

Melissa's Review

Highlights and stats from author Melissa A. Geary



Despite the uncertain times, Memphis has found time to sunbathe.

March 2020

Well... Things Got Weird

There is no denying that recent world events have shaken up my normal routine, as they have with everyone else. I struggled a bit with learning to balance a work/life/writing schedule being at home almost 24/7, but I think my sats below speak for themselves!

WORD COUNT

30,227

DAYS WRITTEN

14

CONSUMED BY
SHADOWS CHAPTERS

35/46



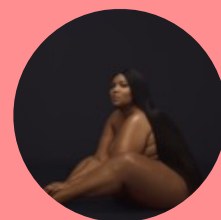
Reading

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman (Fantasy)



Listening - Podcast

The Penumbra Podcast (Fantasy)



Listening - Music

Cuz I Love You (Lizzo)

Looking Ahead

Goals for April

As you can plainly see from the first page, I did not make my deadline of March 31st for the first draft of *Consumed by Shadows*, but have no fear! I knew that I could face challenges when first setting my writing goals (though I had no idea just how far reaching those challenges would be) and I am still on track for an estimated publication of February 2021.

After reviewing my goals with my manager and editor, I am still confident in my ability to bring more of *the Shadows Series* to you, my lovely readers, around the two year anniversary of *Born in Shadows*. That being said, my main goal in April will be to complete the first draft.



Memphis watches me from the patio door as I write

Announcements

- Unfortunately due to COVID19 the book signing will be postponed. When I have more details I will pass them along

FUN FACT #001

Born in Shadows was originally written for my undergraduate college thesis. My goal in writing it was to tell a story that was purely driven by characters and their experiences rather than by plot. I chose this approach as a way to write in depth character analyses and explore how people who are seemingly not connected could make choices that ripple around them and effect others.

A prologue and six chapters were submitted as the final thesis project. Those chapters consisted of one Arthur chapter, one Reagan, two Natalya, and two Cody. The prologue was eventually re-written as Cody's first point of view chapter, the second chapter in *Born in Shadows*.

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