

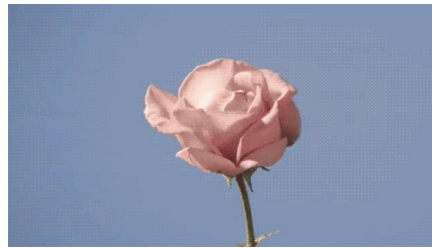
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Good News, Goode News, and TV News! ☐

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Hi, Gentle Reader!



Spring has sprung, and things have been humming along at Chez Ellison! I have so much to share with you, so buckle up, buttercups!

The important good news first: I've finished my new novel, **GOOD GIRLS LIE (12.31.19)**! We're in the throes of copyediting and galleys and art and all the fun things. I'm really excited about this book, people. A gothic thriller, set in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, at an all-girls boarding school aptly named The Goode School. It is dark. It is twisted. And I went down memory lane to my own all-girls boarding experience – though mine was college. I hope you LOVE it!

We also launched THE LAST SECOND, the 6th Brit in the FBI novel last month. And I have two new items for you this month – the long-awaited audiobook of A THOUSAND DOORS, and the mass market paperback of LIE TO ME! More on those below.

And there's some fun news out of La-La Land. LIE TO ME has been optioned for television by Dynamic, who brings you Wynonna Earp, Van Helsing, and many, many more excellent shows and movies. I couldn't be more excited to partner with them to bring Sutton and Ethan to life. I will share any details I get as I can, but for now, let's just revel in this exciting first step, shall we?

I mentioned my college...you know, crime fiction is my chosen genre for many reasons, but one large component was **the disappearance of my friend from R-MWC, Dail Dinwiddie. almost twenty-seven years ago now** This past week, another girl went missing from the exact spot Dail was last seen. I'm sure you've all seen the video of Samantha Josephson stepping into a black Chevy Impala thinking it was her Uber. What happened next is the unthinkable. Her body was recovered the next day. And in a display of exemplary police work, her murderer was arrested almost immediately – two blocks from where he picked her up, mind you.

I admit to obsessing over this case. The immediacy of seeing Samantha get in that car coupled with the knowledge that my friend walked in those very steps is haunting me. I cope with these very real losses by writing, by bringing the sledgehammer of justice down on the villains in my stories. But I'm hoping that **Samantha's case** might break free something, anything, about Dail's disappearance.

I don't mean to be a downer, but sometimes it does us good to remember that these are very real situations to too many parents and friends. Be careful out there, especially getting into cars with strangers. And if you see anything, know anything, reach out. Group hug, okay?

Back to the fun stuff!

A THOUSAND DOORS Audiobook is almost here!

The digital audiobook for A THOUSAND DOORS comes out Tuesday April 9, and is read by the incredible Cassandra Campbell! The physical audiobook will be available May 7. I know you are going to love listening to Mia's adventures as much as we enjoyed writing them.

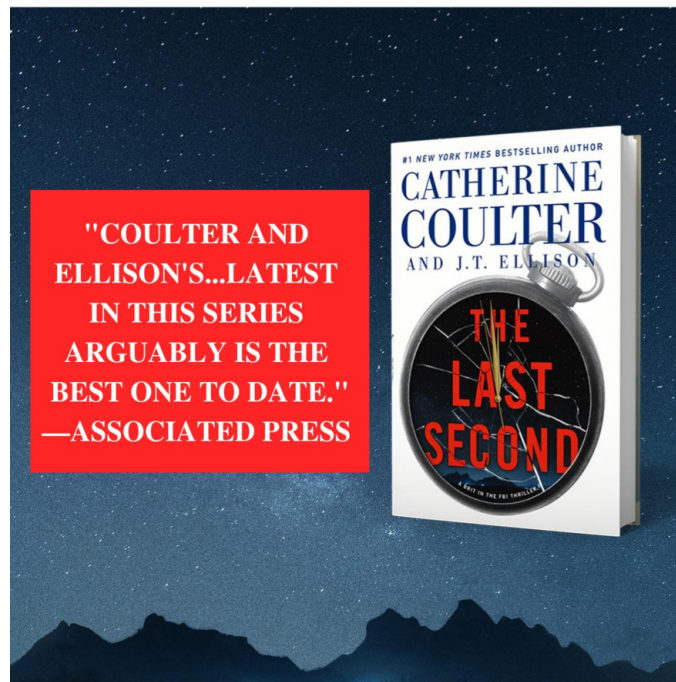


LIE TO ME mass market hits April 23, 2019

How's this for timing? I am delighted LIE TO ME will be available as a large format mass market paperback on April 23! If you see it in the wild, send me a photo, will you? We'd love to feature you on our socials!



☐ **THE LAST SECOND has launched!**



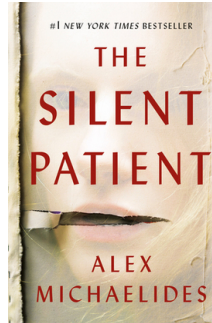
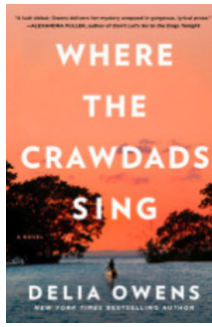
Thank you for all of your excitement about **THE LAST SECOND**! Your enthusiasm propelled it onto all the bestseller lists, which is much appreciated. If you haven't nabbed our latest adventure, what are you waiting for? It makes a great birthday present, FYI...

Also, **THE SIXTH DAY**, A Brit In The FBI #5, is now available as [amazon market paperback](#)!

I WANT IT!

▣ What I'm Reading





DAISY JONES AND THE SIX by Taylor Jenkins Reid

If you like music, you will LOVE this book about a tempestuous young singer and the band who launched her to stardom. The structure and multiple POVs give it the feel of a Rolling Stone interview. Very unique, very well written, and so good I immediately went to the store and grabbed **THE SEVEN WIVES OF EVELYN HUGO**. Taylor Jenkins Reid is that good.

LAST SUMMER by Kerry Lonsdale

Utterly captivating and impossible to put down, so strap yourself in for a ride. In addition to being a superb writer, Kerry Lonsdale has a talent for creating complex characters who wrestle with very real situations. LAST SUMMER is her best yet, a sly suspense coupled with sizzling romance and unending twists. Lonsdale should be on every reader's radar.

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING by Delia Owens

There's a reason this book has been burning up the bestseller lists. It's lovely. So atmospheric, so gorgeously written. An environmental mysterious love story that will break your heart and keep you guessing, it has all the lushness of the marsh at its center. Go forth and read it now, because the movie is sure to be a massive hit.

THE SILENT PATIENT by Alex Michaelides

This intense new thriller is absolutely superb. And honestly, to say much more will ruin it completely. I expect great things from Alex going forward...

Click the covers to learn more!

Cool Things From the Internet

A Love Letter to Lovers of Outlander. "Outlander speaks to deep, subterranean hopes, and because it's about filling a lack. Desire is its lifeblood—its storytelling crests with want and reconciles upon satisfaction."

12 Books We Should Stop Making High Schoolers Read. I don't necessarily agree with the thesis of this article, as many of these books rank among my favorites and taught me a great deal about writing, humanity, and society in general. Were I an English teacher, I'd use this list as a wonderful juxtaposed then and now exercise: We'll read both and discuss the merits of each.

Steve Jobs Never Wanted Us to Use Our iPhones Like This. So looking forward to Cal's new book Digital Minimalism! I

am a fan of Cal's work, and love how he's been adapting his message to take into account those of us who can't just shut it all off because of business reasons.

Umberto Eco's Antilibrary: Why Unread Books Are More Valuable to Our Lives than Read Ones. "Read books are far less valuable than unread ones."

Mattel Is Launching Astrophysicist Barbie This Year (an Astronaut, Too!) A great way to celebrate Barbie's 60th birthday! Hopefully they'll get the sizes of her spacesuit right...

A WORD ON WORDS

We've been busy taping Season 4 (!) of A WORD ON WORDS. Here are some of our recent episodes:

Mary Laura interviewed Silas House in **Layers Of Trouble**, Alexander Chee in **A Series Of Misidentifications**, and Kate DiCamillo in **That Hopeful Broken Part Of Yourself**.

I loved having a chance to talk about Tayari Jones's wonderful book in **Problems and Their People**. It was a fabulous, illuminating interview.

I was very happy I got to sit down with the brilliant Victoria Schwab to talk all things supernatural and insightful about publishing and life in **Adequate Doors**.

Bonus read: Mary Laura's book **I MISS YOU WHEN I BLINK** is EVERYWHERE, people. It is an absolute delight, and I can't recommend it highly enough.

March/April Recipe: Upscale Spicy Bolognese



Sometimes, when I'm at a restaurant, a dish delights me and I decide to recreate it. I found the following cryptic note in my email the other week:

Tomato
Mirepoix blender
Nutmeg
Sweet basil
Bay leaf
Garlic
Parsley
Black olive

Ground Filet
Black
Pepper

Clearly these are ingredients for a recipe, but for what? Would it kill me to at least give myself an idea of what this is supposed to be? A date, a place? Anything but a list of ingredients? I pondered, and my natural culinary detective skills finally kicked in.

CLICK THROUGH TO FIND OUT WHAT I MADE!

As always, it is a joy to share my writing life with you. Thank you for all your support, for buying the books, leaving reviews, sharing with friends, requesting at the library, and all the other things you do. I appreciate you so very much! See you next month!

peace and hugs,

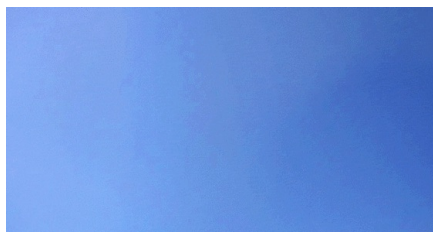


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