



Straight from the Pad

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



HELLO, I'M BACK!!!

After six years of an author hiatus, I'm finally back writing. To all of my new monthly newsletter subscribers, welcome aboard! To all of my faithful fans from 2013 to 2015, thank you for hanging in there during the long communications drought.

So, what have I been doing since you last heard from me in February 2015? A lot! Life happened as my husband and I worked and raised our two sons. Then as some of you know, my youngest wanted to write the next trilogy with me...and well that didn't pan out...at first.

Fast forward to January 2021. I threw down an ultimatum, "help write the book or you're off it forever." The threat worked. 😊 We settled in from January through October 2021 and finally finished the book!

After setting our book goals, we decided to try to publish this book traditionally.

I'll keep you apprised of our publishing journey.

So far, we hired an amazing professional editor with over 25 years of experience to edit the book. She gave it rave reviews and tons of edits and ideas to incorporate. We finished those and are now querying literary agents. We will give ourselves a year to get an agent in hopes of making our traditionally published goals come true.

In the meantime, I reached out to you guys on social media for help with *The Colors Trilogy* cover refresh. Boy, did you ever deliver! I received hundreds of votes/feedback and I read each and every one. Please watch the video reveal to view the winning designs. The new books will be available starting March 22nd in e-book, paperback, and for the first time ever..hardcover!

That's it for now. Hang on for next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Well grass doesn't grow under my feet for long! Now that I'm back in business, I'm scheduled to give speaking presentations or attend book events. Here's where you can find me next month:

04/03: Black Girls Write, Too presentation

04/07: Harford Writers' Group presentation

04/08: Brightview Avondell - 1st Annual Book Fair

04/23: Lockhouse Craft Beer and Wine Festival

Also, I contributed to an article on Build Book Buzz in December 2021: [Apps and tools authors can't live without.](#)

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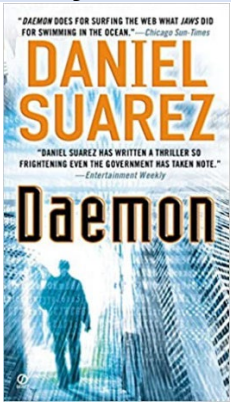

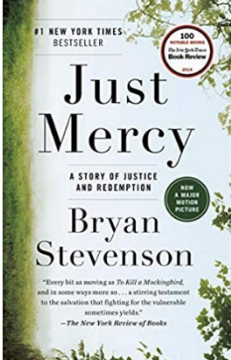
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BOOK REVIEW – NEW SECTION!

One of the things that jumpstarted my writing again was reading. I've always been an avid reader since I was three. Well, during my author hiatus, I stopped reading! In January 2021 as soon as I began reading again, the writing bug kicked back in full swing. I wound up reading over 40 books last year. Since I believe in the "sharing is caring" principle, I decided to share what I read with you as a short book review. Hopefully, you can find your next reads in this new section. Enjoy!

Daemon by Daniel Suarez	
Scary, crazy harbinger of IT taking over the world	4 of 5 Stars
architect refashion the world to his twisted will? This twisty, high-tech murder mystery thriller takes you on a wild journey with gruff Detective Peter Sebeck. Leaving readers to sweat as they wonder, what if?	
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson	
Heartbreaking memoir of the fight for justice	5 of 5 Stars
Not only does he cover the case of Walter McMillian, which is the basis of the major motion picture starring Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx, but he shares the stories of so many, many more. This is an excellent read and if you want to help, support his Equal Justice Initiative!	

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Happy Reading and catch you next month!

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