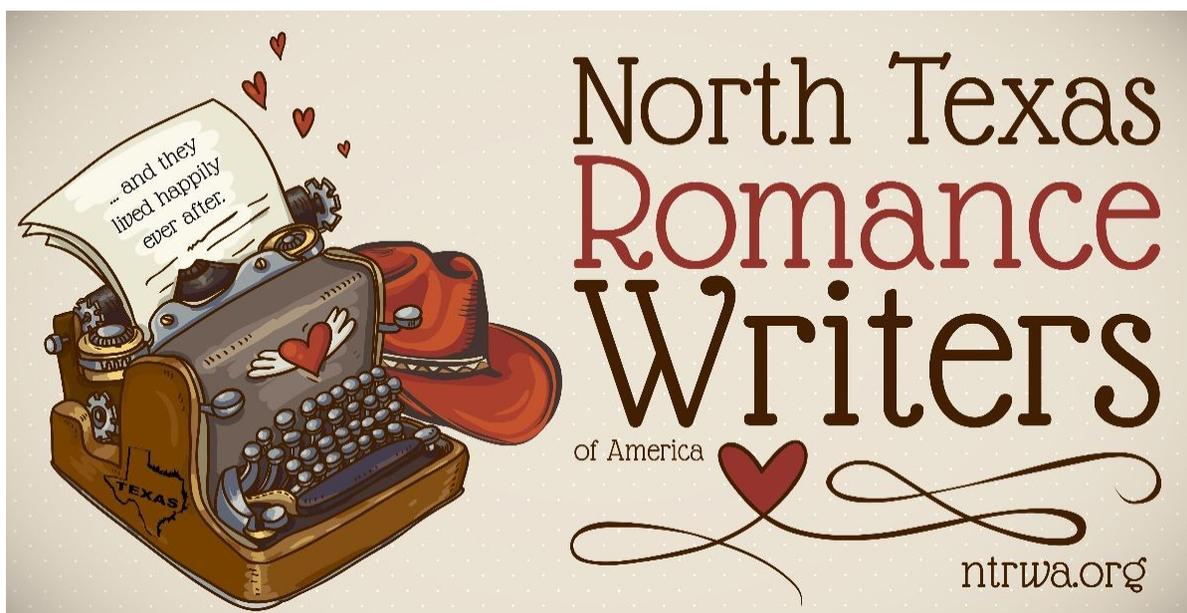


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Nov 14
11:00 CST

Join us via Zoom with the following link:

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It's reasonable to assume that by the time you read this we will be deep in NaNoWriMo mode. At least I hope so. Between the election, the pandemic and the economy it's easy to be distracted.

The last several months have been a weird time for everyone, but I think especially for creative people. I found it impossible to get locked in and write, too much anxiety floating around me. Now I'm depending on NaNoWriMo to get me there.

That said, I know writing is really about making the choice to write everyday, regardless of the month. It's about making the decision and sticking to it day after day.

I've made the decision, as many of us have, to write daily in November. I'm tasking each of us to keep each other accountable. Hey, it's safer to be at home than being out and about. Might as well make the best of it and be productive!

Happy writing!

Celia

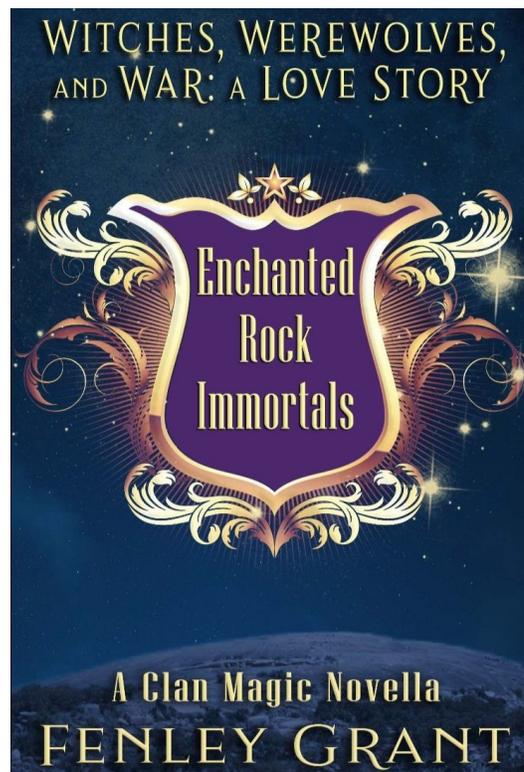
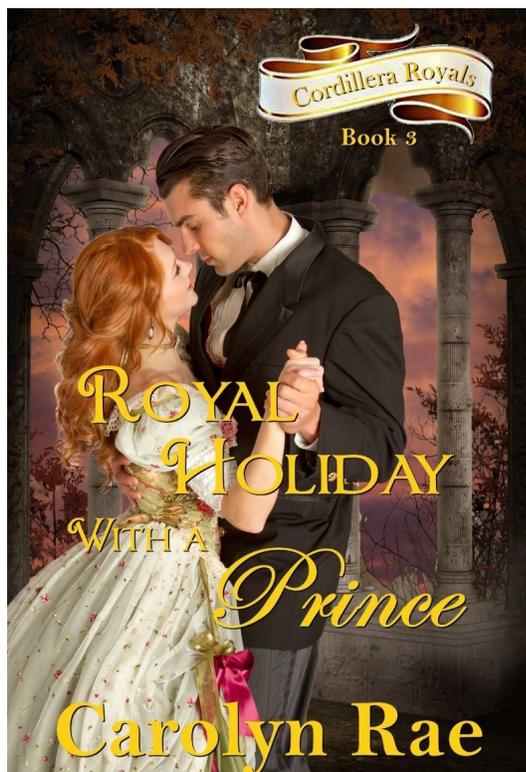
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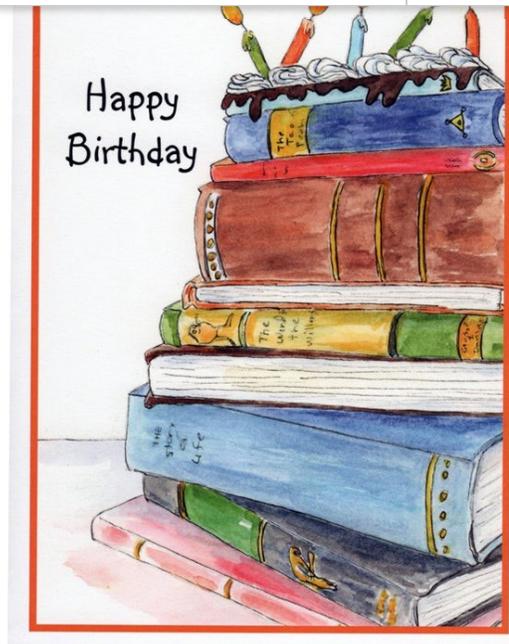
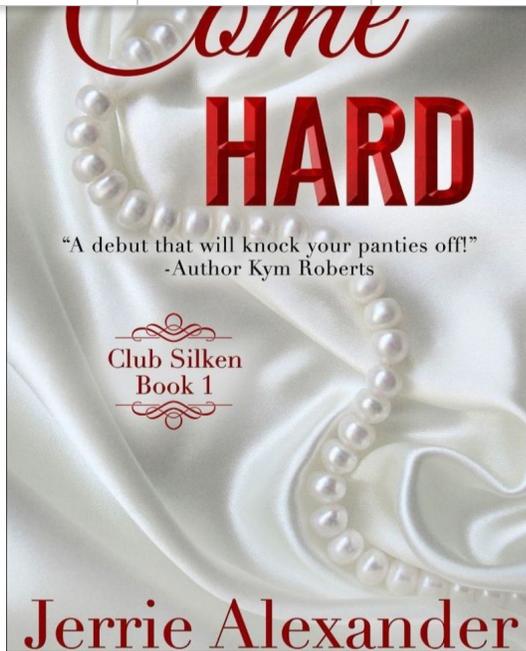
**Congratulations to our members with
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NTRWA virtual write-in

Sunday, November 15, 2020

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Additional November NaNoWriMo virtual write-in opportunities will be available throughout the month too.

Help us spread the word to other writers by sharing this graphic above. You can also share our post on our Facebook page. No need to be a member of RWA to enter!



October 17, 2020

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting for the North Texas Romance Writers of America (NTRWA) was held on Thursday, October 17, 2020 via Zoom. The President and President Elect were present as were the Secretary, the Membership Director, the Contest Director and the Bylaws Chair as well as other chapter members. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. The minutes for the February 2020 meeting (the last in person meeting held) were approved.

President Celia Naples reported:

President Elect Madison McCall reported:

- No report

Secretary Christine Crocker reported:

- No report

Treasurer Jen FitzGerald reported:

- Jen has uploaded the budget information and still needs three members by November to audit the financials for 2019 and for the short year 2019-2020.
- The 2020-2021 Budget is approved and will be available to view in the RWA chapter forum. Any

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general meeting with a panel of NT authors entitled: Cheapskates Guide for Advertising.

- The December Holiday Party may be in person or a virtual ZOOM happening – no decision made yet.
- January speaker in the works

Membership Director Audra Lewandowski reported:

- February Speaker will be a 2 hour presentation by Angela Ackerman: writing coach and co-author of eight bestselling books for writers, including *The Emotion Thesaurus: A Writer's Guide to Character Expression* (now an expanded 2nd edition) and her latest volume, *The Occupation Thesaurus: A Writer's Guide to Jobs, Vocations, and Careers*.
- This meeting will be open to visitors. It will be \$20 for non-members.
- Please advertise this event on your FaceBook page, webpage, and other media.
- Visitors will be allowed to visit 3 times before being requested to officially join.

Contests Director Kaylene Greenig reported:

- No report

Bylaws Chair Carolyn Williamson reported:

- According to the Bylaws sent out by RWA Associate-Writer members can now serve on chapter board of directors and allows up to 8 members. Other people interested in serving can serve on committees.
- Also, if an organization prefers to become an affiliate of RWA they only have to pay 25% of their annual fee.

New Business:

- Jen reported the Prolific Works deadline is Oct. 26. She requests a need for more NT authors to submit their books for preview – excerpts are okay. NT needs more representation.
- Currently NT only has 29 members. Be thinking of ways to grow our membership.
- If there is something desired for the Get Published program, email your desire to Jen.
- Wild Rose Press is asking for submissions for a Christmas Anthology for 2021. The titles must have a cookie (ie. snickerdoodle) in the title. Word count is from 7,500 minimum to a maximum of 35,00 words. Check out their website for details.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM

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