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## WELCOME

Hi, and welcome to my first ever newsletter!

I hope you enjoy reading about my writing adventures, book reviews and giveaways.... But more than anything I hope you enjoy a little magic and romance.

Cheers,

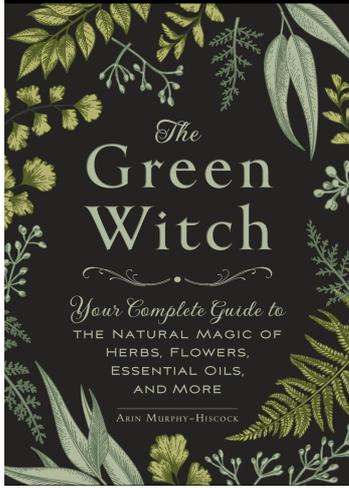
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## THE CRAFT

Amid witchcraft research, I found *The Green Witch* by Arin Murphy-Hiscock (or maybe it found me?)

In keeping with this beautiful book, if I were to hand this newsletter to you in person, it would come with a sprig of lavender for peace and happiness. I'll settle for a virtual sprig instead.



Favourite Green Witch tip... Crush lavender flowers and sugar together to make a special sweet treat for your next cuppa!

So, which witch are you... green, house, hedge, other?



## WRITING ADVENTURES



Thanks to the QLD Writers Centre I attended a fantastic workshop with Amy Andrews, an Australian romance writing legend. The workshop was about writing sex scenes and was a blast. In between watching videos like the wedding-night scene from Outlander and laughing over bygone euphemisms, Amy shared her insights into evoking all the feels (no pun intended) in a steamy scene, not just fitting tab A into slot B!

This month I've also completed a short course through the Romance Writers of Australia, delivered by the amazing Novalee Swan (famous for her Shifter Town series) about self-publishing. Perfect timing, right?

Also in the writing world I joined Brissie local author, Ava January, at the launch of her historical romance novel, *The Lady Detective* (read the review for that a bit later). The launch was awesome – not just for the book, but also for the chance to catch up with other local authors (like Melanie Pickering in the pic above!)

## MY CRAFT

Writing goal 2021: self-publish my first novel.

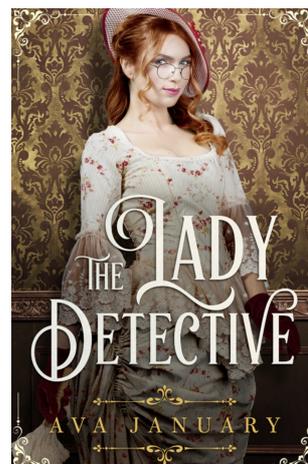
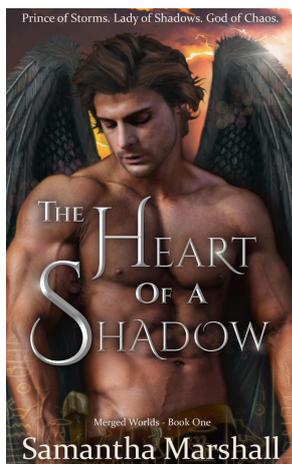


I'm pretty... no, that's too tame. I'm... *extremely, crazily, wanting-to-dance-a-jig-under-the-moon* excited to share that I'm going to self-publish my debut novel, *The Last Keeper* in the coming months,

This story (and the following series) was born from a night sitting up with my then 2-year-old daughter. Scrolling through my phone in the very early hours of the morning, I came across an article about an island devoid of trees for many centuries.

*But why? Why did they cut down every last tree?* My fantasy-instinct kicked in to answer... clearly there was some secret war where a deadly society was destroying entire forests in their aim to find one particular tree. A little later I came across another article about Yggdrasil, the World Tree from Norse mythology. Now that was a special tree. And a tree that special would need someone strong, powerful, deadly, to keep it safe from the bad guys. Add in my love of magic, and *The Last Keeper* was born. Watch out for a cover reveal & release date in the coming weeks!

## BOOK REVIEWS



I was lucky to read an advanced reader copy of *The Heart Of A Shadow*, and it is one epic adventure!!

Marshall has woven a world filled with myth and wonder as skilfully as any master-weaver. Her characters leapt from the pages with their passion and all-round badassness and I have to confess to falling a little in love with Liria, and a whole lot in love with Raiden.

If you like your romance hot, your worlds rich & full of wonder, and your stories fast and action-filled, then this is a must read! It releases in April.

Who loves a good mystery? I do! And *The Lady Detective* delivered superbly.

This funny, wit-filled romp of a historical romance was awesome. Lady Theodosia (Teddy to her friends) is not your ordinary Victorian lady, and her escapades take her across London along with the very handsome, very rakish William, Lord Montague.

Warning though... beware suitors bearing scotch eggs. You'll have to read the book to find out why... it will be well worth your while! *The Lady Detective* is out now.

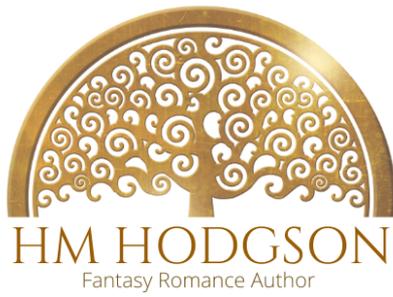
## THANK YOU & GIVEAWAY

And to wrap my newsletter-baby up, this is my inaugural giveaway. One of my readers is about to win a \$10 Amazon e-gift card as a thank you for joining me.

And the winner is.... Georgia! Your gift card will be in the email, so watch out for it soon!

I love to stay in contact, so if you're on social media please come and say hi! My links are below. Thanks again for coming on this journey with me and I hope to see you again next month for some more magic & romance.





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