



My Writing Life

February 2019

Greetings!

As Vittoria Colonna said, "Words to me were lifeblood," and the words above have infused my spirit in the aftermath of the launch of *Love That Moves the Sun*. Each represents a reaction from a reader, shared with me in a review or a personal message. I am immensely grateful to those of you who picked up a pen or put hands to keyboard to share your words with me. It means so much to me to know that *my* words have touched you. Thank you!

Stay warm as winter continues its roar,

Linda

What I Did This Winter

Writers write, and the last two months have been no exception.

I penned guest articles for the UK blog [trippfiction](#) and [Writer's Digest](#).

I wrote a presentation for the New York City Chapter of the Historical Novel Society describing my research on Renaissance women . . .

Dazzling Courage

The 16th-Century Salon and
“La Bella Figura” in Italy



. . . and I started a new book. The First Light trilogy has become a quartet. Unable to let go of the Monroes and Chappaquiddick, I've embarked on a fourth episode in the series, tentatively titled *All Will Be Well*.

In the aftermath of a brain injury suffered in a car accident, twenty-three-year-old Izzy Monroe is desperate to reclaim her identity and sets out on a journey to Italy that is both geographical and metaphorical.

Stay tuned for excerpts as the story grows under my scribbling hand.

Upcoming Events



I may be hoarse by the end of June, but I love the opportunity to get out into the world to meet with readers and share my stories.

Please join me at one of my upcoming events, or contact me if your library or group would enjoy a reading and discussion.



February 24, 2019

12:00 pm

Reading and Signing

Ladies' Philoptochos Society

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Springfield, Massachusetts 01104

March 6, 2019

6:30 pm

Reading and Signing
Enfield Public Library
104 Middle Road
Enfield, Connecticut 06082

March 13, 2019

7:00 pm

Book Club Discussion
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

March 20, 2019

7:00 pm

Reading and Signing
Harrison Public Library
2 Bruce Avenue
Harrison, New York 10528

April 2, 2019

6:00 pm

Reading and Signing
Greater Lawrence Italian Women's Club
Andover Country Club
Andover, Massachusetts

April 3 - June 5, 2019

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Weekly Writing Workshop
Richard Salter Storrs Library
693 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

April 6, 2019

6:00 pm

Reading and Signing
I AM Books
189 North Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02113

April 14, 2019

2:00 pm

Lecture and Signing
Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts
56 Margaret Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01105

April 22, 2019

7:00 pm

Book Club Discussion and Pot Luck
Women's Fellowship
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

April 26, 2019

TV Interview

"Books and the World"
Cape Cod Writers Center

May 17, 2019

Time TBA

Book Club Discussion
Columbia, Connecticut

June 8, 2019

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Author Readings

Writers in Progress

221 Pine Street

Florence, Massachusetts 01062

My Broken Record. . .



If you've been following me for more than one book, you've seen this message from me before. I'm about to nag you again.

**REVIEWS ARE ESSENTIAL
TO THE SUCCESS OF A BOOK.**



Love That Moves the Sun has made it into many hands in the last two months, hands that I've been told can't put the book down. That is music to an author's ears. But more than *my* ears need to hear that message.

Please consider sharing your opinion on Amazon or Goodreads or Barnes and Noble. A rating and a sentence or two are all that is necessary to build a reputation for a good book.

Here are the links to the book page for each retailer that tracks reviews:

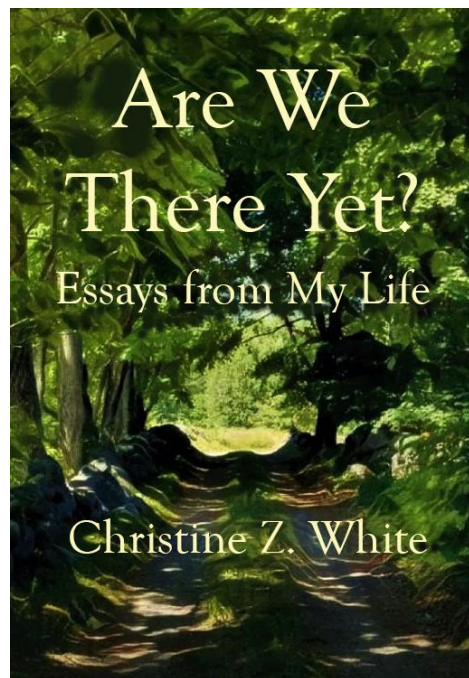
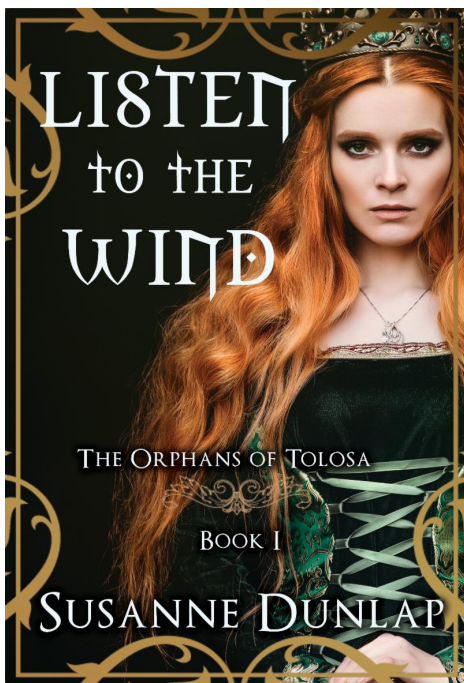
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THANK YOU!

Update on Bellastoria Press



I'm switching hats for a moment to speak for Bellastoria Press, the independent publishing company I co-founded with author Ann DeFee. We are excited to announce the forthcoming publication of two new books:

LISTEN TO THE WIND THE ORPHANS OF TOLOSA SUSANNE DUNLAP

Two orphans flee for their lives during the last crusade of the French against the Cathar heretics in the Midi. With no knowledge of their past, they are drawn onward to an uncertain future where they face unimaginable peril. Will they discover the secret of their origins and fulfill their destiny?

Are We There Yet? Essays from My Life Christine Z. White

From tender family portraits to observations while walking around her neighborhood, columnist Christine Z. White sheds light on our humanity in a

series of heartfelt, straight-talking vignettes culled from two decades of sharing her wisdom with newspaper readers.

Both books will be available soon on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and at independent retailers.

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