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June 2022 Newsletter

Fresh Beach Reads

Tired of reading predictable novels by the same authors each summer? Check out my recommendations of clean reads you probably won't find on a major bookstore's end cap display.

Middle Grade:

[Code of Silence](#) series by Tim Shoemaker

[Harwood Mysteries](#) by Antony Barone Kolenc

[Section 13](#) series by James Hannibal

[Sour Lemon](#) series by Julane Fisher

[The Main Dish](#) by Victoria Kimble

Young Adult:

[Delusion](#) series by Laura Gallier

[Divine Destiny Chronicles](#) by Sharon René

[Elleson](#) by Misha McCorkle

[Tradewinds](#) series by Taylor Bennett

[Unbetrothed](#) by Candice Yamnitz

Adult:

Any of [Carol James's](#) stand-alones

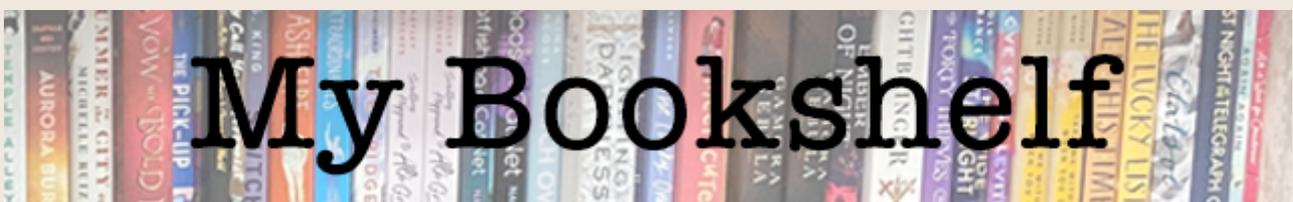
[Restoration](#) series by Terri Blackstock

[The Crittendon Files](#) series by Creston Mapes

[Wedding Dress](#) series by Rachel Hauck

[Willow Falls](#) series by Pat Nichols

I'm always on the lookout for more beach reads. What are your favorites? Please [email me](#).



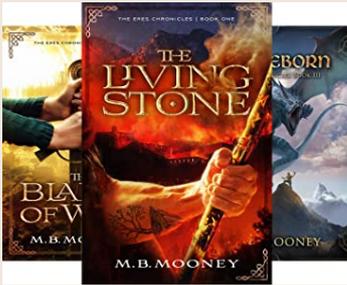
Following are my May ratings. Looking forward to some lighter reading in June. Follow me on [Goodreads](#) to view how I've rated books since 2010.

Say Yes, Britt Mooney ██████
(The missional story of Phoenix Roasters in Georgia)

Year of Wonders, Geraldine Brooks □□□
(A super depressing book about the 17th century plague)

The Dream Heist, Christina Farley (YA) ██████
(Check it out in Kindle Vella. There are 75 episodes.)

The Living Stone, M.B. Mooney (YA) ██████
The Blades of War, M.B. Mooney (YA) ██████
The Fire Reborn, M.B. Mooney (YA) ██████
(This Eres Chronicles series is perfect for older teen guys)



YOUNG ADULT BOOK SERIES REVIEW

The Eres Chronicles

I met M.B. (Britt) Mooney at the Christian Products Expo earlier this year after I won a copy of his book, Say Yes. What a nice, genuine guy. I liked this book so much that I thought I'd try the first novel in his young adult *Eres Chronicles* series. Within two weeks, I'd consumed all three books. In a land where humans and elves worship many gods, Caleb and his friends seek to spread the word of truth and redemption through one god, El. Their journey takes them through many lands and waters where they must battle ancient evil in order to gain freedom for the citizens of Eres. The author does a great job paralleling biblical teachings, searching the hearts of his main characters, and creating hilarious clean curse words. The story is geared toward older teens and new adults due to extreme violence.

Homophones

These words sound alike, but have different meanings depending on how they're spelled. I see mistakes with the following most often.

Your vs You're

Your is possessive and used to indicate that an item belongs to someone.

Example: May I borrow **your**

sunscreen?

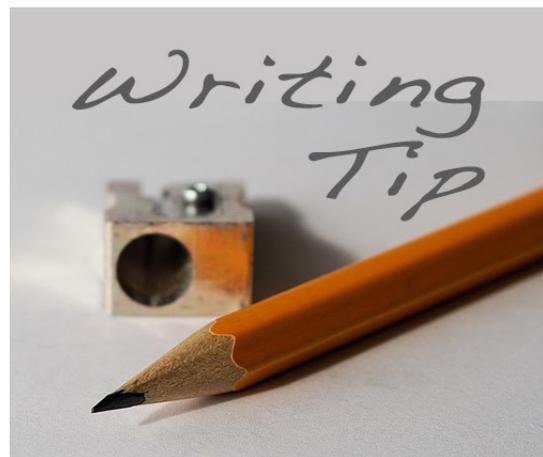
You're is a contraction that combines "you" and "are."

Ex.: **You're** smart to bring sunscreen.

Its vs It's

As with you and you're, **its** is possessive and **it's** is a contraction of "it" and "is."

Examples:



*Its cap rolled onto the sand.
It's sunny today, so slather on that sunscreen.*



JUNE COMMEMORATIVE DATES

Mark your calendar!

- 9: Writer's Rights Day
- 13: National Random Acts of Light Day
- 14: Flag Day
- 14: World Blood Donor Day
- 15: Worldwide Day of Giving
- 19: Father's Day
- 19: Juneteenth
- 20: World Refugee Day
- 21: First day of summer
- 25: Great American Picnic Day

Peach Ice Cream Recipe

Marvin and I churn this recipe several times each summer. It's so easy! I know it sounds crazy, but we serve it with frozen Girl Scout Thin Mints.

2 cans Eagle Brand condensed milk
1 pint heavy whipping cream
2 quarts whole milk
1 TBSP vanilla
6 roughly chopped peaches
Ice cream salt
Ice

Blend the peaches, condensed milk, whipping cream, and vanilla until mixed well. Pour into ice cream churn container. Add whole milk to the fill line (you won't use all the milk). Insert the paddle, screw on the top, ease the container into the tub, and hook up the motor. After arranging ice around the container, sprinkle salt on top of the ice. Turn on the motor. Keep adding ice and salt as needed until the motor stops. If you're churning indoors, it usually takes 30 minutes and makes two quarts.



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