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Brit #5 is here! **THE SIXTH DAY** is waiting for you...

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Hi, Gentle Reader!



I hope you're having a lovely spring, and wherever you live tender shoots are poking through the ground and buds are bursting on tree limbs. Here in Nashville, Mother Nature hasn't flipped the switch. It's been cool and rainy, and I am sipping more tea to warm my hands than I have in a few Aprils. That's fine with me – heaven knows the humidity will come calling soon... but still, a girl wants to golf.

With new seasons come new books. And after a year of waiting, I'm so pleased to tell you [**the next Brit in the FBI book, THE SIXTH DAY, finally hit shelves this morning!**](#) More on that below, but rest assured, like all Nicholas and Mike books, this one's a wild ride.

My social media Lenten fast was lovely and calm, with tons of work done. I'm back online now – rested, recharged, and full of words. I missed the bulk of the #quitfacebook kerfuffle, but I know many of you aren't entranced with how FB is handling your info. Neither am I.

[Because I would hate to lose touch with you if you are leaving, I've decided to resurrect my blog.](#)

Aside from the privacy issues, FB frustrates me to pieces because while so many of you have joined my author page, you rarely see the posts unless I pay to boost them, so I think it's time to invite you to join me on my blog and we'll go from there.

I have to admit, I'm rather excited to be jumping back into non-fiction. I miss blogging. That said, this won't exactly be regimented. Whatever is on my mind, I'm going to share. As a result, the blog resurrection has been so fun. I've loved chatting with you there – it's a thoughtful, safe space to host a dialogue. Swing by and comment. I'd love to know you're there and what's on your mind.

And if you follow hockey at all, you'll know that my beloved Nashville Preds won the division, the President's Trophy (best record in the league) and are starting in the playoff this week. If you don't have a team, consider giving them your attention. They're exciting, and playoff hockey is a great time to get involved. ☐

THE SIXTH DAY is on sale today!



Drumroll please..... [It's here! THE SIXTH DAY is on sale today at all retailers in all formats!](#)

Set in London, Nicholas and Mike are up against a villain who thinks he's a descendent of Vlad the Impaler, and believes the lost pages of the Voynich Manuscript hold the answers to save his twin brother from the grips of severe hemophilia. (Get it – vampires, hemophilia...) Plus, there is some high-tech madness, and a drone army, and falcons named after the original Cabal. Trust me when I say Nicholas and Mike have their hands full.

You might wonder how Catherine and I cook up these crazy plots. Normally, we meet at her place in California, but for this book, we set up shop in a lovely hotel in Manhattan, with oodles of tea and bacon (the staples of life) being brought by room service, and started throwing ideas against the wall. We had two basic concepts to start with — the Voynich Manuscript and Vlad Dracul — and we tossed out plot twists until they began to gel into a plausible story.

We had so many cool ideas for THE SIXTH DAY I often wondered how we would manage to fit them all in. But we did, and the result is a mind-bending thriller that will leave you breathless.

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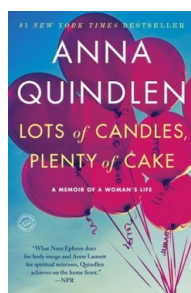
7 Useful Things I Learned from the Internet This Month

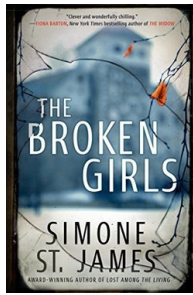


Sometimes the Internet can be a wasteland of notifications and clickbait, but it can also be a tool for good. I enjoy the randomness of the Web, and wanted to pass on these tidbits I found interesting.

1. [Why we're all reading "up lit."](#) It's nice to know I'm not the only one whose tastes are changing.
2. [Book towns are made for book lovers.](#) Adorable. Do you live near a book town?
3. [Gratitude comes from noticing your life, not thinking about it.](#) We all need a reminder every now and then.
4. [Four tips for picking the best grocery store flowers.](#) Practical and delightful!
5. [How to Break Up with Your Phone \(and why you should\).](#) I'm a huge believer in cutting my constant contact with my phone. This is why.
6. [This is the single best thing you can do when ordering takeout pizza.](#) I'd never thought about it or done it, but it makes sense...
7. [Permanent Daylight Savings Time? Florida says yes, but it's not so simple.](#) PLEASE. We need to force Congress to act on this.

What I'm Reading





This month's recommended reads cover the genre gamut, but I've been reading very broadly lately.

EXIT WEST was haunting, lyrical, epic, and I will be thinking about its themes for weeks to come.

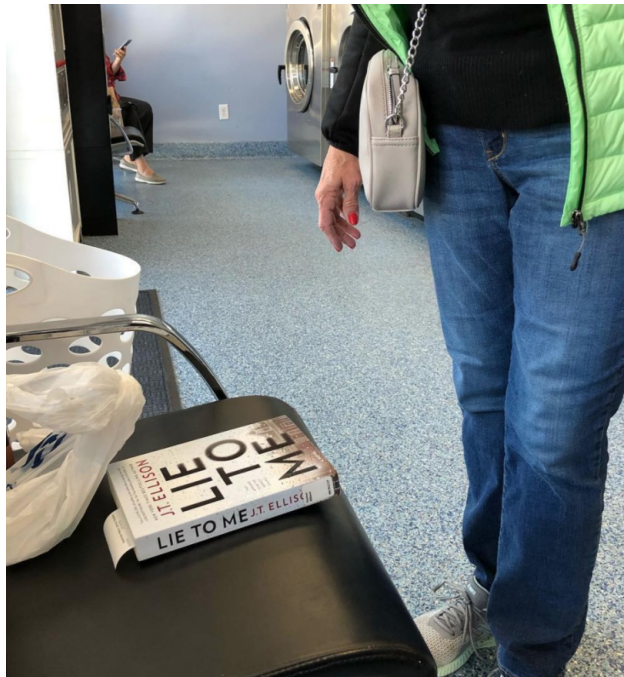
Anna Quindlen is always one of my favorites, and her essays ring so true.

WICKED INTENTIONS came so highly recommended I had to give it a try. And whoa – this is a hot, sexy romance with two fabulous leads and a cracker jack plot.

Finally, I'm listening to THE BROKEN GIRLS and it's fabulous – dark, sinister, haunted – and has rekindled my love of the boarding school mystery.

Click each cover to learn more!

My Favorite Instagram This Month



I give you one of the more surreal moments of my writing career.

I was at the laundromat rescuing a kitty-blessed comforter. A woman walked in and set a book down. I looked over to be nosy, and.... it was my book. I burst out laughing and when she asked if I'd read it I copped to being the author. My life is complete.

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

April's Recipe: Taco Jambalaya



A chilly spring calls for belly-warming soup. And taco soup remains one of my favorites. It's the perfect weeknight meal, ready in about 20 minutes and so satisfying. You can eat the leftovers for lunch or dinner the next day – and dress it up with Fritos. Because Fritos.

Now, [there is my normal recipe for taco soup](#) and then there's the food allergies and lack-of-ingredients version. Here's my new recipe for what I like to call Taco Jambalaya...

Taco Jambalaya?! Yes, please!

That's it from me. Y'all put some tulips in a vase, make some tea, pick up your copy of THE SIXTH DAY and grab one for a friend, and we'll talk again soon.

xo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison".

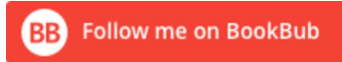
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