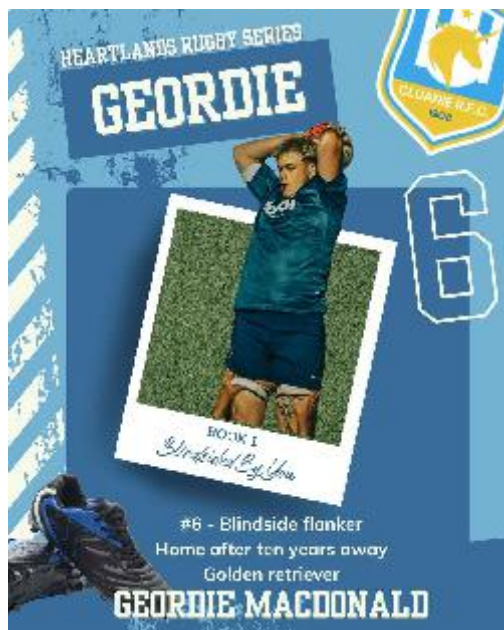
★ "The romance and spice was written well and Geordie was just so loveable." — **Jamie Tuckwood, 5★**

★ "Right from the start it pulled me out of a bit of a reading slump." — **reading is my therapy, 5★**

★ "Blindsided By You is the kind of story that sneaks up on you in the best way." — **The Book Phantom, 5★**

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Author Update



I took some time this week to make these player cards for each of the MMCs in my Heartlands rugby series. Here's Geordie's one! He's already made a couple of cameo appearances in Book 2 which I'm meant to be working on right now. I've been stalled for over a week in Chapter 7 of **Sidelined By You** (that book hangover I told you about) but I did make

some small progress this morning which has to be a good sign, right? To try and pick myself up, I also made a start on my 2026 Christmas book, **My Ollie Jolly Christmas**, Book 3 in the Stellar Riot series. To get myself ready, I reread the bonus content I created for Not My Little Drummer Boy, as that's where Book 3 begins. It was just what I needed, spending time with the Stellar Riot crew in New York and Las Vegas. Nothing like visiting those cities at Christmas to get you in the mood.

This week I had the fun of being Author of the Day in the Global Girls Online Bookclub Facebook group. It was so much fun interacting with readers all over the world. Do you belong to any book clubs?

Indie Author Spotlight

We've got a double treat with two indie authors in the spotlight this month, as well as a collection of indie sports romances to check out

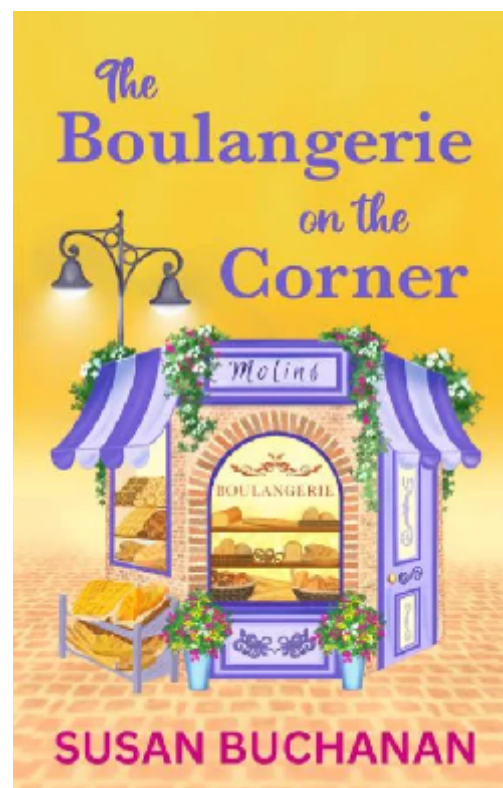


The first is Beatrice Bradshaw who writes—wait for it—rugby romance set in Scotland! Her Scottish Rugby Rebels series has a third book out this week. Check out Book 2 in the series, *The Rucked Up Ruse* here! For fans of sports romance with sizzling chemistry, fabulous banter, and fake dating tension that burns in the best way—and is set in Scotland. Come for the thighs, stay for the emotional damage.

Check out
The Rucked Up Ruse

And now from Scotland to France! I'd like to introduce Susan Buchanan and her book *'The Boulangerie On The Corner'*.

No home. No job. No boyfriend. When Lia loses her job straight after a break-up, she escapes to the Molins' family-run boulangerie in Toulouse – the place she was last happy, far away from her cheating ex. Sworn off men, she isn't prepared for the spark she feels for charming cheesemaker



Jean-Luc, nor for things heating up at the family's country home in Gascony when handsome, self-assured vineyard-owner Théo asks her out.

Torn between the two and her connections to the Molins family, Lia has some tough decisions to make.

Lia loves being back in France with the people she cares about, helping in the boulangerie. On discovering it is under threat of closure, she is devastated and resolves to do everything in her power to help it stay open.

Will she succeed? And will she be able to choose between the two handsome Frenchmen and live her happily ever after?

For fans of Gillian Harvey, Rebecca Raisin, Jo Thomas and Veronica Henry.

Check out The Boulangerie on the Corner



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**Sports Romance
Spotlight**

An opportunity for keen romance readers...

Romance Writers New Zealand is looking for readers to judge their annual Koru Award. This contest is a great opportunity for you to get your hands on some fantastic romance books, score them against the criteria and give feedback. Reader scores are compiled to find the overall winner. If you think this is something you might enjoy and

you've got time to read at least three books over the next couple of months, find out more at the link below.

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Caroline's Story Nook

Reading: I knew I'd love BK Borison's latest book **And Now Back To You**. I enjoy the audiobooks of this Heartstrings series as they are set in a radio station. I'm reading the cutest romance right now: **Honey Bee Mine** By Sarah T Dubb. Small town perfection and I think I'm enjoying it even more than her other, Birding With Benefits. And for something completely different I read Briar Boleyn's **On Wings of Blood**. Vampires and dragons—of course I enjoyed it.

Watching: Apart from finishing **Bridgerton** and watching **Outlander** (and a bit of motorsport) I've hardly seen any TV of note this month. I need some recommendations. Tell me something you really loved!

Listening: Somehow Youtube moved us to a whole different set of artists and I'm not sorry. We've had **Taylor Swift**, **Sabrina Carpenter**, **Benson Boone** and **Alex Warren** rolling across our screen. I also needed a song from a Scottish musician for a post and ended up down a **Lewis Capaldi** rabbit hole. Love his songs and he is such a funny guy too.

Caroline's Corner of the World



Those of you who've been with me for a while know I love dogs! Since our two oldies passed on, dog-sitting is one way I get my fix. These two cuties have been a bright light in a pretty meh couple of weeks. We're looking after these two for one of my author friends so she and her family can have a holiday. The top one is five months old and full of puppy mischief. His sidekick below is the sweetest little man.

They're like two kids stuck inside with wet weather, bored and getting up to no good

while they think we're not looking. We're going to miss them when we leave. BUT it's straight on to another house sit with another puppy. I'll share a pic of him next month. He is adorable!

This reminded me that I used to have a dog of the month section in my newsletter. I loved seeing readers' pets and I kind of miss it. I'd love to see pics of your fur kids. Email them through!

Have a great month and I'll catch you again in May.

Caroline



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