



A brand new novel, with as much magic as you can handle

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Hello GentleReader,

I'm not even going to beat around the bush. I've been teasing you for weeks now, so here's the big, exciting news...I have a brand new novel for you, out now – and it's urban fantasy! Check out the grand unboxing video below, and read on for all the details!



□ **Meet Jayne Thorne, CIA Librarian!**

THE WITCH YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

Available now



Magic has long been contained in a tiny river of stars, accessible only to a very few talented magicians. But Jayne Thorne has come into her powers, and the world is about to change.

I have long wanted to write in the fantasy genre. Urban fantasy, epic fantasy, whatever—something that I could build the world, the rules, the moral structure, the magic system. And I **love** stories of young women who are faced with difficult choices and become heroic leaders. But like writing in any genre, you need to know the rules, the tropes, the authors. So I brought in an expert, my friend and fellow author Alisha Klapheke, and we formed a partnership under the pen name Joss Walker.

The Jayne Thorne, CIA Librarian series, starting with *TOMB OF THE QUEEN*, introduces readers to a new world, where the CIA has a magical branch called the Torrent Control Organization (TCO) that's main division is called The Library. Magic has been throttled, stuck in the Torrent for a very long time, and a terror organization is using dark magic to try and raise formerly strong magicians to access their powers and control the world. When Jayne, a research librarian at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, accidentally accesses a grimoire in the Vandy vault, the resounding thunderclap to the magical world draws the attention of both friend and foe. The CIA gets to her first, and her journey begins. The book is a little bit spy thriller, a whole lot of urban fantasy, and all kinds of magic, with tons of books, cool libraries, international settings, and a very hot Irishman thrown in for fun.

Most importantly, it's uplifting. Yes, we deal with dark themes, but Jayne is a breath of fresh air, a sassy, witty, funny character whose irreverence makes her journey all the more meaningful. Jayne wants books, and pie, and a quiet life, but she is destined for greatness. As all librarians are.

Without Alisha, Jayne would have never come to life for me. I am in her debt, and so incredibly grateful to be her co-writer! And you, my friends, finally get to sample the fabulous world we've created. I can't wait for you to get the book and meet Jayne and her team for yourselves. If you'd like some more background, slide on over to the blog and [check out Jayne's origin story](#).

You can also see the new [Joss Walker website](#) and sign up for our infrequent [newsletter](#).

Some housekeeping: for the time being, the digital version will only be available through Amazon (which means, if you are a Kindle Unlimited subscriber, the book is FREE!) but the print, both trade paperback and hardcover, is available

everywhere. The audiobook is coming soon. So do me a favor. Call your favorite indie, send a note to your library, and ask them to get the book on their shelves. Jayne Thorne, CIA Librarian, is here!

#1 - TOMB OF THE QUEEN

A LIBRARIAN. A SPELL BOOK. AND A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SET ON ENSLAVING THE WORLD.

Librarian Jayne Thorne enjoys her quiet life of tea and books. That is, until she finds a spell book in the Vanderbilt archives that accidentally gives her access to a magical dimension.

Now she's hunted by a magic-wielding terrorist group called the Kingdom, and the only way for her to survive is to team up with a secret branch of the CIA. Her first mission: Go undercover at Trinity College Library in Dublin to discover the identity of a Kingdom member and determine if the Book of Leinster is actually a magical necromantic grimoire.

With the help of a handsome Irish kickboxer, Jayne uncovers the truth of her unexpected spell book: The Irish manuscript is one of five grimoires that can raise five dead, master magicians, and secure their totems of power. With these totems comes the power to control the world.

But the spell book isn't the only thing with secrets in Jayne's new life. Danger lurks in every corner and Jayne must rise to meet her fated role... or perish alongside the rest of the world.

Perfect for fans of A Discovery of Witches who love Indiana Jones and Gilmore Girls, this paranormal adventure thriller is the fantasy you've been waiting for.

I WANT TO MEET JAYNE

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The advertisement features the Target logo on the left. To its right, the text reads "TARGET'S BUY 2 GET 1 FREE SALE" in large, bold, black letters, with "Sale ends June 19. Grab your copy today!" underneath. Below this text is a row of six book covers. From left to right, they are: "Tomb of the Queen" by Jayne Thorne - CIA Librarian & Book One; "Her Dark Lies" by J.T. Ellison; "Good Girls Lie" by J.T. Ellison; "Tear Me Apart" by J.T. Ellison; "Lie to Me" by J.T. Ellison; and "No One Knows" by J.T. Ellison.

We got the exciting news that Target is including the [TOMB OF THE QUEEN paperback](#) and [hardcover](#) in their current Buy Two Get One Free deal on select books, movies, and games through June 19. My standalone thrillers [HER DARK LIES](#), [GOOD GIRLS LIE](#), [TEAR ME APART](#), [LIE TO ME](#), and [NO ONE KNOWS](#) are also included in this deal. Treat yourself!

□ What I'm Reading



[SIX WEEKS TO LIVE](#) by Catherine McKenzie

Every time I open the covers on a Catherine McKenzie novel, I know I'm in for a ride. [SIX WEEKS TO LIVE](#) proves my theory right yet again. With its impeccable plotting and ticking clock, it is the best kind of domestic suspense—a story both heartbreaking and visceral, surprising yet inevitable. Jennifer and her triplets will shock you from start to finish.

[ARIADNE](#) by Jennifer Saint

The story of Ariadne is one of my favorite mythological tales—so much so it spawned what I think is one of the best poems I ever wrote, which made its way into my novel [THE IMMORTALS](#)—so when I saw this book by Jennifer Saint, I snapped it up immediately. Will it stand up to Madeline Miller's [CIRCE](#)? I'm desperate to dive in and see.

[THE OTHER BLACK GIRL](#) by Zakiya Dalila Harris

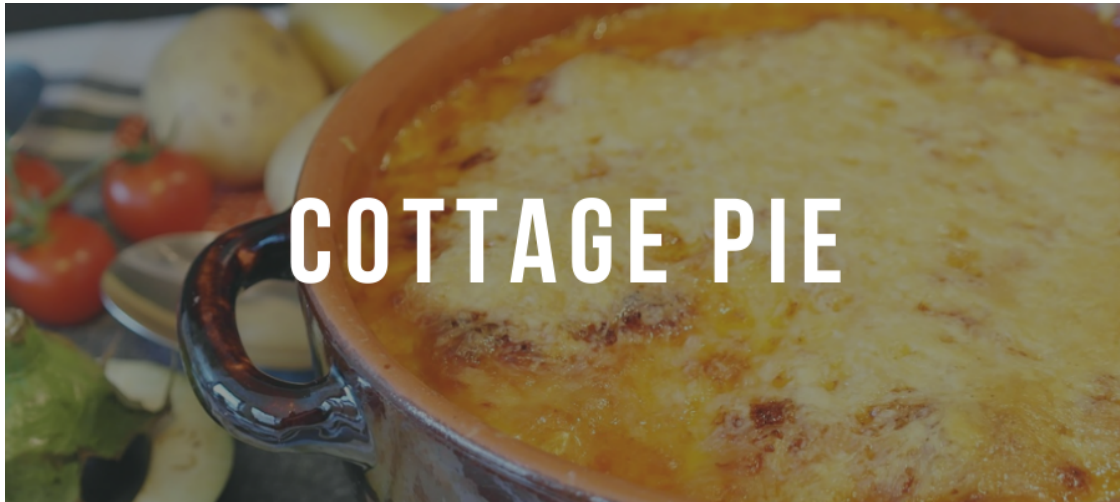
I talked to Zakiya for [A Word on Words](#) and it was one of the most incredible interviews I've done. This book is a sly, smart, satire with an important message. I had to read the end a few times to believe what I was seeing, and couldn't WAIT to talk to friends about the story, as well as Zakiya herself. Well worth your time.

[THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME](#) by Laura Dave

I tend to shy away from buzzy books during their release, but the concept of this one sold me – and it was really, really good. A solid amateur sleuth story

with a fun setting, always my favorite, and nice family dynamics and secrets.

☐☐ June Recipe: Cottage Pie



To honor our new series and its Dublin setting, here's a favorite of mine from the UK.

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.

☐ 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: Tammy M.

That's all for now! I hope you've enjoyed the big news, I hope you love the new book, and I promise, there are more good things to come! Namely, I've finished and turned in the next standalone novel, so hurrah! News on that soon.

Be good, and I'll see you next month!

peace and hugs,



Are you still here?

Here's a kitten for your troubles.



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