

# SARAH POPOVICH

*love, grit & grace-filled fiction*

## As summer draws to a close...

Maybe you live in an area of the country where summer stretches until Labor Day. Here in Phoenix it feels like summer through October, but the early return to school means it's already almost over.

How can it be?!?

My kiddos start at a new school the first week of August, which means we are wringing every last drop of fun and chaos from July. I haven't been very productive writing wise, but I'm not complaining. If you're in the same boat (oh how I wish we had an actual, literal, boat!) keep reading, **I've got a couple great new book recommendations plus an awesome giveaway!**

## A Quickie Q&A

**I love when you all ask me questions, and just found a few that got misdelivered a while back, but were good enough to answer here for everyone!**

Q: Why love, grit and grace?

A: Easy, because these three elements are my favorite in all fiction! Firstly, love - I do love a good romance. I love seeing male and female come together and compliment each other, a beautiful design. Grit - because even though it's fiction I like stories that reflect real life, and real life is hard. I adore high-stakes scenarios and characters with lots of flaws. I relate well to them. Finally - grace, because there's no such thing as a truly happy ending without it.

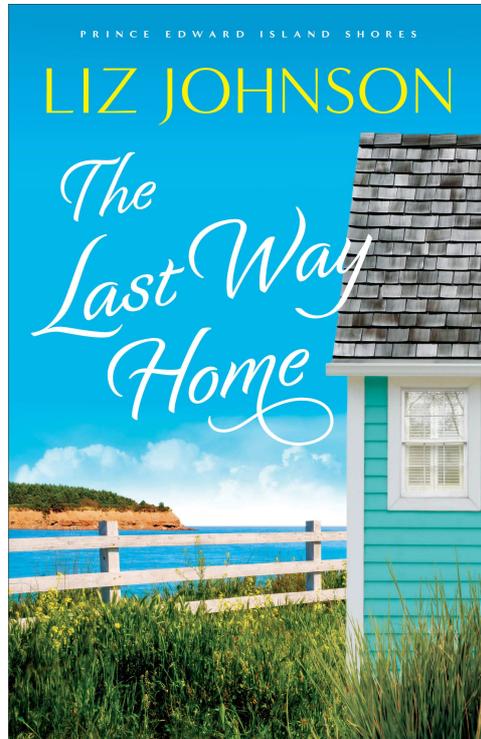
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Q: How did you find the courage to start writing?

A: To be honest, I'm not sure I had much courage when I started. I had an idea that wouldn't leave me alone and got to work. I learned a lot as I went because I certainly didn't know much before I started. I didn't tell many people what I was doing either, but then I learned that if I want to be traditionally published I have to have a presence on social media. It was extremely difficult and still is (doing things like writing this newsletter, praying and hoping to get an agent and publishing contract some day and not just fall on my face in front of you all), but I fell in love with writing and want to share my stories. I can't quit, so moving forward is the only option.

## Upcoming Releases

I've recommended both of these authors before and am super excited for the continuation of each of these series! You can read them as stand alones, but they're always better consumed in order. Check them out!



### **The Last Way Home by Liz Johnson – Releases August 2nd**

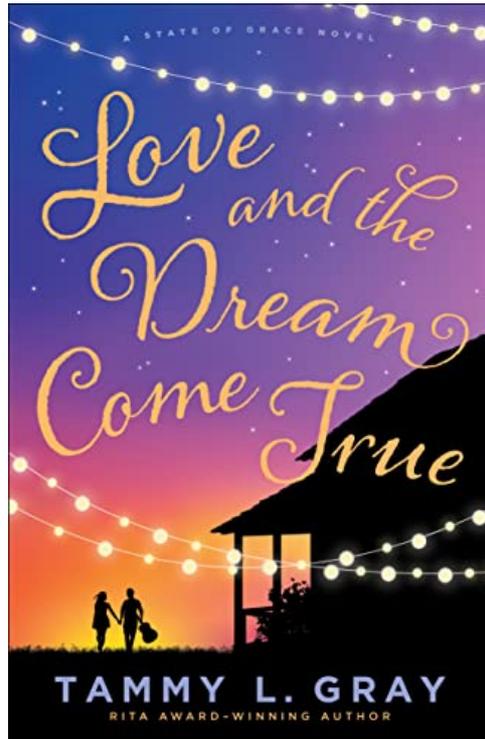
Prince Edward Island Shores Book 2 – When Eli Ross left Prince Edward Island to join the NHL, he left a broken family behind. More than a decade later, he's broke and headed home to an uncertain welcome. He wants to make things right with the family he wronged, but his mom's business partner isn't making it easy. To top it off, the coaching job he's accepted turns out to be far more difficult than he anticipated.

For years, Violet Donaghy has put everything she had into making Eli's mom's ceramics shop a success, and she's not eager to forgive the man who hurt the family that's taken her in as one of their own. But when the kiln at the shop starts a fire that nearly destroys the studio, she'll need all the help she can get to save the business and their summer income.

Can these two strong-willed people come together to mend the broken pieces of the Ross family? Or will the ghosts of the past continue to haunt them?

Check out this quote Liz shared: *"He wasn't a coach. And he sure wasn't a role model. He could only tell them how to ruin a career. He was an expert at that."* Oooh! These are my kind of bookish vibes!

Buy it [here](#)



### **Love and the Dream Come True by Tammy L. Gray - Releases August 2nd**

Four years after getting the biggest break of his life, Cameron Lee's music career has taken a nosedive, leaving him two options: become a sellout or give up on his lifelong dream. He reluctantly returns home for his sister's wedding, hoping to avoid his past and find his love for music again.

Single mom Lexie Walters has suffered her fair share of tragedies and setbacks, but she has finally scraped together the money to achieve her dream of going into business with her cousin as an interior designer. When Lexie's life is at an all-time high, she runs into her teenage crush, Cameron Lee.

Lost in the emotional turmoil of failure, Cameron is immediately drawn to Lexie and her infectious smile and optimistic spirit. Moreover, he adores her mouthy, no-holds-barred daughter. But fantasies only last so long, and soon Lexie and Cameron must face the real world, the one fraught with heartbreak, disappointment, and questions that sometimes can only be answered by a leap of faith.

Buy it [here](#)

## Giveaway!

I am so excited to give away not one, but TWO books this month! Liz Johnson has graciously autographed her brand new book *The Last Way Home* (mentioned above) as well as the first in the series, *Beyond the Tides*. How awesome is that?!

To enter all you have to do is reply to this email (by August 2nd) and tell me your favorite beachside locale. We know Liz loves PEI. Both the Oregon Coast and Coronado Island are near and dear to my heart. How about you?

**As always, you'll get an extra entry for referring your friends to sign up for this newsletter - just let me know!**

**Autographed Paperback Giveaway**



Don't let summer end without visiting Prince Edward Island Shores and the (in)famous Ross brothers!

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**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!**

♥ Sarah