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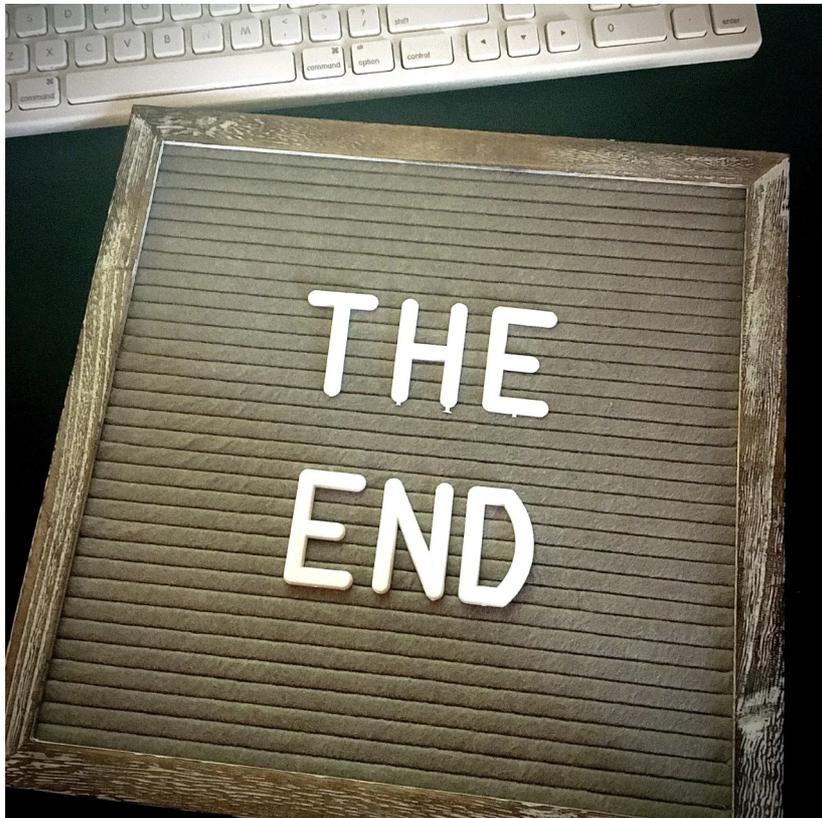
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Hey Bookish Buddies!

So it's been a minute since my last newsletter... or you know... since February. Oops! But I've been busy busy busy and have lots to share with you, so lets start with the good news, shall we?

The Good

I finished my latest book! Now, it's only the first draft which means there's still a lot of work ahead, but this is the novel that got stalled back in October thanks to Covid and all of the post-covid drama. I finally got back into it in February and since then wrote the last 2/3 of the story. Woo-hoo!



Know how I'm going to celebrate? By writing a novella! LOL What did you think I was going to say, take a break from writing or some other nonsense?!?

The Bad

Okay, so technically my bad news isn't sooo bad, because it has a bright side. I entered the first fifteen pages of a story into a contest, and I didn't place in the finals. Or even the semi-finals. That's disappointing, of course, especially since the first story I'd ever written was a top three finalist in two out of the two contests I'd ever entered, but here's the silver lining:

My scores were better this time around than when I almost won two years ago! (Averaged 93/100) I entered a more popular category this time, which meant more competition, and despite the loss I am so happy to see that I am growing and improving as a writer.

That's definitely good bad news, don't you think?



An 'L' for Loser, but like I said, it's not so bad!

The Ugly

And now for the ugly side of writing: the crippling self doubt. I remember when I got to have a Zoom chat with *THE* Francine Rivers, and she admitted asking herself in the midst of writing all her books, "Why do I think I can do this?"

I've asked myself that same question a lot these past few weeks, and it's rough. There's a lot of rejection in pursuing traditional publication, and that's not all, even the fictional characters in my head don't always cooperate with me. The ending of this current story didn't come together as easily as I'd hoped, and I'm still not sure I won't alter it significantly in revisions. Eventually I'll have Beta Readers to provide feedback, and that will help me know if I chose correctly, but opinions are subjective and no book is for everybody. Which is why if you love a book you should always, ALWAYS leave a review.

I guarantee you the author will appreciate it!

A Giveaway!

Finally, right?!

Okey dokey, I'm super pleased to offer a physical or e-book copy of *Shadows in the Mind's Eye*, which I just recently read and absolutely loved (check out my review below)! OR if historical suspense isn't your thing I'll provide a \$10 Amazon e-gift card. Just promise me you'll buy a book!

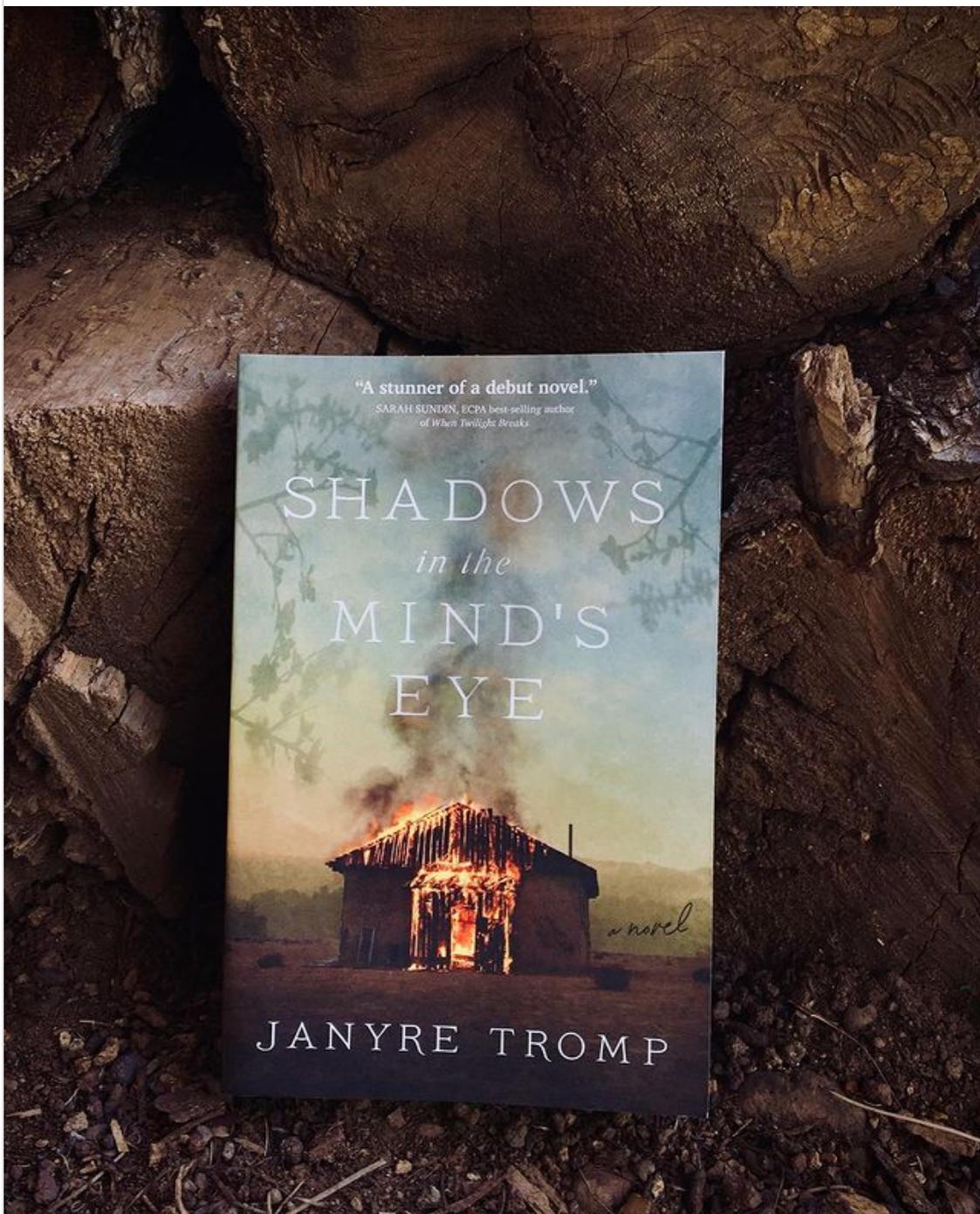
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Which pic do you like better?

I totally missed celebrating this book launch last week thanks to all the craziness of life and not being on social media, but I brought it up to the cabin with me over the weekend and had so much fun snapping random pics. These are my faves.

I've loved this cover since the reveal, immediately loved the concept too. I'd waited months and months to get my hands on this and was over the moon to receive an advanced copy. And it did not disappoint. Certain books just check all the boxes and *Shadows in the Mind's Eye* just did it for me. Loved the story, the characters and the writing! Five Stars!

To enter to win all you have to do is go leave a review (on Amazon, Barnes&Noble, GoodReads etc.) for a book you recently enjoyed, then reply to this email and let me know you did it. Easy peasy!

Want an extra chance to win?

Invite a friend to subscribe to this newsletter, and for every referral that signs up you will receive an extra entry for the monthly prize. Just tell them to reply to the welcome email with your name and you'll be automatically entered to win whatever that month's prize is. Cool huh?

Alrighty, friends, I think that's it for now. Feel free to email me with any questions and keep an eye on your inbox for giveaway results!

In the meantime, happy reading!

♡ Sarah