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Hello, all.

I am published!

My first paid publication is now available online from The Lorelei Signal. Read *The Cursed Coin* at <https://www.loreleisignal.com/current-issue>. A previous version of this short story won 2nd place at the Saskatoon Writers' Club Winterwords banquet in December, 2022.

On the subject of publication, the Saskatoon Writers' Club Inc. plans to release its next anthology of short stories and poems before Christmas. It will include my sequel to *Camelot Confidential* titled *Christmas Presents* along with another short story *The Robbery* which won 1st place at the Wordsmith banquet in June.

In my novel-writing journey, I began submitting *Love and War (Princess)* to Indie presses earlier this year and have also begun contacting literary agents. *Love and War* had been in my head for decades (I found the original first scene handwritten in the 1990s) and the manuscript was first completed during the 2018 NaNoWriMo (written from scratch during the month of November). I have also submitted *Valley Girl North*, a romantic fiction set in the 1980s, to a potential publisher. Wish me luck!

The manuscript completed during November, 2019, for NaNoWriMo will be sent to the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild manuscript evaluation service after my hard-working critique groups re-reviews the first three chapters. Thanks, Critical Mass ☺

I will post updates to my website and share the most exciting news in this newsletter.

Thanks for being interested enough to read this!
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