



Straight from the Pad

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



August 2022 Edition

THIS MONTH'S RECAP

Wow, my schedule really ramped up in August and the fun times will continue through September and October! But I'll backtrack and start the recap with what took place at the end of July during the Writer's Digest Conference in NYC. I met a ton of aspiring authors from around the world, learned so much during the workshops, successfully pitched four of six literary agents in the Pitch Slam event (basically a one-hour speed dating session where authors have 3-minutes to impress potential literary agent matches), bought a lot of books, and thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic keynote speakers: Beverly Jenkins, Marlon James, and Tiffany D. Jackson. Plus, I got to catch up with my amazing author buddy Sadeqa Johnson between workshops.



This month, I completed guest interviews for two outstanding podcasts: "Tales She Told Me" with host Farrah Haidar and "Self-Publishing Tips & Tricks" with author co-hosts S.D. Huston, Morgan Lee, and Ben Pick. I'll happily share the links when they air in October and November. In addition, I worked one-on-one with some fabulous literary agents during a Letter Better Workshop and the First 10 Pages Boot Camp. Now I'm waiting on one final critique. 😊

Next month, I'll finally submit my work to all the agents that have requested pages to date. Fingers crossed that we're one step closer to getting a literary agent and a traditional publishing deal!

That's it for this month. Keep scrolling to see my Book Reviews and the Spotlight section highlighting other authors and book giveaways.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's where you can find me next month for book events, speaking presentations, or interviews:

09/02: CamCatPitMad – Tweet Pitch Participant

09/03: The Book Brothel – Author Takeover on Facebook

09/07: Books Live Forever Multi-Author Giveaway Celebration - Participant

SPOTLIGHT

Along this fun author journey, I'm always encountering new people and discovering new books. Here are some that you can check out while you patiently wait for my next series. 😊

Featured Author – USA Today Bestselling Author Tricia Barr:

Ten abducted humans. Seven fae regents in need of mates. Welcome to the Mating Games.

If you like the bite of *A Shade of Vampire*, the thrill of *The Hunger Games*, and the steamy passion of *Trickery*, you'll devour Tricia Barr's Fae Underworld series.

Pre-order *Taken by Twilight* today to begin the deliciously dark adventure before the September 6th release!

Amazon = <https://www.amazon.com/Taken-Twilight.../dp/B09FI7Q944/>

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Ready to bring the summer sizzle to your reading list? Check out the “Summer Heat Book Fair” featuring dozens of free and discounted books sure to keep your temperature steamy!

Get your sizzling summer heat reads here, <https://reviewfreebooks.com/2022/08/august-book-fair-giveaway/>, before time expires on August 31st!



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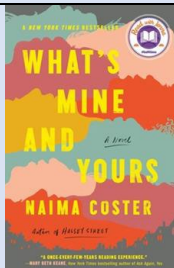
BOOK REVIEWS

One of the things that jumpstarted my writing career was reading. In 2021, I read over 40 books. Since “sharing is caring,” I’m sharing short reviews of two books that I read last year. Hopefully, you can find your next reads. Enjoy!

***What's Mine and Yours* by Naima Coster**

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (2.5 of 5 Stars)

Could have been so much more Disliked. Tried too hard to weave together two family sagas as they deal with heartbreak, integration, their past (traumas), and racial identity. Although it's well written, I disliked half the characters and ultimately didn't care who was related to whom and why.



***The Girl Who Lived* by Christopher Greyson** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (5 of 5 Stars)

Twisted Thriller!

Feels like a self-published book initially, but quickly pulls you into the twisty world of Faith Winters. After surviving a horrific night at the family cabin where four people were brutally murdered, she struggles with sanity and drugs to mask her guilt. Is she delusional or could multiple people really want her dead for witnessing too much?



To ensure you never miss one of my book reviews, [see past reviews on my website](#) and follow me on [BookBub](#), [Goodreads](#), and [LibraryThing](#).

Happy Reading and catch you next month!

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