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Sunday's Scrips

A Monthly Newsletter

November: A month of gratitude and feasting

I'm glad you're here and hope you'll forward this to people who may enjoy it as well.

Whatcha Up To?

- I leave for Writing By Writers Manuscript Boot-Camp next week! So exciting! (More below)
- I have collected thirty-four (34) rejections in my #100RejectionsChallenge and four (4) acceptances - for those like me that don't math, that's roughly 9:1, which is beating the 10:1 odds I've been told over and over again hold true, but let's not hold our breath quite yet, k? (Did you know I do a monthly video update? You can see the latest one [HERE](#))
- I've started a quick 2-minute monthly video series with my local library. They post the videos on Facebook and you can see the inaugural video [HERE](#)!
- Speaking of my local library, they asked me to give a writing presentation there

and while I was prepared for 20 minutes, it lasted an hour-and-a-half! Wow. I tried to distill that 1.5 hours down to 30 minutes, if you'd like to see the recording [HERE](#)

- I don't know that we celebrate Thanksgiving so much as we practice gratitude and have a big feast...either way, we're gearing up and I can't wait to see how the kiddos decorate the table this year, especially since Grandma will be here!

What about you? Do you have a November gratitude practice?

Writing By Writers Boot-Camp

Not everyone is ready to have their entire manuscript read by four other writers and one professional author/editor...but I am, baby! YAS! after attending Laura Munson's Haven Writing Retreat last May, I had given myself a September deadline to get my entire manuscript done.

Well, I was all set to do just that when I saw Pam Houston's post about there only being one spot left in her Boot-Camp this November. When I emailed the admin for more info she basically said, if you're interested I need your application today and hinted she'd already received other applications. Eep!

So, I put together what I had so far, the chapters I had gotten as far as I could take them without professional editing, and sent them. (I'm still not sure where all this audacity is coming from, but I blame/thank Eric Jones).

And I got accepted! I still can't believe it. I'm still swooning.

Luckily, I was able to finish the entire manuscript by the end of September, so I really do have a full and legit manuscript for the other writers/author to read/edit/comment on. By the time I leave Boot-Camp, I should know exactly what I need to do to get the pages re-edited and ready for agent perusal...which is exactly my plan.

In the meantime, I've been reading/editing the works of my fellow campers and it is such an amazing experience!

Thank you all for joining me on this incredible journey. I can't wait to have more info for you all. For more info on the Boot-Camp, please visit their website [here](#).

October Timed Writing Prompt Winner: Beth Bojarski

"I am made of hope, and rage"

Yesterday was my last day as a development professional - maybe forever - and at a social services agency I deeply appreciate. My last project was writing the annual appeal, which always gets me thinking about all sorts of things. Honestly, I'm always thinking about all sorts of things. But this time, the role and detriments of rage in inequity, specifically in the housing crisis, poverty in America, and racism.

No small thing, right?!?

I worked with folks who resonated with rage. Rage against the system. Rage against donors and supporters and volunteers. Rage, sometimes, against those stuck in the inequitable systems and against one another.

Rage inspires. Rage motivates. Rage gets shit done.

But rage also hurts, and I can't get past that. Rage with hope, though? Different story.

Hope is faith in things unseen. Is that in the bible? I don't even know (and I should). Hope is indescribable. It's optimism, but not the sweet version. Maybe realistic optimism? Optimism with lots of fucking work ethic?

If rage can turn us against one another, even as we're on the same team (see

adrienne mareebrown's cancel culture work), hope (optimism + work ethic) alongside optimism leaves me feeling ... hopeful!

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