



## Hello friends!

I hope you are safe and healthy wherever you are!

This year. Oh, this year. We all know it's been something of a sh!t show, right?! But let's not dwell on that today. I know I promised bad news, and yeah - I'll get to that.

But first I simply want to **thank you** for being here. If you're new, WELCOME!

New or not, whoever and wherever you are, I know you're doing your best out there. We *are* all in this together, and I promise to end this letter on a happy note.

First, let me give you a glimpse into the not-so-fun part of my writing journey this year.



## The Bad News

Though I've been incredibly blessed with good health and abundance during this pandemic, I did come to grips with the harsh reality that my first two book babies (*Balance* and *Sway*) are out of print due to circumstances beyond my control.

After everything I put into these books, I did my research when I sought help to release them. At first, everything seemed great.

But I recently confirmed that my trust was misplaced. While I can see I earned sales, I haven't seen a check from my 'publisher' in years.

That's right. The 'daddy' of my first book babies turned out to be a major loser and an epic lesson in what not to do.

## Oh, It Gets Better

While I and many others pleaded with this business to at least tell us what was happening behind the scenes, nearly everyone's correspondence went unanswered. Some authors sought damages through



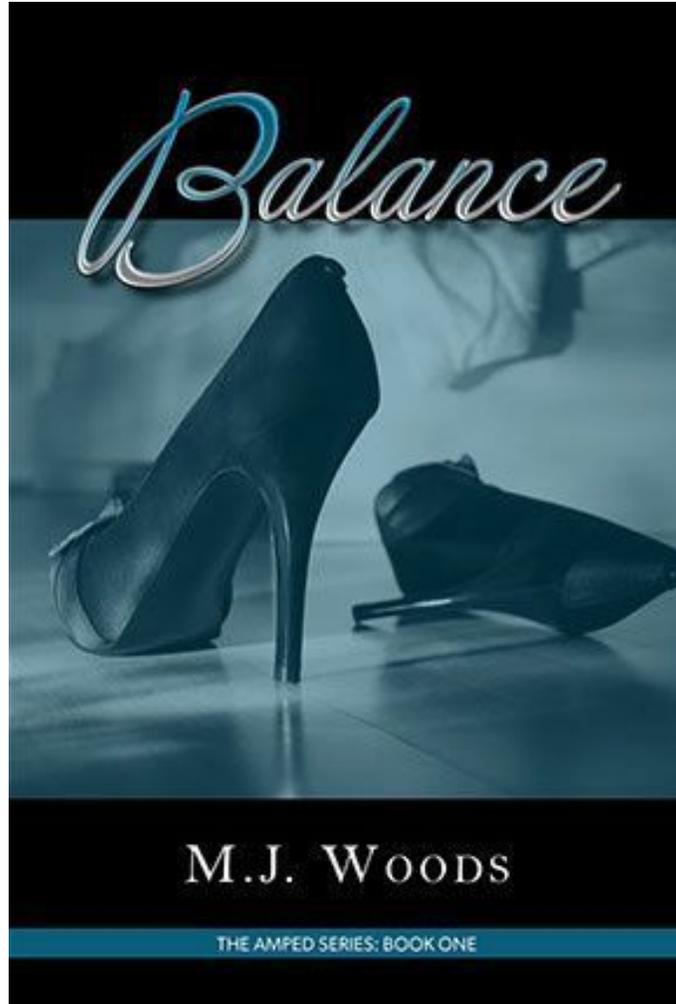
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litigation, but to my knowledge that pursuit resulted in nothing but frustration.

### **So, what's the good news?!**

The good news is, I listened to my instincts and have avoided this company for the publishing of my novels since the end of 2017.

Even better? In 2020, the business FINALLY took down their website and stopped swindling other hopeful writers. If no one else has to suffer through this kind of heartache, that's something to celebrate this year.



*WATCH THE BOOK TRAILER!*

I've been giving *Balance* away since the beginning of this conflict in any way I could. While royalties due me from this company had to be forfeited, my main goals were to get my books to anyone who wanted them and to keep writing.

During a pandemic, this was (and remains) extremely difficult. My little ones are learning at home, and one of them isn't so little anymore. She'll officially be a teenager in 2021. (I don't think I need to say anymore on that!) We are doing our best to stay

healthy and just maintain a positive mindset (read: everyone stays clothed during Google meets and mom didn't lose her *ish* more than 3 times today).

## Now For The GREAT News!



I am thrilled to be working on the re-release of my first two books!

This has given me a chance to look in the rearview and feel gratitude, to be reminded of how far I've come and how much love and support I received when I released my first novel.

What an incredible blessing! While this alone is enough, I also feel renewed excitement for this series, and I want to share that enthusiasm with you.

**In the coming weeks, I will be sending out emails with updates, perks and giveaways for my readers and members. I'll be searching for new advanced readers who can leave reviews, because it's likely the reviews I originally earned will be lost forever upon re-release. I hope you'll consider joining my team!**

**If you've been here since the beginning and you want to re-submit your existing review on Amazon or other platforms, please contact me so I can help make this easier for you.**

**Future emails will update you about OFFICIAL Re-RELEASE DATES!**

## In the meantime...

**NOW  
AVAILABLE!**

I was asked to take part in this project by the folks at indieB.R.A.G.

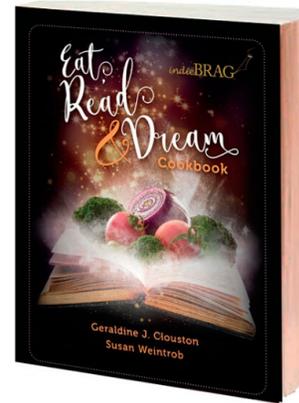
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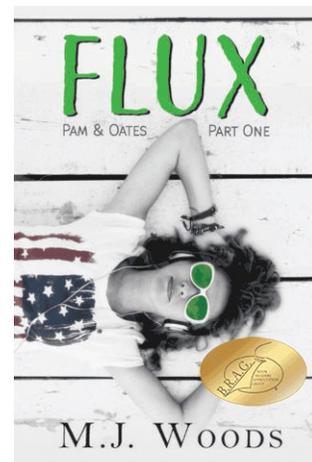
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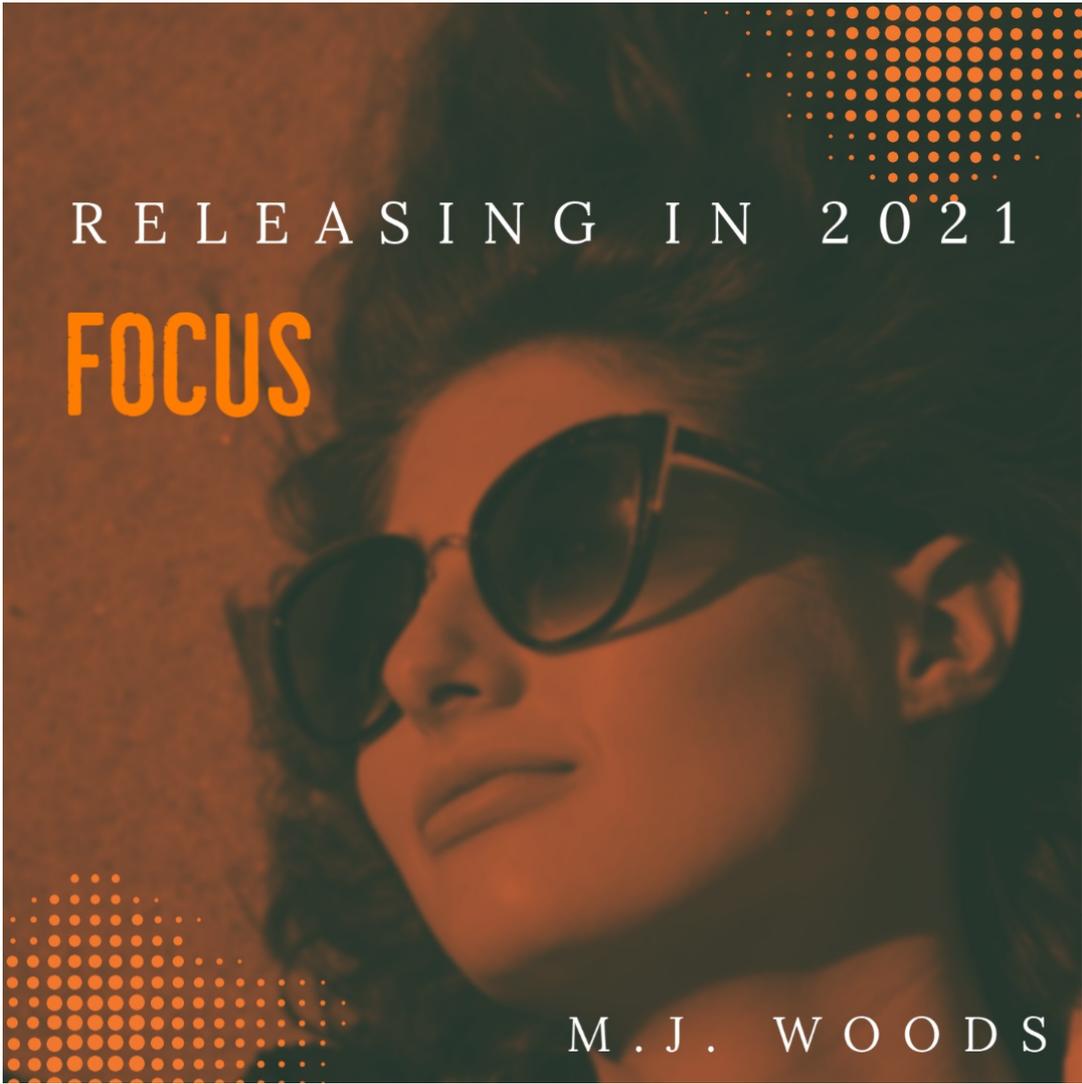


My 2019 release [Flux \(a Contemporary/ New Adult Romance\)](#) earned an indieB.R.A.G. Medallion and is featured in the [cookbook](#) along with a fitting recipe. I'll admit, it's a pricy purchase - but the interior pages of this cookbook are SO glossy and GORGEOUS. The recipe pairings for each book are spot on and the genres included vary widely, from children's books to historical fiction. I'm so proud to be a part of this project!

In the coming months, I will finish the sequel for *Flux* which will be the conclusion of this two-book series about Pam and 'Oates'.

See the sneak peek of the title reveal below!





## LET'S CELEBRATE!



*Balance* turns FOUR this WEEK! This means it enters its fifth year of existence now through 2021. So, to celebrate the upcoming

holidays and the re-release of *Balance and Sway*, I will be working on some fun things for my readers.

For one, I'll be updating the **Members Only Section** of my website ([join free here](#))!

I might dissect a few Hallmark Christmas Movies, cook a recipe from the indieB.R.A.G. cookbook, reveal the worst review I ever received, maybe share a holiday drink recipe (booze included - it's a pandemic, dammit!) - it'll be all that and more.

Please contact me on the home page to [share what you'd like to see in there](#)!



**Be well and be kind, to yourself and everyone.**

I'll swing by your inbox again soon!

**All my best,**

**m.j.**



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