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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
A NEW BEGINNING

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## EDITOR'S WORD

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*Another year of growth, learning, and challenges but also laughter, new beginnings and reaffirmation of friendships and goals.*

*Thank you to my family and friends for being there. Thank you to my awesome readers. You guys make my day!*

*Thanks you to Kim Kessler, Eli Peters, Laralyn Doran and my alpha reader Angil for helping me turn a story etched in carbon and buff it into a diamond.*

*To the Damned Mob of Scribbling Women — Audrey Coulombis, Cate Tayler, Laralyn Doran, and Shadow Leitner — I miss you. Let's get together more in 2023!*

*To Kim Caffeinated for always holding me down!*

*i know lots of people are struggling right now and I hope that if you're reading this, you can get something out of it.*

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**H**ello Beautiful! There are so many things I want to tell you! The first is **THANK YOU!** I am so grateful if you stuck with me, read my books, posts, or simply subscribed to my newsletter. The past couple of years have not been easy on my writing but necessary. I've grown a lot as a person, a writer, and an all-around citizen of the world. Now 2023 is here, and I feel a burst, a renewal, and a definite return of my muse. I can't wait to share with you what we're cooking up. So, what does that mean for us as Besties?

# WISHING YOU A *Happy New Year*

*It means:*

## **Stories**

- The return of a twin brother.
- The little sister's story.
- A new twist on a classic tale.

## **Traveling**

- A Cali adventure with some really awesome writers.
- A closer to home experience with another group of awesome writers.

## **Business**

- Bringing a brand to life. Lash n' Gloss is definitely thing.

*But before we continue looking toward the future, I want to share some of the things I loved in 2022. I hope you like it!*

*Remember to Stay Fearless,*

**JL**



# The Cop and the Doctor

## ROMANCING THE TOUGH COP

When I was writing *Some Mornings*, Officer Dahlia Wicker was not just a character; she was a mood. She was a scene stealer with her dry sense of humor and friendship with her partner Detective Hunter. Though I had planned *Some Nights* and *Some Mornings* as a duet, Dahlia's scene with Dr. Ellison at the end of the book continued to plague me. I could practically hear the scenes with her character kicking and screaming against her growing attraction for the hot doctor with warm eyes and a smile that obliterated her senses. That's how *Some Days* came about.

She is tough, funny, has a strong sense of family and justice, and is loyal to a fault. With all those qualities, she needed a soul mate to ground her while matching her spirit.

Though Dahlia has a hard shell protecting her heart, Dr. Weston gets a glimpse into who she is when she's brought into his emergency room after being shot in the line of duty. She begs him to look after her brother, to ensure he's told gently if she doesn't make it. The promise stays with him, and Weston will never forget it, even though she retreats into her shell the minute she wakes from surgery. He's drawn to her, and that's what drives him to pursue her. Their story straddles social justice issues, prejudice, privilege, classism, and racism.

Many readers wanted Dahlia to be more open to Weston sooner, but her journey wasn't easy. She is a product of her upbringing, culture, and the career she pursues.

I dedicated *Some Mornings* to single moms. *Some Days* pays homage to the dutiful sisters and daughters. That's at the heart of who Dahlia is.

Someone once commented that my heroines are way too family-centered and self-sacrificing. It's true because they're inspired in the women I know. These women have an immense sense of responsibility and are taught to care for their siblings and parents. Dahlia is all of us who had to become warriors and advocates for our families.

Despite his wealthy upbringing, Weston has chosen to serve and care for others. He could be anywhere in the world, but decided to practice in under-served countries and made Baltimore his home. He's open to learning, embracing, and standing up for others.

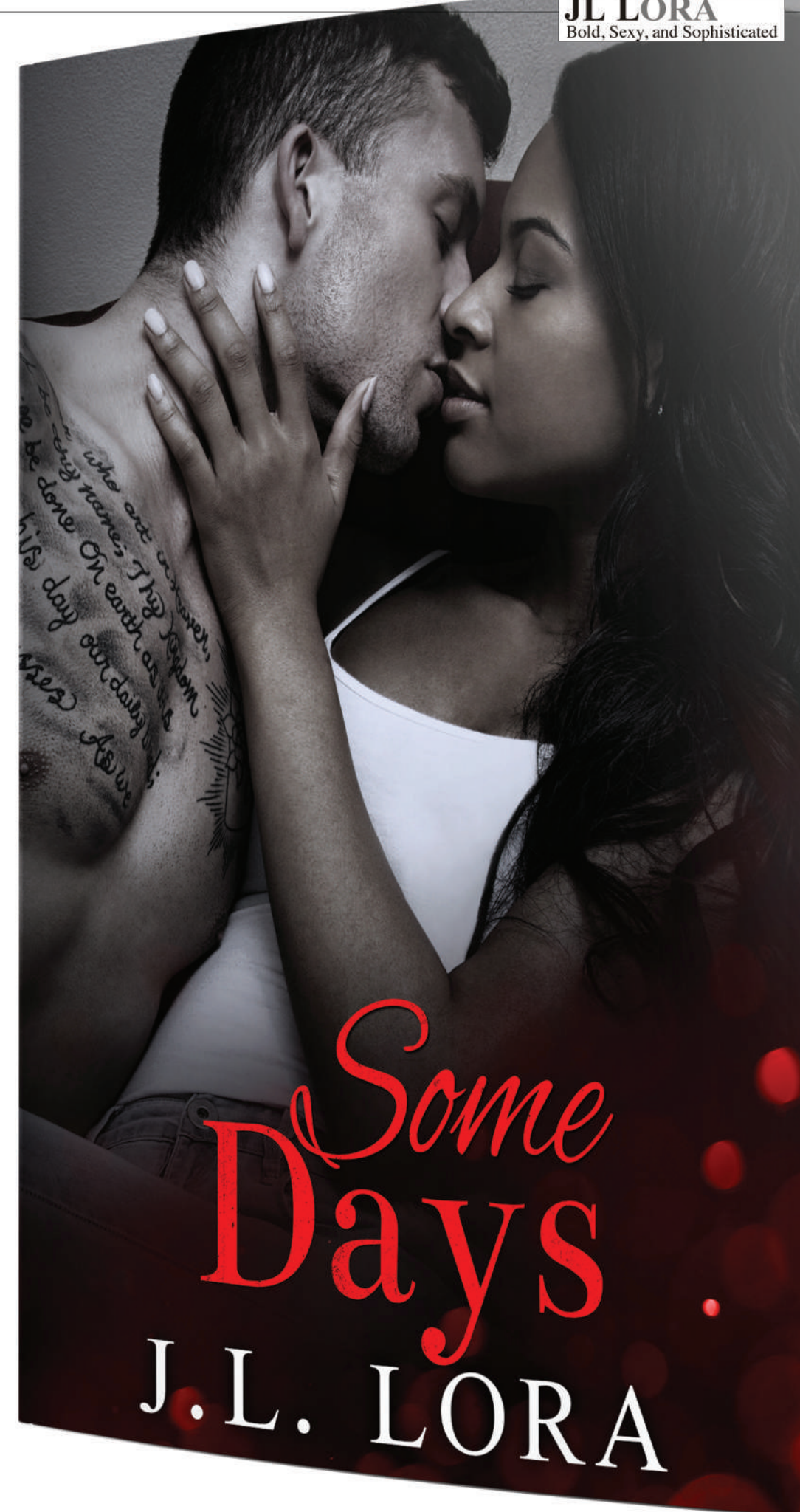
In Dahlia he finds a kindred soul who is passionate about serving and protecting. He reluctance stalls him but doesn't deter him. She's a challenge he cannot resist, so he fights to lure her out of her shell because he understands who she is and he recognizes what they can be together.



### CROWNED HEART BOOK REVIEW!

*"When interracial and inter-social romance intersects, loyalty and love are tested. This theme carries throughout the book and is thoughtfully presented with all the feels."*

**Viola Robbins**  
InD'tale Magazine



# ALL MY BEAUTIES

*This year my garden was bomb. Check out these colorful lovelies*



My Autumn Beauties



*And of course,  
the absolute star of  
the show:*

***Trinity***

# Self-care

Caring for my body and skin was important to me in 2022 and I hope to do even better in 2023. I hope to do better with my water intake. I'm good at drinking lots of tea, and other zero calories drinks but I need to get better with simple, undiluted H2O. You guys should hold me accountable!

## Fearless Beauty



While researching self-care methods, a lot of the suggestions included journaling. I have never been able to keep a journal for long, but when I came across the idea of a gratitude journal, it began to appeal to me more and more.

However, a blank page was a little weird for me to start because it would feel more like writing. That would only invite characters to talk to me. I also wanted to incorporate other things into my journaling, like water intake, walking, and other must do weekly activities.

*Fearless Beauty* began as a gift to myself. I customized it to my generic needs and as a way to build healthy habits.

Self-care is a series of small habits. To build a habit, you start small and keep practicing until you master it.

*Fearless Beauty* is a 6x9 journal to get you started. This journal is for those who want to better care for themselves but don't know where to start. It's for women who have little time. It builds, nurtures, and encourages you to make little changes that go a long way. Give it a try!

If you're looking to build some self-care habits and do so in a small scale, check it out.

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- Strengthen and protects your hair



### MY ABSOLUTE GO TO!

I try a lot of products but this one I wouldn't change for anything. Hyaluronic Acid makes such a huge difference in my skin. It helps keep it fresh, hydrated. Normally, I apply it after I wash my face and before moisturizer but I've been reading and it's recommended that you apply it your wet skin after you wash it. That will be a new trick that I will be trying and will let you know how it works!

# #amWatching

It was a long year. 2022 was trying at times, fun, brought lots of learning, and mostly learning how to get back out into the world after the pandemic. It feels like we went through a hodgepodge of everything in life. So, when it got tough and I ran to the books and the great shows or movies. Story is king QUEEN! Check out some absolute gems on the next page from great authors. Beware: some are romance, some are not. Here are some of the best stories that graced my screen this year.

## SHOWS



## MOVIES



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# #amReading

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Check out these awesome gems.



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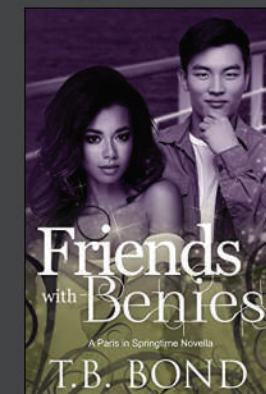
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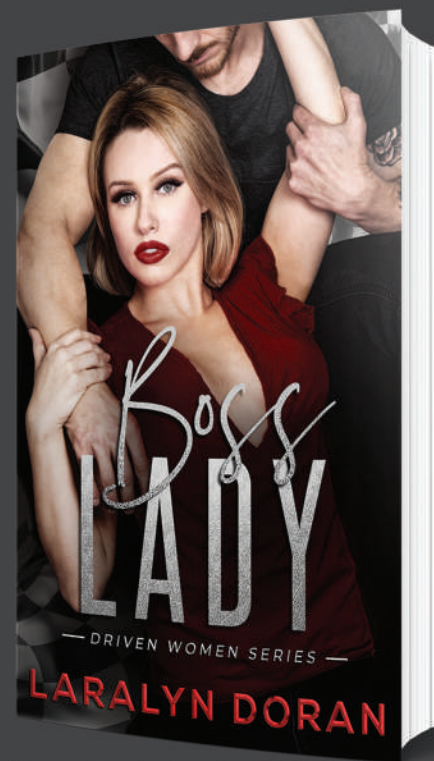
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As they try to navigate their way through their past pains, Blake and Kwan will either grow together, or grow forever apart.

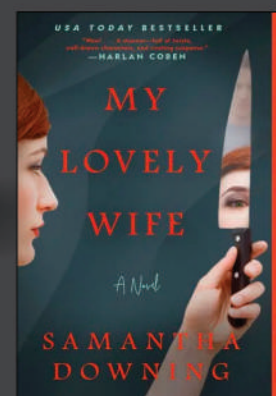
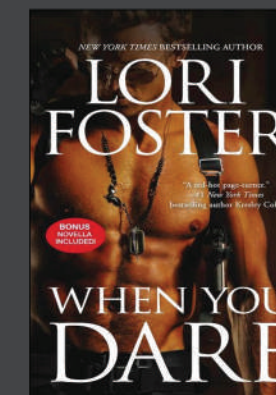
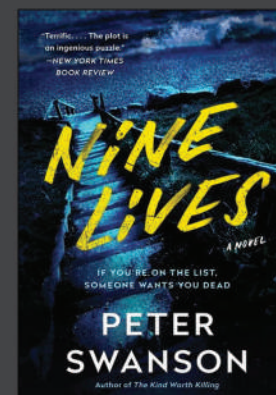
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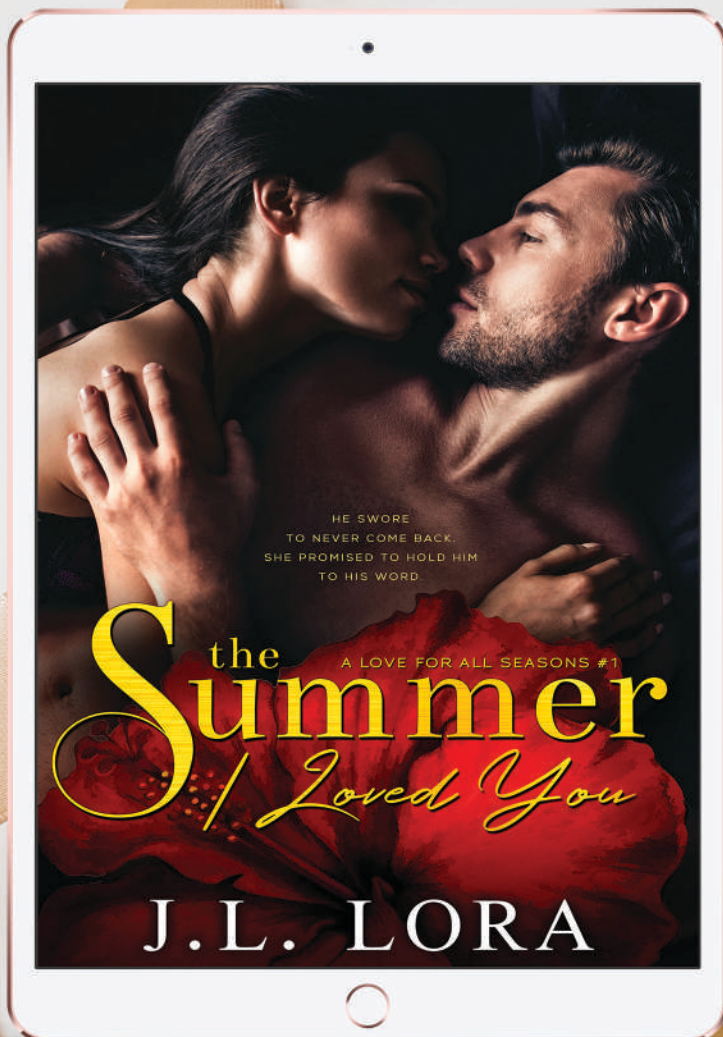


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**— InD'Tale Magazine**

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# Happy New Year Loves!



*You met Adri & Cam in **The Summer I Loved You**. You laughed, cried, and smiled with them and their daughter Bronwyn in the journey to Love. In this epilogue, you get to find out how their Happily Ever Happy is unfolding.*

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*"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that  
within me there lay an invincible summer."  
— Albert Camus*