



## So many books, so little time...

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Hello GentleReader,

It's lovely to see you today! I hope you're well. Personally, I'm rather shocked that April is here. I've been working and touring and reading and sneaking bits of sunlight whenever the days are warm enough and somehow, the first quarter of the year is in the books. Tour is wrapping up this month, I'm back to work on my new book and a secret project (or two) and I'm itching to start spending more time outdoors. It's been a rough go here in Nashville with a few weeks of extreme weather, but I'm hopeful things are going to calm down and spring will be a little more enjoyable.

I had an amazing time meeting up with friends on the virtual tour for *HER DARK LIES!* This community is so giving, so kind. From the authors who appeared in conversation with me to the booksellers and librarians getting the book into their readers' hands, to the enthusiastic bookstagrammers and podcasters and bookclubs who shared an evening or afternoon with me, I couldn't have asked for better. Actually, I've spent most of the past two months chatting with excellent folks, and I was so fascinated by how every event was different. Different questions about the book, about how process, about developing stories and characters... all in all, a very satisfying adventure. If you're interested, [this link](#) will take you to a listing of all the events that were taped. I had a blast, and I hope you do, too. Oh yeah, and I hope you buy the book and give it a glowing review, too! ☐

I'm back to work on my next book, which is a great relief. The months ahead are quieter, albeit with a few more [events](#) still on the books. But I'm sinking back into story, the very best place to be. I hope I don't look up and realize it's December!

## ☐ HER DARK LIES is here!



Have you experienced the wedding of the year yet?

You all made it the best release I've had in a long, long time. Pandemic kindness! Thank you for buying HER DARK LIES, coming to events, leaving reviews, and spreading the word to your fellow humans. My unending gratitude to you all.

If you're interested in a signed book, [Parnassus Books](#), [The Mysterious Bookshop](#), and [Poisoned Pen](#) all have stock if you haven't had a chance to pick it up yet. You may need to specify "signed copy" in the order comments or call the store directly to make sure you get the right ones.

I WANT ONE!

ADD TO GOODREADS

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## ☐ Taylor Jackson Series Books 5-7 are back in print!



SURPRISE!

THE IMMORTALS, SO CLOSE THE HAND OF DEATH, and WHERE ALL THE DEAD LIE, books 5–7 in my [Lt. Taylor Jackson series](#) are now available in print again through my indie imprint [Two Tales Press](#). All three titles are available in both trade paperback and hardcover. (I know how frustrating it can be to not have all the titles in a series in a single format, so I hope these options will make you very happy.)

For my librarian and indie bookstore friends, great news — these titles are available through Ingram at a 55% discount with full returns! So please spread the word to your Taylor Jackson loving readers — their girl is back in town.

Now, it's inevitable that you may ask — but J.T., when will you give us a NEW Taylor Jackson or Samantha Owens novel? The frustrating but honest answer is soon, but not yet. I promise you, though, one is in the works and as quickly as I can get it finished, I will let you know.

In the meantime, enjoy these glorious beauties! And many thanks to my longtime artist, the delightful [Kim Killion](#), who rocked these designs!

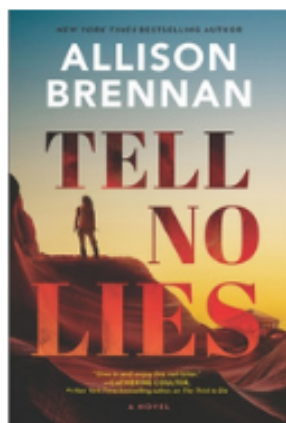
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▣ **What I'm Reading**



### **[TELL NO LIES](#) by Allison Brennan**

I've been a fan of Allison Brennan's for years and years and years. She's been a mentor, a friend, and everything in between, but she's also a stellar writer who I have on auto buy. This new series featuring an FBI MRT - mobile response team - is classic procedural at its best. You will love Kara and Matt and the whole team, and the glorious desert setting comes to life page after page. Run to the store, friends, and grab this one now!!!

### **[SURVIVING SAVANNAH](#) by Patti Callahan**

An extraordinary dual-timeline historical, SURVIVING SAVANNAH explores the downing of the steamship Pulaski, the "Titanic of the South", off the coast of North Carolina. With impeccable research and engaging prose, the story moves seamless from the horrors of the Pulaski to the modern-day historian, Everly Winthrop, who is struggling with losses of her own and consumed with a burning desire to solve the mystery of the Pulaski. Elegant writing, a poignant plot, and pitch-perfect storytelling make this a must read and wonderful book club addition.

### **[A WORLD WITHOUT EMAIL](#) by Cal Newport**

I could not be more excited to jump into my favorite tech guru's latest. I spend entirely too much time in my email and I know Cal's forthright advice and deep thought planning will help me wrangle it into place. If you need me, you know where I'll be...deep diving into this with my TimeBlock planner at hand.

### **[A COURT OF SILVER FLAMES](#) by Sarah J. Maas**

I reread the first three books in this series to prepare myself for this title, and boy, it has not disappointed. Returning to the Night Court and the amazing world Maas has created is like coming home. Spectacular!

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## **☐☐ April Recipe: Halibut Française**





# HALIBUT FRANÇAISE

A favorite from a now defunct Italian restaurant in Florida we used to go to, I've never been able to find a recipe that recreated the salty, umami goodness of a fish done française. Imagine my delight at discovering [this magnificent one](#) – that seemed like it might fit the bill. And boy, does it. Easy to make, and delicious to eat, it's become my Friday night staple! Leave it to the fishermen to have the best recipes... And in case it looks like a lot, this can easily be halved or quartered for a single filet...

As with all halibut recipes, pay close attention to the fish when cooking. Halibut cooks quickly so be careful not to overcook it.

LET'S EAT!

You can find all of my recipes [here](#). And if you want some wine to go with the meals, [The Wine Vixen](#) has you covered.

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## ☐ Contest

Every month, I draw a name from those of you who open the newsletter and send that lovely person a \$30 gift card to the bookstore of their choice. It's my way of saying thanks for being here. Congrats to last month's winner: Beverly A.

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That's all for now. Nurture a sweet little plant, put out your hummingbird feeders – the scouts are here! – go for a nice outdoor jaunt, and I'll see you next month!

peace and hugs,

*J.T. Ellison*



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