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☐ **Grab a fresh cuppa – I have a LOT of news for you!** ☐

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## Hi, Gentle Reader!



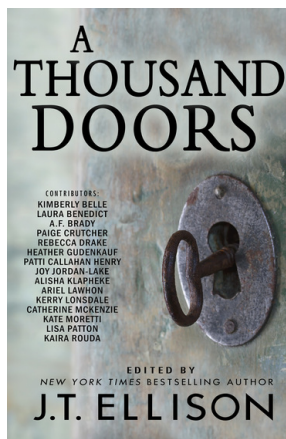
It's officially Fall! It is my favorite time of year, and I couldn't be more excited. This year is especially full of blessings and changes, so I am practicing my gratitude attitude and nesting. I've been busily cleaning and decorating, sorting out my office and closets, and generally creating all sort of great Mabon energy in our house. I even bought a pretty new chair for my office, something I can cuddle in to read and write. And not a moment too soon, as someone we all know might need to get started on a new book in the next couple of weeks...

I had an incredible month on the road celebrating the release of my 20th (!) novel, **TEAR ME APART**, meeting readers, seeing old friends, and making new ones. And the books. Y'all, I had to buy a suitcase to take them all home with me. Does that tell you something – a suitcase was cheaper than shipping? I even snuck off to the beach for three days, and man, did it help rejuvenate my spirit! All that Vitamin D is good for the body and soul.

I returned home to finish up the revisions of the 6th Brit in the FBI thriller, **THE LAST SECOND**, out March 26, and get my secret project up and running – that's right, my dears, I have a BRAND NEW BOOK for you. I'm thrilled to introduce A THOUSAND DOORS!

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☐ **A THOUSAND DOORS** ☐



## The day Mia Jensen died, she finally got to live.

*We've all played the "what if" game. For Mia Jensen, "what if" is a fact of life. Dissatisfied with her choices, she often dreams about what could have been. Now she has the chance to know. But that knowledge is going to cost her dearly. Only through death can she fully realize the value of her life.*

*Can one woman can find peace with the path she's chosen before it slips through her fingers forever?*

*Through the unique voices of New York Times bestsellers and rising stars in women's fiction, A THOUSAND DOORS examines how our smallest decisions can create lasting effects, and allows the thought—can we actually change our lives?*

This is one of the most exciting projects I've ever had the pleasure to work on. It's so much more than an anthology. Over the course of the novel, you are going to meet 16 different variations of Mia Jensen. You are going to journey through her lives, be shocked by her decisions, her actions, her vulnerabilities, her loves, her mistakes. You are going to get to know Mia better than she knows herself.

**Bringing Mia to life are the following amazing writers** Kimberly Belle, Laura Benedict, A.F. Brady, Paige Crutcher, Rebecca Drake, Heather Gudenkauf, Patti Callahan Henry, Joy Jordan-Lake, Alisha Klapheke, Ariel Lawhon, Kerry Lonsdale, Catherine McKenzie, Kate Moretti, Lisa Patton, and Kaira Rouda.

**A THOUSAND DOORS** will be on sale in all formats (hardcover, trade paper, ebook, and audio) November 5, and I hope you'll talk to your favorite indie booksellers and librarians and ask them to stock the book, too. It's available for preorder now.

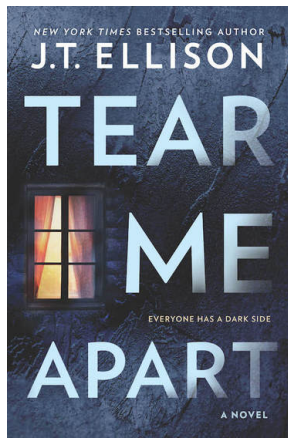
***Also, if you're a reviewer, please contact me for a review copy!***

[Pre-order, baby!](#)

[Add to Goodreads](#)

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▣ **More about TEAR ME APART** ▣



I continue to be overwhelmed at the incredibly kind and thoughtful reviews coming in for [TEAR ME APART](#). It has been an honor to be the steward of change with this book, helping people examine their views on mental illness through this story, and the letters I've received confirm my suspicions that if the stigma were to disappear, we'd all be better off. My heart has been broken, repaired, and soared by your responses. Thank you, all.

If you haven't had a chance to grab your copy, please do, and let me know what you think.

Break my heart, J.T.

## Book Tour

I have a few more [events](#) for TEAR ME APART – hope to see some of you on the road!

TEAR ME APART TOUR		
8/29	NASHVILLE, TN	PARNASSUS BOOKS
8/30	HOUSTON, TX	MURDER BY THE BOOK
9/6 - 9/9	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	BOUCHERCON
9/13	PALM HARBOR, FL	SOUTHERN INDEPENDENT BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION
10/12	NASHVILLE, TN	SOUTHERN FESTIVAL OF BOOKS
10/15	CHARLOTTE, NC	NATIONAL READING GROUP BIBLIOFEAST
11/8	CHAPEL HILL, NC	CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY
11/8 - 11/9	NASHVILLE, TN	WRITERFEST NASHVILLE



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Also, the fine folks at WriterFest Nashville are offering 20% off the tickets to my readers with the code: JTEllisonWF20. [Get your tickets!](#) Liane Moriarty is the fiction keynote, and y'all aren't going to want to miss this!

## 7 Useful Things I Learned from the Internet This Month



**18 Magical Things From The Harry Potter Universe That Would Be Really Useful In The Muggle World** If only! I would shape up a few spells in a moment if I had those powers...

**Hugo awards: women clean up as NK Jemisin wins best novel again** Stunningly wonderful books...

**When Self-Care Turns Into Self-Sabotage**. Great advice here! Life adjustments are more important than hot baths, at times. Though never underestimate what 30 minutes of quiet reflective time can do for your soul.

**13 Reasons Why Libraries are Holding Us All Together** "Libraries are truly holding us all together in ways that we often take for granted." Yes!

**From Star Trek to Fifty Shades: how fanfiction went mainstream** An interesting view of how fanfiction—adapting famous stories and characters—came about, and why so many people look down at it.

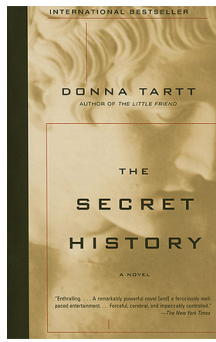
**What Growing Up Poor Taught Me About Minimalism** Such a fabulous message. People matter. Things do not.

**25 of the New Words Merriam-Webster Is Adding to the Dictionary in 2018**. I'm down for an adorbs, marg, and guac...

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## What I'm Reading





I'm settling into fall with a monstrous stack of new books (see suitcase purchase above)...

**TWO DARK REIGNS by Kendare Blake**

Oh, how many good things can I say about [this series](#)? I love it, love the inventiveness, and the direction it's heading.

**TIME'S CONVERT by Deborah Harkness**

I've been reading as slowly as I can to savor the experience, and I'm also listening to the [second in the series on audio](#), so it's All Deborah, All The Time right now.

**CITY OF GHOSTS by Victoria Schwab**

Victoria has a Master's degree in Monsters, and is putting those studies to good use. You might even see a little ghost story of mine in this quirky title.

**THE SECRET HISTORY by Donna Tartt**

This is a reread but it's been such a pleasure to get back to Hampden College, Greek lessons, and intricate studies of both Dionysus and Plato.

*Click each cover to learn more!*

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## Join My Facebook Group!



The Literati is running strong and I'd love to see you there! You'll be the first to learn exciting book news, get exclusive giveaways and glimpses into my writing life, and have the chance to talk about the books you love with a community of readers. It's a blast!

[I Want To Join The Literati!](#)

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## September's Recipe: Cacio e Pepe



# CACIO E PEPE

There is nothing I like more than carbonara – Italian bacon and eggs– so when I found this awesome recipe for this traditional Roman dish, I jumped in with both feet. It’s so simple that it’s become a weekly thing around Casa Ellison.

**Bring on the cheese and pepper!**

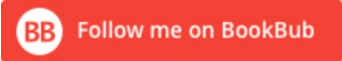
That’s it from me. Have a blessed few weeks as we transition out of summer and into fall, don’t forget to add something orange to your décor, put your garden to rest and stock up on your firewood, and I’ll see you next month.

peace and hugs,

*You're still here? Here's a kitten for your troubles!*



*Stay up on all of my book bargains and new books!*



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



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