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The stars are aligning! ☺ Plus tour details, summer reads, and a quick weeknight chicken dish

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Hi, Gentle Reader!

Hello, readers! I'm the welcome cat.

How's it going in your world? I just got back from vacation – and I have to tell you, it was ~~so~~ lovely. It's amazing what sitting on the beach for a few days, soaking up the sun and waves, can do for your brain. I feel calm, rested, and creatively recharged. I always come up with a billion new book ideas when I go on a proper vacation. Maybe I shouldn't wait two years to do it again?

Catherine and I are hard at work on Brit #5. (Our title? THE BLOOD CABAL. Freaky, right?) Oh! And I'm crafting yet another secret project. Don't worry, you'll find out about it soon. I just love dangling that carrot. Because I'm nice.

Lots of book news to talk about this month, so let's get cracking!

Pre-Order Your Copy of LIE TO ME!

PW loves LIE TO ME!

My new baby, LIE TO ME, is almost here. I am so excited to share Ethan and Sutton's story with you on **September 5!**

I had a specific goal in mind when I wrote this story – stretch myself beyond my limits. Thankfully, some very important people agreed. **Lee Child** called LIE TO ME “wonderful... a one-more-chapter, don't-eat-dinner, stay-up-late sensation.” **Lisa Scottoline** said LIE TO ME has ‘more twists and turns than the backroads of Tennessee.’ And in their starred review, **Publishers Weekly** said LIE TO ME was “exceptional” and “may be [my] best work to date.”

This book is a big one, y'all—a difference maker in my career. It would mean the world to me if you supported LIE TO ME the way you have with my work in the past. How can you help, you ask?

Well, my newsletter chicken, I'll be honest – a pre-order means EVERYTHING for this book. Pre-orders are vital to a book's early success. It tells bookstores to order more copies, it helps with placement on the front tables and bestseller lists, it gets libraries excited to stock the title – and it's all in your very capable hands. Plus, you have **options!** You can order it in **your preferred format** – trade paperback, hardcover, digital, or audio – right now. No waiting six months to a year for the more cost-effective paperback. Cool, right? (FYI, the trade paperback is only 10 bucks. Just sayin'.)

So if you would, pick up a copy, rate it on Goodreads, leave a review at your favorite retailer, tell a friend about it: every little thing helps, and I am so grateful for any support you can give.

Thank you, thank you for coming on this journey with me. I'm thrilled to share my writing world with you!

[Pre-order your copy of LIE TO ME now!](#)

I May Be in Your Neighborhood Soon!

JT's LIE TO ME tour!

With a big book comes a big tour! I'm thrilled to be going on the road in September and October to visit new conferences and bookstores (Decatur! Minneapolis! Seattle! San Francisco! Toronto!), plus a few favorites (Nashville! Denver!). If you live within 100 (or 500) miles of a tour stop, please come say hi! I'd love to meet you and chat about books, cats, *Outlander*, notebooks, more cats, supermassive black holes... whatever you want.

(Don't live close by? That's okay. [You can attend a LIE TO ME signing while sitting on your couch! In your comfy pants!](#)).

[Click here for my tour details](#)

Need a Dose of Inspiration?

Sometimes life is hard. Or messy. Or mean. Or even boring. I get it – sometimes I feel it, too. But there's so much goodness in the little things. Happiness resides in the smallest details, and sometimes we forget that.

But I don't want to forget, which is why I've dedicated my Instagram to inspiration, to the small happy things. Hop over and follow me if you need a daily dose of joy. As you scroll through, you'll notice my fondness for words and kitties. Both make the world a better place.

[Follow me on Instagram](#)

What I'm Reading

Last week I got to sit on a beach and read all of these books, and it was *glorious*.

Daniel Silva's really kicked it up a notch lately, and HOUSE OF SPIES is no different (plus Gabriel Allon is one of my all-time favorites). As I'm sure you've noticed, I've been on a Sarah J. Maas tear – she's just brilliant. THE REASON YOU'RE ALIVE made me sob multiple times: when I finished reading it, and when I told my husband about it. Quick is one of the best writers of our time; I had a chance to meet him recently and honestly, I didn't want our meeting to end! Really great guy. And my lovely friend Patti Callahan Henry has a new book out that you *must* get – it is so good.

Click each cover to learn more!

August's Recipe: Weeknight Lemon Chicken Breasts

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School is starting again. I'm going on tour. Deadlines are looming. We are busy people who need quick, healthy meals during the week. And this recipe, inspired by the great Ina Garten, fits the bill.

Hey, lady, gimme that chicken!

That's it from me! Just like winter, [LIE TO ME is coming](#), and we all need to get prepared (and [you can read a sneak-peek of the first 3 chapters here](#)).

Have a great August, and I hope you make plans to come see me soon on tour! Keep reading!

XO,

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



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