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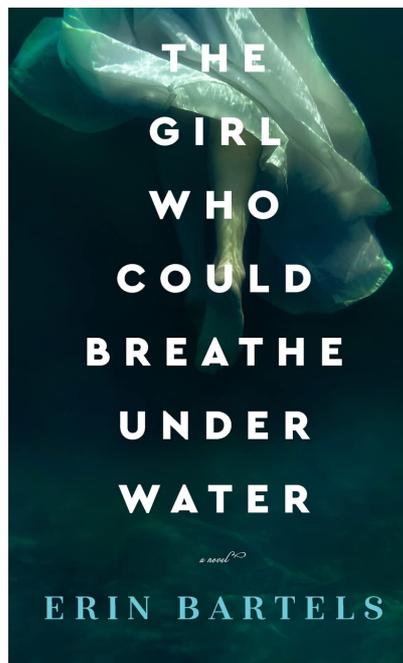
love, grit & grace-filled fiction

Boooooooks... get it?

Okay, so my Halloween humor isn't the best. Oh well. I've got other goodies below (no chocolate though). Check it out!

Book Recommendations

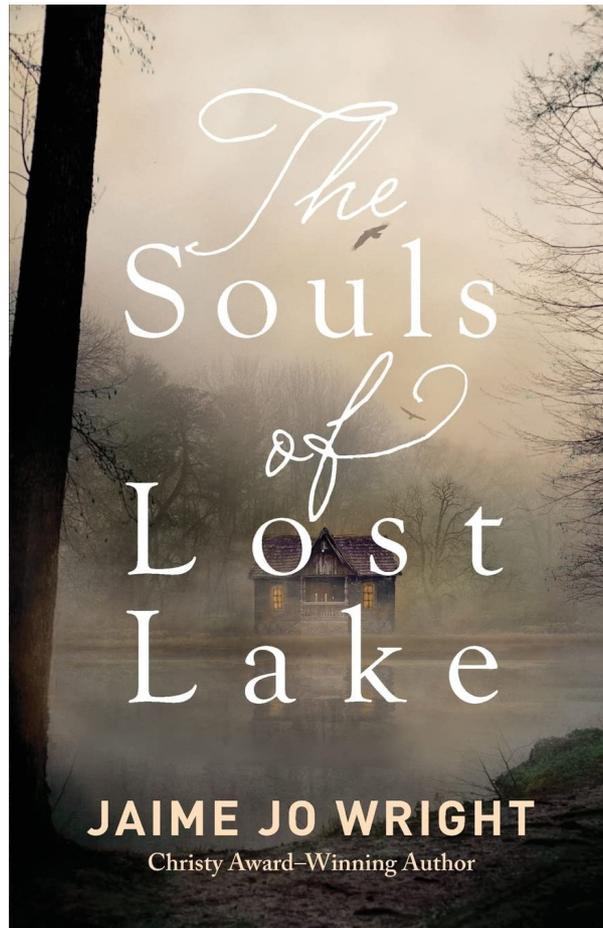
I haven't done a ton of reading lately, life's been busy and I'm in the middle of revisions, but these two I had to share.



The Girl Who Could Breathe Under Water by Erin Bartels

An anonymous letter from a Very Disappointed Reader sends a novelist back to the lake where she spent her childhood summers in order to prove that what she wrote happened the way she'd remembered. But the truth turns out to be far more complicated, showing that sometimes the story we think we're telling is another story altogether.

While I'd say the plot is a little slower in general (typical for this genre) the story was intriguing and hooked me quickly. I loved that the story wasn't a straightforward recollection of past trauma but dealt quite a bit with how our perceptions of events and people can affect our memories. I also appreciated how the author allowed the complexities of various difficult situations to remain complex, as life so often is. Bonus points for the sweet romantic subplot!



The Souls of Lost Lake by Jaime Jo Wright

Wren Blythe enjoys life in the Northwoods, but when a girl goes missing, her search leads to a shocking discovery shrouded in the lore of the murderess Ava Coons. Decades earlier, the real Ava struggles with the mystery of her past--all clues point to murder. Both will find that, to save the innocent, they must face an insidious evil.

I've heard so many great things about this author, but creepy books are not normally my thing! I've only just begun but so far I'm really impressed. I just hope I can get to sleep tonight!

Writerly Update

I'm almost done with my revisions, about 30 pages left (though they'll be almost entirely new since I've made some pretty significant changes to the original story). I'm really looking forward to then handing my manuscript over to my husband so I can get an outsiders perspective (and take a little break from it myself since I didn't between drafts). From there I will make tweaks and recruit a few beta readers, then prepare for the querying process.

Any questions?

Giveaway!

Congratulations to Becky C. on winning the \$10 Amazon egift card! Her favorite seasonal book is also by Jamie Jo Wright (thanks for the idea, but I'm blaming you if I get nightmares).

Next month I'm celebrating my birthday and have a super awesome giveaway I know you'll be thankful for. Stay tuned!

As always, you get extra entries for referring your friends to sign up for this newsletter - just forward them this email so they can click [HERE](#) to subscribe, then let me know!

Alrighty, friends, I think that's it for now. As always, feel free to email me with any writing questions or bookish thoughts. I would love to hear from you!

In the meantime, happy reading and keep an eye on your inbox!

♡ Sarah