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## Hey Friends!

According to the calendar it's not officially summer for a few more days, but in Phoenix the season starts early. My kiddos have been home from school for weeks and besides the occasional drive to my parent's house for swimming, we are mainly indoors, fully dependent on air conditioning to keep us alive and functional. The advantage to that is a plethora of time to write and read and I've got plenty of exciting news to share. Scroll down for more information.



## Path to Publication

In mid-May I sent my first handful of query letters in search of a literary agent who would then partner with me in pursuit of a publishing contract. While every agency seems to have different submission guidelines the one general rule is: "If you don't hear from us in 6-10 weeks please assume we are not interested in representing your project."

I know... fun right?

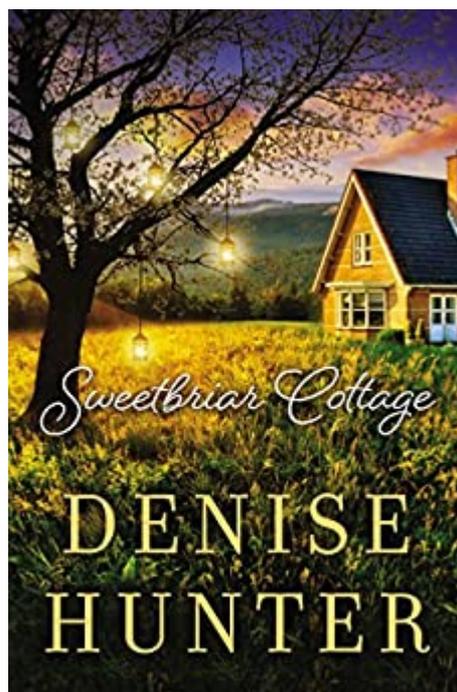
Don't you love practicing patience?

I get it though, these agents are bombarded on a daily basis with emails like mine, and they have to manage all that on top of their existing client's careers. My exciting news however is that so far I have received one request for more information and another request for the full manuscript!

It's a nerve-wracking process but I'm choosing to remain optimistic in a world that tends to say "Thanks, but no thanks" quite a bit. So, even though nothing is set in stone yet, I'm celebrating! Will you do a happy dance with me?

## Book Recommendations

I've read some great Christian fiction so far this year ([click here to see the full list](#)), and yet my to-be-read pile is bigger now than it was in January! Below are a few of my favorites. Enjoy!



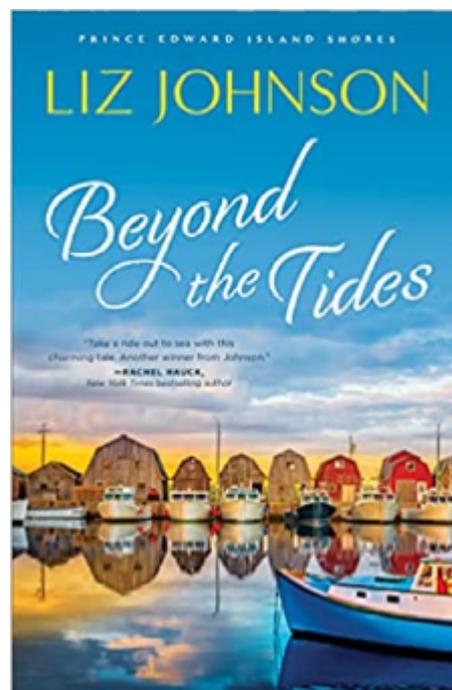
**MOST UNEXPECTED: Sweetbriar Cottage by Denise Hunter**

I almost let the cover and title fool me into thinking this would be a simple, sweet contemporary romance (which has its place but not typically amongst my favorite books - I gravitate more toward heavier reads). This emotional story dealt with several difficult topics, all handled with grace by the author, yet with a realness and rawness that can sometimes be difficult to find within Christian fiction. Bring your tissues, then plan on adding Denise Hunter to your must-read list, because I sure did!



### **MOST EXCITING: The Alliance and The Divide by Jolina Petersheim**

Do two novels count as a series? I'm not sure, but in either case I loved these books, and not only because they reminded me of my own trilogy (although they absolutely did and that was very cool). The story kicks off with a plane crash caused by a massive EMP, and needless to say chaos ensues (and no that part has nothing to do with my books haha). Oftentimes action-packed plot lines lack in other areas, but what I loved about these two was the emphasis on internal conflict and romance in the midst of the dystopian-esque setting. Well done!



## **MOST ANTICIPATED: Beyond the Tides by Liz Johnson**

Maybe it's the brilliant cover or perhaps because I know Liz personally and got to hear fun little tidbits about this book as she wrote it, but I can't wait for this title to become available on August 3rd. This is where I want to travel this summer, if only in my imagination. Prince Edward Island looks like a magical place. Add in a little rivalry and romance and hey... I mean, what else do you really need?

Available for pre-order now, do yourself a favor and snap it up at a discount at [Baker Book House](#)

**Well friends... I think that's it for now.** Thanks again for signing up and we'll chat soon (but not too soon, of course)!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah". To the left of the signature is a simple line-art heart symbol.

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