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\* It's nearly summer! Time for travel, books, and healthy roasted veggies. ☺

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## Hi, Gentle Reader!

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How are you? Enjoying May flowers after April showers? I'm hopefully enjoying a quick round of golf while you read this, and then coming up with a good summer uniform and packing, because I'm about to dash off for a month full of travel—mostly for business, but hopefully a little pleasure, too. (I'm going to New York twice!)

And so commences the summer travel season.

During my first trip to New York, I get to hang out with a lady you may have heard of named Catherine Coulter. Hanging with CC is *so much fun*, y'all. We shop, eat good food, watch *Harry Potter*... oh yeah—and we write books. This time we'll start Nicholas and Mike's 5th (*5th!*) adventure. It's going to be a blast. The next NY trip is at the end of the month for BookExpo, a publishing industry conference where **LIE TO ME** will be front and center, with lots of galleys to sign. I hope I get to see some of you there!

Oh! And guess what? I finished my 19th novel last month! 19 books, I can scarcely believe it. This one will remain a mystery for the time being, but rest assured I'm polishing it up, hoping to make it shiny by the time it gets into your hands... someday. ☺ (Hey, it'll give you something to look forward to!)

I spent this morning setting up a fresh Bullet Journal, planning out my next 12 months, setting both 6-month and month of May goals. I'm using a fun, special-edition Year of the Rooster Habana notebook, which is bright red with a gold rooster on it. I smile every time I see it—what a fun new look to kick off the second half of my year! How do you handle your to-do lists?

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## Contests, baby!

Y'all. It's time to stock up on summer reading supplies. What better way to stock up than with FREE books!?

LIE TO ME giveaway on Goodreads

BIG news: you have 200 chances to win an ARC of LIE TO ME on Goodreads! With odds like that, how could you *not* throw your hat in the ring??

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## Lately on The Tao!

In addition to my weekly [Sunday Smatterings](#), I've blogged about a few of my favorite things: writing, me talking about writing, and other people talking about writing. You'd think I was an author or something.

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## What I'm Reading

I've been working so hard that I've only finished two books in the past month—which is shameful! I'm currently reading [THE NAME OF THE WIND](#) (it's long!), and the rest of these are on my TBR list. *will* get through them—and a few others (hello, new Sarah J. Maas!).

Plus, I'm doing research for the next Brit book, which means there are a bunch of fun nonfiction books I'm reading—including [THE VOYNICH MANUSCRIPT!](#)

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## May's Recipe

Simple Roasted Vegetables

I'm a cook who enjoys easy, flavorful, and healthy food any time of year. But I'll admit: straining toward a book's finish line means some things just have to take a backseat—like spending extra time in the kitchen, which my sweet husband understands.

I can get a meal on the table without much effort when I utilize my slow cooker (I especially enjoy this [Mango Chutney Pork](#)

[Loin](#)) and pop some veggies in the oven to roast. It's a win-win for my deadline and our appetites.

Hey, lady, gimme that recipe!

That's it from me! Y'all have a happy May, wish me safe travels, eat lots of tacos on Cinco de Mayo, have fun celebrating with graduating smarties, and we'll talk again soon.

xO,

Let's be friends. I don't bite!



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