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Good exciting and bad exciting.

First the good: it's beyond thrilling for *Star-Crossed Alliance* to exist in the world as ebook and paperback. From a story that lived in my imagination, to words on a page in November of 2018, to a real book, it's been a long journey. At long last I've held the proof copy in my hands and I'm waiting on my first shipment of paperbacks. You can order it wherever you get ebooks or on Amazon. Likely, if you order a book from Amazon you'll get your copy before I get mine!



Which brings me to the bad exciting: my shipment of author copies is due to arrive by November 15. Word on the Street, Saskatoon's literary festival at which I'm sharing a table with the Saskatoon Writers' Club, is November 15. So...will I have books to sell? Or won't I have books?

Of course you're rolling your eyes and saying, "Monica, you plan *everything*, how can you cut it so close?" In my defence, I wasn't planning to launch until December. Word on the Street, like many live events, has gone through uncertainty. From Toronto's original large-scale public festival of the written word in 1990, it grew to include cities literally from coast to coast. Now, I believe only Toronto and Saskatoon still host an annual festival, which is a testament to the amazing literary community here in Saskatoon. But even in October, there was a date but no other information. When word on the street was that Word on the Street was a go for November 15 at the Refinery, the Saskatoon Writers' Club was quick to request a table and I hopped on the literary bandwagon. Hoping my shipment arrives just a little early.

If you're in Saskatoon, I'd love for you to attend the festival at the Refinery next Saturday. The speaker lineup is amazing. I might even have books!

Thanks again for being with me on this journey! Especial love and virtual cookies to my ARC readers who already posted such amazing reviews! Thank you, thank you, thank you – you make a difference!

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