



AUTHOR *Life*. . .

Fall is here! My absolute favorite time of the year and I've been so ready for it. September was busy and full of opportunities to meet and support other authors. My friend Jenny Lundquist released her sixth middle grade novel *THE WONDROUS WORLD OF VIOLET BARNABY* and another friend Joanna Rowland released her amazing picture book *THE MEMORY BOX*. Yay!

I was invited to participate in the Goodreads ten year anniversary Book Fairy event, and our family trekked out to San Francisco to hide one of my favorite books at the zoo for someone to find. A couple of weeks later, I flew to Texas for the MadCap Kidlit Mixer Retreat and spent a weekend working with some incredible authors. It was a really inspiring time for me, hearing where everyone is coming from, what their processes and approaches are, and what's important to them. I also got a lot of work done, which was much needed, but I came home and had to confront some pretty big hurdles with my current project. It's kind of legend among authors that your second book can be pretty hard to write for a lot of reasons. It

looks like I'm not going to be immune to that experience! My focus this next month will definitely be the book that's coming to the world after SKY IN THE DEEP.



Things are picking up speed and it feels like my book release is approaching fast. See below for the big news regarding that!

I'm going to New York to meet my publisher and agent in person which is something I've been looking forward to since my book sold. There are also some fun surprises coming in the next few weeks. If you're following me on Instagram or Twitter, keep your eyes peeled for some treats.

LATEST *news* . . .

Remember when I said the release date for SKY IN THE DEEP was June 5th? Well . . . it's been moved up! It will now hit shelves on April 24th, 2018. There are so many great things happening that I can't talk about yet, but I will say that if you keep an eye on my social media next week, you might get a treat.

MONTHLY *music* . . .

[3 songs I've been listening to]



RUNNING WITH THE WOLVES by Aurora

WALK THROUGH THE FIRE by Zayde Wolf

MESS IS MINE by Vance Joy

FOR *writers* . . .

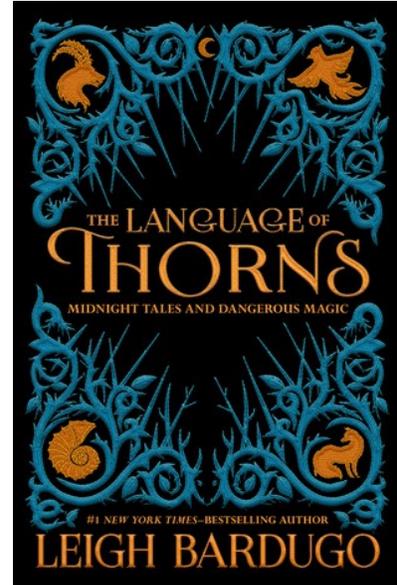
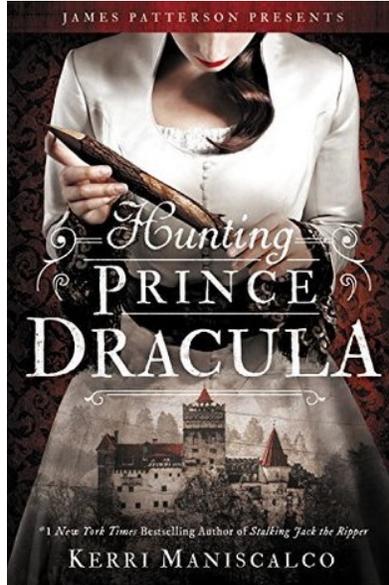
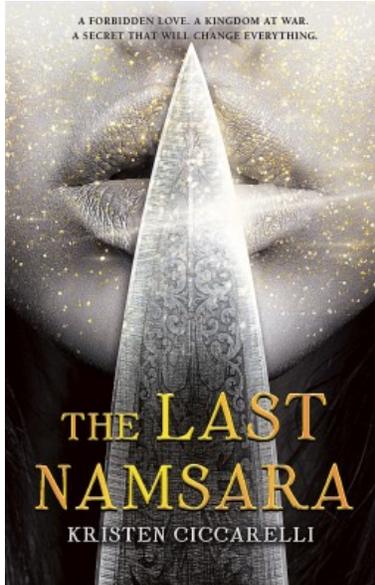
[Tips and inspiration for aspiring authors]



I went to my first Madcap Retreat this month and I cannot recommend it highly enough. Some of their offerings are for published authors only, but they have an aspiring authors retreat coming in 2018 as well as a Writing Cross-Culturally Retreat this spring that I'm going to try and make. One of the best decisions I ever made in my steps toward publication was to go to a workshop where I could be around other people who were serious about writing. It seems like a scary thing, but it's completely worth it. Check them out at www.madcapretreats.com.

BOOK *love* . . .

[Stories that have captured my heart this month]



SNEAK *peek* . . .

[A glimpse at the words swirling in my head lately]

The Alba House

We drank milk from jeweled-glass jelly jars
In a white painted house
Bare feet on a creaking floor

We chased dragonflies by the tree line
And hunted walnuts in the grass
As thunder grumbled in the clouds

We sipped Dr. Pepper, watching lightning bugs
As moths flitted around the porch light
Above a screeching screen door

We walked a black asphalt road
Picking wildflowers along the fence
And cast our fishing lines into the lake

We woke to the smell of honeysuckle
And slept to the sound of crickets
Our skin smelled like summer

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