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Want a sneak peek of my new book cover? (yes, you do!)

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## Hi, Gentle Reader!



Have April showers brought you May flowers? They sure have here. My climbing roses (Scottish Highlands, natch) are inching higher by the day, thanks to the heat that's settled over the state. I swear, we go from forty to eighty degrees in two weeks, only catching a whiff of spring. But that's life in Tennessee.

Big news below: the cover for my newest thriller TEAR ME APART is up and gorgeous and the book is ready for pre-order! (You have my permission to scroll down and take a peek. I'm nice like that.)

What's been going on with me? It's been one of those months, to tell you the truth. I hit moments every quarter when I'm suddenly, completely, irrevocably overwhelmed by my work. I'm a Yes Girl, and sometimes I agree to too many things, and the next thing I know, fifteen things are due within the same two-week period, and there's travel and PR and a book due, but I have to take time to deal with them. It's the business of writing, and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Ergo, I have a lot of projects popping right now. Catherine and I are writing away on the next Nicholas book, THE LAST SECOND. Have I told you the title before? Well, surprise – two reveals in one newsletter! And here's a third – [We released our first audiobook through Two Tales Press!](#) Need a creepy bedtime story? How about 13 that'll read you to slee...er...nightmares? Our narrator Courtney Parker breathed new life into these stories, and if you're into audiobooks like I am, you'll love this collection.

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(Bonus link: [my story from this collection, "Catwood," is also available as an ebook!](#))

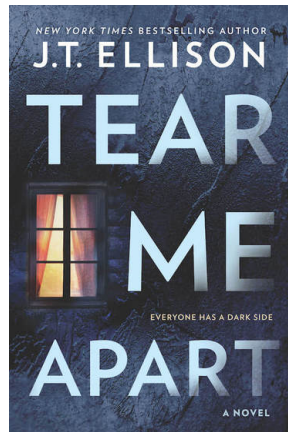
One of my favorite creative outlets lately has been blogging. Did you know I'm blogging again? [I post a little something every day on the Tao](#)—sometimes it's a full post, sometimes I host a small conversation there. But connecting with you in that space, away from the noise of social media, has been so refreshing. Sometimes it's nice

to spend time somewhere safe and quiet—it's easier to think there. It's a balm for my soul when everything else in my schedule is so busy, busy, busy. Come by and say hi, won't you?

Lots of exciting things to show you—let's hop to it!

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## ***Ta-Da!* Here's the cover of my next standalone thriller, TEAR ME APART, out 8/28!**



Here she is, the cover for my next thriller, TEAR ME APART. Isn't she pretty?

This book is unlike any other I have ever written.

I wrote TEAR ME APART on the heels of LIE TO ME, and then shelved it for months whilst I worked on THE SIXTH DAY. Because of timing issues, I had very little time to get it revised, but I did, and my editor Nicole Brebner did an AMAZING job helping me whip her into shape.

I think you're going to like this one. It's a very serious family drama, a dark suspense, and has a bit of a Girl, Interrupted vibe, albeit if the girls were grown up. I hated writing it, but loved revising it, which is the opposite of my usual.

Another quick bit of news – as you may have noticed, the pub date has moved up! The book is now being released August 28 – almost a month early! You can go ahead and [snag your copy now](#). (and often, the retailer will charge you the book's lowest price during the pre-order period, which is awesome) It's also available for sharing with Goodreads friends and real-life friends.

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?

The race to save Mindy's life means unraveling years of lies. Was she accidentally switched at birth or is there something more sinister at play? The search for the truth will tear a family apart... and someone is going to deadly extremes to protect the family's deepest secrets.

With vivid movement through time, *TEAR ME APART* examines the impact layer after layer of lies and betrayal has on two families, the secrets they guard, and the desperate fight to hide the darkness within.

**Fun, right? Here's where you can get yours!**

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## 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.

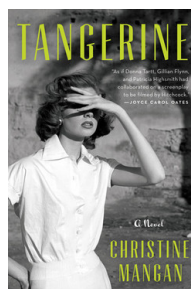
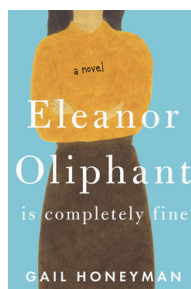
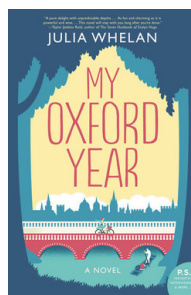
1. [Do Librarians Read All Day?](#) Do writers write all day? ☐
2. [25 Foreign Words with Hilarious Literal Meanings.](#) I particularly like #8...
3. [How Fairy Tales Continue to Help Us Think Harder and Smarter.](#) "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be very intelligent, read them more fairy tales." –Albert Einstein
4. [On Analog Social Media: The Declutter Experiment.](#) "The resulting analog social media tended to prove significantly more satisfying and rewarding than the addictive experiences offered through screens by

the algorithmic attention economy.”

5. [Go Medieval by Attaching a Book to Your Belt](#). Read it, and you'll see...
6. [The Birth of a Book Reviewer by Debbie Haupt](#). A very cool essay about how one fabulous reviewer got into the game...
7. [4 Words of Advice That Changed My Life](#). You may recognize the author of this article \*ahem\* but I'd be remiss if I didn't share it. Truly, a lesson for all of us – not just authors and golfers.

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## What I'm Reading



**MY OXFORD YEAR:** Oh my god, oh my god, OH MY GOD. What is it about men named Jamie? This book is so good, and attached to what's going to be a super cool movie.

**ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE** is simply brilliant. Heartbreaking. A lovely story, full of everything you need to have all the feels. I cried twice. Amazing.

**TANGERINE:** Christine Mangan has a great future in front of her. Her style is very reminiscent of Highsmythe, which is a good thing.

**HEIR OF FIRE:** I'm slowly savoring my way through Sarah Maas' Celaena Sardothien series. It's hard to hold myself back, I want to gobble them all down. Maas and Bardugo own the fantasy scene right now, which is well-deserved.

*Click each cover to learn more!*

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## My Favorite Instagram This Month



Did you know I'm a hockey fanatic? Good for me, too—the Preds have been amazing to watch the last few years. This was the last game of the regular season, and I'm sporting my rabid fan look. Go Preds! Can't wait for next season. ☺☺

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

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## May's Recipe: Keshi Yena



For my birthday, we took a quick trip to the beach. We have a lovely getaway spot on Aruba that we love, and the food there is spectacular.

One of the appetizers is a dish called *Keshi Yena* – it's essentially a Dutch-Aruban chicken stew. The ingredients seem incongruous, but trust me, the flavors balance out and it's delectable, sweet and savory and perfect for a party.

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

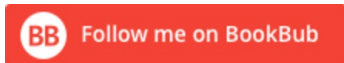
That's it from me. Y'all reserve your copy of *TEAR ME APART*, listen to the audio of *DEAD ENDS*, eat a popsicle or two, and we'll talk again soon.

xo,

*Are you still here? After all that? Wow. You deserve a unicorn!*



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