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A new short story collection, books galore,
and one of my favorite things to eat for lunch

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Hi, Gentle Reader!



It took forever for summer to arrive, but Nashville is FINALLY seeing shorts and tank-top weather. All my sweaters are folded up and stashed in bags with cedar, my golf clubs are living in my truck, and I'm even thinking about going to the pool to read in the afternoons. Then again, I have kitties and a porch, which is almost as good.

A lot's happened since we talked last. I did two edits of TEAR ME APART, and now it's in production. That's a little stress-making, because we've passed the point of no return as far as the book's imminent publication. We'll be talking about the book a lot in the next few months, but for now, I'm only going to say one insider-y thing about this book until it's time to do so. I cried writing the ending. I cried editing the ending. I cried tweaking the ending. Every time I read the last paragraph, which is going on probably 50 times now, I sob. EVERY SINGLE TIME. I'm not sure if this is good or bad, and now, it's out of my hands. You'll have to let me know if it makes you choke up, too.

Meanwhile, I have a big-time writing deadline in August. The new Brit in the FBI book, THE LAST SECOND, is due to Catherine for us to start editing, so the rest of the summer will see me with my head down, beavering away on the story. It is such a fun one, and we're about to have a cover, too, which always makes a book feel real to me.

Speaking of covers, you'll see one below for a new collection of short stories – 4 in all – of my more recent novellas. For those who asked for shorts in print...

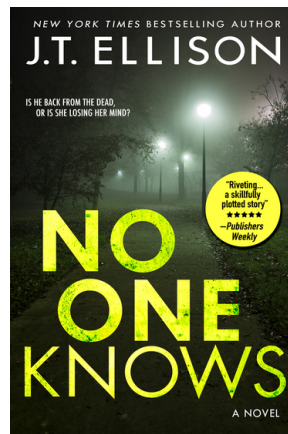
Assistant Amy moved on to greener pastures. I so enjoyed working with her, as I know y'all did, too. But I'm excited to say my fabulous new executive assistant Leigh is already up and running. Leigh is an author, too, and super smart about all things social. She comes on board just in time to get TEAR ME APART out into the world. Very exciting!

And then there's...oops. Can't talk about that yet. 😊

So bear with me if I'm a little less available than normal. There's a lot going on behind the scenes in my world, with many fun announcements to come, and I have a LOT of writing on my plate. Honestly, that's the best of all possible worlds, yes?

Onward!

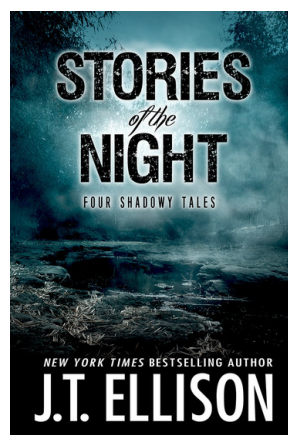
UK Version For NO ONE KNOWS



For my British, Australian, and Commonwealth readers, I'm exceptionally excited to announce that a brand-new version of NO ONE KNOWS is now available in both digital and print. It's your very own edition, too, and as such, has a slightly different ending. (How's that for a tease?) I did this through Two Tales, so it won't be in your local store, but you can order it online. I'm so excited for you to read this and let me know what you think.

Get yours today! Here's the [ebook](#) and here's the [paperback](#).

STORIES OF THE NIGHT

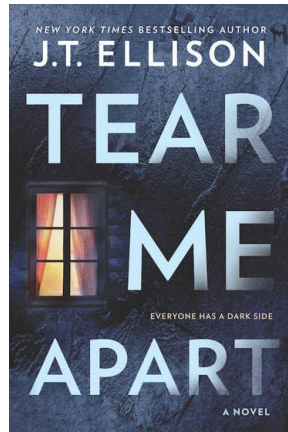


The print and ebook is ready, and the audio is hot on its heels! Four of my dark and shadowy tales, all in one place:

- **Catwood:** A writer finds a cave keeping a dark secret for nearly a century.
- **Gray Lady, Lady Gray:** A ghost in a Scottish castle seeks blood on a wedding day.
- **The Endarkening:** A student abroad loses herself in a dreamy art dealer and his dark painting.
- **The Omen Days:** An undercover cop searches for the lover who's haunted him for years.

Gimme that collection, JT

▣ **TEAR ME APART**, out 8/28, has a Goodreads Giveaway ongoing!



Telling you I cried at the end isn't really helpful. Here's a little more about **TEAR ME APART**:

The follow-up to her critically acclaimed *Lie to Me*, J.T. Ellison's *TEAR ME APART* is the powerful story of a mother willing to do anything to protect her daughter even as their carefully constructed world unravels around them.

One moment will change their lives forever...

Competitive skier Mindy Wright is a superstar in the making until a spectacular downhill crash threatens not just her racing career but her life. During surgery, doctors discover she's suffering from a severe form of leukemia, and a stem cell transplant is her only hope. But when her parents are tested, a frightening truth emerges. Mindy is not their daughter.

Who knows the answers?

Mothers and daughters. What could be more universal? And maybe a bit of *Girl, Interrupted* - if the girls were grown up, that is...

Good luck in the giveaway, and please don't forget to add *Tear Me Apart* to your *Want to Read* shelves

I want to pre-order **TEAR ME APART** STAT!

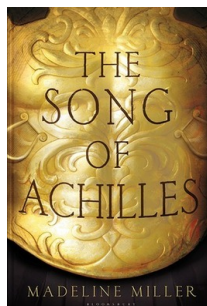
7 Useful Things I Learned from the Internet This Month

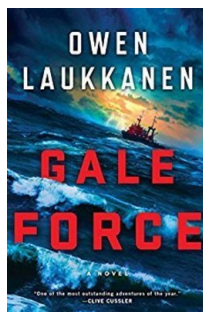
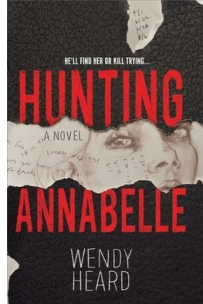
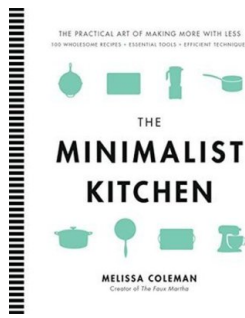


Sometimes the Internet can be a wasteland of clickbait, but it can also be a tool for good. I enjoy the randomness of the Web, and wanted to pass on these tidbits I found interesting.

1. **[An Affable Canadian Author With a Penchant for Murder](#)**. Always lovely, always a joy, even when she's breaking your heart. That's Louise Penny for you.
2. **[Gillian Flynn, Amy Adams and Patricia Clarkson Aren't Afraid to Tackle Big Topics](#)**. It's going to be an important year in books and film portraying women and emotional darkness, and this show is especially timely considering the subject matter of *Tear Me Apart*.
3. **[17 Secrets of Audiobook Narrators](#)**. Pertinent to think about, now that we at [Two Tales Press](#) have published a couple of audiobooks...
4. **[Soy Is Not A Health Food](#)**. "Life's too short for bad food." Important piece from Randy Ellison.
5. **[Time Management Monday: 3 Reasons You're Procrastinating](#)**. Any of these apply to you, chickens?
6. **[12 Ways To Keep Your Kitchen Cool When It's Hot Outside](#)**. Great tips!
7. **[The Silenced Woman and the Psychological Thriller - How to Write A Feminist Thriller From a Male Perspective](#)**. Superb, thought-provoking piece by Araminta Hall. I've long said [we need to rethink victimizing our heroines](#). This dovetails nicely with both that thought and the exploration of female darkness we touched on above.

What I'm Reading





THE SONG OF ACHILLES: Y'all, I have a massive girl crush on Madeline Miller's brain. I've always been a mythology fan, so after I listened to CIRCE last month, it was on to her debut SONG OF ACHILLES. Holy. Cow. It's official, I will read anything she writes.

THE MINIMALIST KITCHEN: I am really trying to get my kitchen into shape. Melissa Coleman's cookbook is giving me the tools to do so. It's a challenge, though...My pantry is tiny and gives me fits, but I have now officially decanted and made it all pretty. Yay!

HUNTING ANNABELLE: I'm very excited for you to read this awesome debut. It is so bloody unique!!

GALE FORCE: Owen is my hockey buddy, and a brilliant thriller writer. I'm going to have to give him an acknowledgment in my next thriller because of this book, it gave me a GREAT idea. Super work from a talented guy.

Click each cover to learn more!

My Favorite Instagram Account Of The Month



I have a new favorite Instagram account: [@openairarchitecture](#). It's so stunning, so gorgeous. Hat tip to Jeff at [@ugmonk](#) who turned me onto it.

[Do you follow me on Instagram?](#) I share inspiration, writer's life – and, of course, cat photos.

June's Recipe: Avocado Toast



I don't know about you, but when it comes to summer, I want my food to be as uncomplicated as possible. One of my favorite filling-but-easy lunches is avocado toast. Literally a 2-minute prep, this is a savory lunch that keeps the energy levels high all afternoon. I used to hate avocados except in guacamole, but once I discovered this recipe, I eat them constantly.

[I need this recipe, JT...](#)

That's all for now! Hoping June treats you well, wherever this finds you. Make something, hug a friend, and we'll talk again soon!

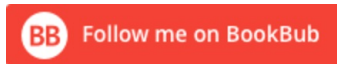
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