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Author Spotlight: Sally Thorne

It’s been three years since my mom passed and not a day has gone by when I don’t think of her. My thoughts are stronger when I read because that was our commonality. My love of books came from her so it’s totally her fault for getting me hooked on V.C. Andrews all those years ago- Thank you, Mom.

One of the hardest things is going through a loved one's items. Figuring out what to keep and donate is stressful. Some days you want to give it all away, other days, you want to hold everything.

The sibling consensus was for me to take all her books, though if I remember correctly, I darn near stomped my foot in declaration. Nearly two hundred books were brought home and sat in boxes until I could get myself together to get through them. After some time, I managed to sit down one evening and for hours sorted through them. I laughed until I cried when I noticed two dominant categories emerged: fiction and *raunchy*, lol.

Yeah, I said it-*raunchy*....MOM??!! Even now, I cringe and chuckle at the ‘interesting’ titles I see when I browse the designated shelves at home.

Anyway, all of this was to say that with romance in the air, I have plenty of reading material to pick up, I can pay homage by finding some comedic romance, and not all that spiciness mom had. Sally Thorne’s *The Hating Game* perfectly blended what I needed. It’s quirky and has the right amount of cheesiness to get me through.

Without blushing.



[The Hating Game by Sally Thorne](#) | [Goodreads](#)



Do you have a romance read for this month?

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August is actually Romance Reading Month

Not many readers know that we are now in Romance Reading Month. I certainly didn’t until I researched my newsletter themes for 2024.

I spent July cruising through the Hallmark and Lifetime Movie Channels in preparation because, for whatever reason, they took the line *Christmas In July* to a whole new level by playing Christmas romance movies. I was all in.

Note: My mom, sister, and I could binge on those channels like no other. We were **The HallLife Trio**.

Question: Who knows where the phrase *Christmas In July* came from?

Anywho, *Road to Destiny* from last month is still an ongoing story in KindleVella (I’m on chapter 40 something). It is romance and although there is sensitive subject material sprinkled in, I was hesitant about rolling this over into August for Romance Month.

Note: I did not. I’m grabbing physical books and my butterfly bookmark will get some work in this month. I’m very happy about this turn of events.

Does anyone else have lovey, dovey, smoochie, cuddles on their mind like me? I bet you do. 😊

Don’t count me out just yet for the next book release. I’ve got a completion time in mind; I’m not disclosing it though. I know it is well past time to get something out there, and I can’t wait to share.

** As always, check out the August events section on my website to see where I’m hanging out this month... To another short and sweet ramble so I can get to work.

Until next time! 😊

Word Of The Month
oddment

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Noun: (usually “oddments”) A remnant or part of something, typically left over from a larger piece or set.
Example: I used oddments from my fridge and pantry to make a ‘shipwreck’ casserole.

Scoop Of The Month
Come on August

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Let’s get this disrespectful heat outta here, please. My poor cherry tomatoes are ready to harvest, and Mother Nature is playing games. I’ve got salad, sauce, and snack plans for these. DON’T YOU MESS UP MY VEGETABLES!!

Nerd Alert
Olympic Paris Medals

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Did you know that an 18-gram piece of iron from the Eiffel Tower was molded and engraved with “Paris 2024” with the Olympic rings and flame on all of the winners’ medals? That’s a piece of history to take home considering the tower has been remodeled numerous times since 1889.