





August 2021 Newsletter



Mark your calendars!

Please join me **October 23** to celebrate the launch of *The Demons Among Us!* We'll have some online fun in the afternoon and an in-person gathering in the evening. Check next month's newsletter for details. If you're already booked (*see what I did there*) on October 23, you can pre-order autographed copies starting September I on my website.

Check out these YA/Adult Audiobooks

I highly recommend you listen to the following unique crossover books instead of reading them. The narrators are amazing.



Klara and the Sun

by Kazuo Ishiguro. Klara, an artificial friend, must save her companion's life.



The Institute by Stephen King. Luke is

institutionalized for his extraordinary abilities.



Sooley

by John Grisham. Sooley, a S. Sudan refugee, joins a U.S. basketball team.



Beneath A Scarlet Sky

by Mark Sullivan. Pino helps Jews escape over the Alps during WWII.



BLESSED TO VOLUNTEER AT THE...

1996 Atlanta Olympic Games

In 1994, my BellSouth

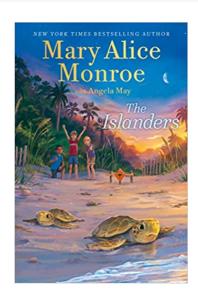
Telecommunications assistant vice president asked me to serve as the company's liaison to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG). For the next two years, I

managed our 2,500 employee volunteers, enforced branding protocols, and updated our officers and employees on all the Olympic news. I'll always treasure these memories and am thrilled Tokyo has been able to pull off its games under such challenging circumstances. (Photo, I-r.) Jim Mathis, me with big blondish hair, and Jeff Rolsten.

BOOK REVIEW

The Islanders

I've met Mary Alice Monroe twice, and she's as fine a person as she is a writer. Each summer, you can find me by the pool with my nose in one of her books. This year was an exception. I read two—the adult *The Summer of Lost and Found* and this middle grade novel. I'm happy to say that I liked both equally. In a surprise twist, a character from The Beach House series appears in *The Islanders*. As with most of the author's novels, I learned a lot about the Carolina coastline. This novel featured



turtles (of course), alligators, and jellyfish. The three main characters were each hiding a secret. I knew something was amiss with each, but didn't figure it out until the characters confessed. It's a sweet story about an adventurous summer on the beach.

Check out all the middle-grade book reviews on my website.



Writing Tip

If objects are shared by two people, then you use only one apostrophe-s after the second person's name. If two people each have the same item, then you would use apostrophe-s after each name.

Examples: If Julia and Drew are married and walking their shared dogs, then you would write, "Look at Julia and Drew's dogs." However, if they're neighbors and walking their dogs together, you'd write, "Look at Julia's and Drew's dogs."



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