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Sunday's Scrips

A Monthly Newsletter

Here Comes Halloween! Ah! Eep! Boo!

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

Whatcha Up To?

- I have collected eleven (11) rejections in my #100RejectionsChallenge and one (1) acceptance (check out the latest [video here](#))
- I just got back from the Flathead River Writer's Conference and it was AMAZING! (more below)
- I'm giving a talk at my local library this month and I'm petrified...I mean, excited! [Check it out here](#)
- I'm gearing up for the Writing By Writers Manuscript Boot-Camp in November (More next month)
- All things Halloween are happening at this house as my boys decorate and I'm asked three times a day when we're going to the pumpkin patch

What about you? Do you love Halloween?

Flathead River Writer's Conference

Last weekend I attended the Flathead River Writer's Conference in Kalispell and it was amazing! I was super amped to hear Chris La Tray speak in person and man did not disappoint. It was epic! How one person manages to be heart-felt, pretient, and humorous all at the same time is truly mind boggling. If you ever have the chance to hear Montana's newest Poet Laureate yourself, please don't hesitate. If you love yourself a monthly newsletter and want one-sentence poetry that will unravel you, [sign up here](#).

The surprise, for me, was Mark T Sullivan. I'd never heard of him because he's known for his thrillers and work with James Patterson (the page turners my husband reads but that cause me anxiety). What I didn't know is that he's now turned to historical fiction which absolutely floats my boat. So while I can't wait to read his books, what was fantastic were his talks. And one of the major takeaways, for me, was how that inner critic NEVER disappears. Not even when you're Mark T Sullivan with more New York Times bestsellers and awards than you can list in your quick bio before launching into your speech. The man was an amazing speaker and I'm both overloaded and overjoyed by his lectures. As I was leaving the conference one woman told me that his book, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, is her favorite book of all time and she hadn't realized that HE was that author. THAT guy! At OUR tiny conference! It really was awesome.

They are already planning next year's conference although nothing is announced yet. If you want to learn a bit more about it you can [learn more here](#).

September Timed Writing Prompt

Winner:

Heather Saint

“our secret energy impelled her”

Sitting, watching her walk toward us, we waited. What was she going to do this time?

So many times in the past she had broken the rules, shattered dreams, and yet we still allowed her to be. Just be. Was today the day we finally stood our ground and took back that which she had stolen? No, not stolen. We gave freely under the guise of "safety for the others". Maybe today, together we can regain what we gave away. Maybe our combined energy and strength of purpose would finally unite us against her. Maybe today is the day. Will we stand or will we crumble and comply yet again?

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October Timed Writing Prompt

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