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Character-driven fiction with a touch of spice.

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Summer is Done

A year in review.

More than leaves showing their colours, more than frost warnings, the true sign that summer might be over: our camper came home from the lake. Sad face.

While it might be time to switch piña coladas for pumpkin spice something-or-other, it's been quite a year. I released my first novel, *Star-Crossed Alliance*, one year ago. Then *A Valley Girl Dilemma* in February and now *Hideaway*. Which seems like a whirlwind (and it has been), but each of these were seven years in the making.



The rough draft of *Star-Crossed Alliance* (with the witty title of “Princess”) was first put into words in November of 2018 and three other draft novels followed in 2019. One of those three is in its second version but still an early draft. The other two became the novels released in 2026. Typically, I make a revision pass, then put a manuscript away for a year and work on a different one, so they progressed through revisions, critiques, evaluation, and edits at roughly the same pace.

And now all three are published books. Whew.

Yes, I planned to rapid release three within a year. No, I won't do it again.

I've had three successful book launches (I hope everyone had fun!). I've had several book signings and a library reading. I've put out this newsletter monthly. I've polished my writing skills, learned marketing, and practiced speaking in public. Along the way, many people offered congratulations or told me they enjoyed my story. Nothing makes an author feel good like hearing how much someone loved reading your book. I'd be way more exhausted without that encouragement. Thank you all, so very much.

Thanks for being with me on this journey!

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