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Hello lovely readers

Let's start with something to put a smile on your face! These two cuties belong to one of my wonderful Scottish readers, Nicola. Meet sweet Sebastian, a three-year-old Bichon Frise, and his fabulous feline fur brother Sylvester (aged four). What a spectacular example of a tuxedo cat! Aren't they just the sweetest pair? Thank you, Nicola, for sharing them.



Do you have a furry friend you'd like to share with us? Email them in!

I'm currently working on two books and in both of them the MMC has a pet. In *Blindsided By You* everyone met Dora, Kyle Stewart's dog. Kyle's the MC in *Sidelined By You* and Dora is back, already causing mayhem. Meanwhile in *My Ollie Jolly Christmas*, Ollie has acquired a cat. Rescued from a hoarder and three months in the shelter he's now installed in Ollie's house like the king he was always meant to be.



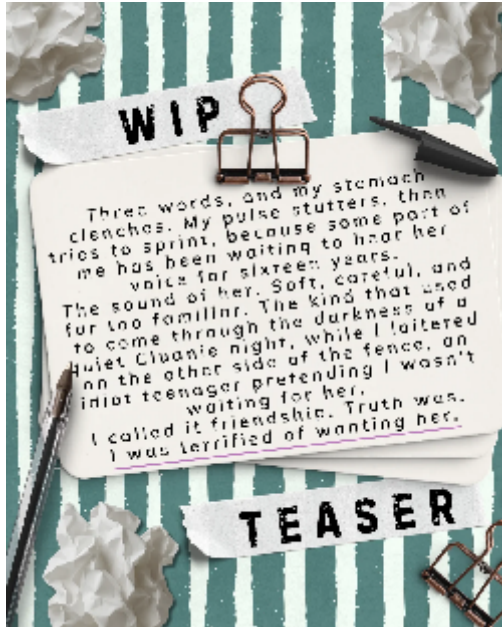
Help me with the book I'm writing!

I need a name for Ollie's cat. Currently I'm calling him Bowie (dad's a musician!) but I'm open to other ideas. Click below to send me your

ideas and I'll draw out one person to win an ebook of one of the first two Stellar Riot Christmas books.

Name Ollie's Cat!

Author Update



It's been a tough couple of months but the good news is I'm back on track! Between the demands of the day job, too much time trying to keep my social media going, and the relaunch of **Blindsided By You**, I literally burnt myself out.

However, I know when I start waking in the night with book ideas, my writing mojo is back. It took a few decisive actions to

get there. The first step was taking the pressure off the deadline for **Sidelined By You**. Amazingly, that has meant an uptick in words written on it. I don't think I'll hit the original September release date, and I'm okay with that, because the more important thing is telling Kyle and Quinn's story properly and bringing you readers the best book I can. In the meantime, check out the little teaser in the image. **Sidelined** hasn't gone away, but it is looking like an early 2027 book now. I have the cover art already and it's gorgeous. I know you'll find this one worth waiting for.

My Ollie Jolly Christmas is a holiday romance and is more time critical. I've made that my key focus for now, and I'm loving the writing. It's so much fun being back with the band Stellar Riot and the characters I've loved through books 1 and 2 of the series. Get ready for friends to lovers, fake dating, a Christmas pantomime and enjoying the festive season in London.

Indie Author Spotlight

I'm super excited about this month's indie author. Like me, Isabella May writes sports romance that's not hockey or football—it's cricket! I've started reading this one and it's great!

Hit For Six



***A simmering Fangirl Down X
Rivals X Crazy Rich Asians
(with a British twist)***

LOLA is juggling two jobs to make ends meet; underpaid sales exec by day, and waitress in a cocktail bar by night.

MONTY is the captain of Bath Beasts cricket team and heir to a portfolio of luxury properties.

Girls like her don't normally end up with boys like him. But when she accidentally bares all at his cup final, destiny (and the number six) ensures their match is a home run.

Unfortunately, Monty's family has other ideas, doing all they can to prevent their golden boy from getting bowled over by the lowly Lola. Can their love survive the attacking shot? Or will they find themselves on a sticky wicket?

"I really enjoyed the leading characters, rooting for them all the way through. Perfect balance of romance and humour - just what I've come to expect from this author. Isabella May knows how to tell a great story!"

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Caroline's Story Nook

Reading: I've had two standout books in the last month. The first was **Rites of the Starling**, Devney Perry's stunning follow up to **Shield of Sparrows**. If you aren't normally a romantasy lover, I suggest this series would be a great way to dip your toes in. The world, its magic systems and characters are captivating. This is the first in the genre to have me sobbing and I'm not sorry about that. My other top book is **The Night We Met** by Abby Jimenez, one of my auto-buy authors. I know lots of people struggle with love triangles, but the nuanced handling of the trope and the sensitive inclusion of some heavy issues

(in true Abby style) made it a winner. I enjoyed both of these on audiobook but I'll be buying trophy copies for my shelf!

Watching: We're close to the end of **Outlander** which is sad, but even good things have to come to an end. I'm not dwelling on that too much because **Off Campus** is here! You know how much I love hockey books, and Elle Kennedy's are my favourite. I've been very restrained, not binge watching, but after one episode I'm already impressed with the adaptation. Perfect casting and an incredible playlist set this one apart—as well as all the Dirty Dancing references! On the sports side, **Super Rugby** continues to give me a weekly dose of hunky bodies, and **F1 is back** too.

Listening: We went to a stage show of The Wall last week so I've been back into some **Pink Floyd**. But with the start of Off Campus I have a new favourite playlist.

Caroline's Corner of the World



It's Friday night and I've finished the week on a high. After work, I met a lovely author friend for coffee and to catch up on how things are going after the release of her debut last month.

I've also organised zoom coffee dates with two other author

friends over the next week and I'm really looking forward to them. While I've got a very supportive husband, there's nothing like spending time with other authors to give me a real boost. This life is such a rollercoaster, and it helps to share the ride with other people.

Next weekend we're off back to my hometown to celebrate my Mum's 85th birthday. I feel so lucky to still have my mum here.

I also get to spend time with my brothers—annoying kids, they grew into great men, and chose wonderful wives to bring into our family.

So even though it's been a rough couple of months personally, having friends and family always gets me through. I hope that you are lucky enough to have a few special people in your life. While spending time with fictional people is such a comfort in tough times, it's good to have real life ones too!

Have a happy month and I'll talk to you again in June.

Caroline



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