

Melissa's Review

Highlights and stats from author Melissa A. Geary



Memphis wonders why mom is at her computer and not playing with him.

February 2020

Born in Shadows one year publication anniversary

This past month saw the one year anniversary of *Born in Shadows*! Three lucky winners received signed copies of the book and I commissioned custom phone cases for super content editor/manger Jake Davis and myself (pictured on next page) in celebration.

WORD COUNT

10, 244

DAYS WRITTEN

9

CONSUMED BY
SHADOWS CHAPTERS

29/46



Reading

Number One
Chinese Restaurant
by Lillian Li (Fiction)



Listening - Podcast

The Role Less Taken
(Table Top RPG)



Listening - Music

Outshine the Dusk
by Molly Pinto
Madigan
(Contemporary
Folk)

Looking Ahead

Goals for March

The dead line for the first draft of *Consumed by Shadows* is quickly approaching. I only have the month of March to write the remaining seventeen chapters of the book, so long as I do not add any more chapters to the plot.

To achieve this goal, I am going to push myself to create and maintain better writing habits. As of now, I am still fairly confident that I will meet this first deadline and stay on track for tentative publication in February 2021.

I also have a secret project in the works! I hope to have more details to share with you in the coming months, so be sure to stay up-to-date on this newsletter as it will be the first place announcements are made.



Phone cases customized by The Charming Pineapple

Announcements

- A new unpublished chapter of *Consumed by Shadows* will be made available on my website's blog on March 31st
- Plans for a local book signing are in the works, watch this spot for more details

CHARACTER BIO – NATALYA GRAHAME

Born to Arthur Grahame and Elizabeth Grahame née lanson, Natalya is an only child set to inherit the moderate wealth and title afforded to her as last remaining heir to the lanson family. She was raised in Ash, a village under the rule and protection of the kingdom Solara. Standing at 5'3", she wears her curly brown hair short, with just enough length to tie back. Her father, seen as crazy and paranoid by the villagers, has trained her since she was young to protect herself from monsters lurking in Mordin Forest, which sits just beyond the boarder of Ash and surrounding the kingdom. The paranoia stems from her mother's disappearance when Natalya was only seven, leaving the girl behind in Mordin Forest alone and covered in blood. She has no memory of the incident. *Born in Shadows* begins with Natalya four months shy of her seventeenth birthday, coming to terms with knowing that she will likely die an old maid since they have been forced from their home and her marriage prospects have been ruined.

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