

January 2021 Newsletter

I'm thrilled to announce...



I've signed a contract with Redemption Press to publish *The Demons Among Us*, a Christian novel for young adults. This supernatural work of fiction weaves a contemporary tale of how a brother and sister must overcome their internal demons in order to fight the real demons that have invaded their high school.

If all goes according to schedule, *The Demons Among Us* will be available through Amazon and your favorite bookstores in September 2021. I would truly appreciate your prayers during the next nine months of editing, design, and marketing. Please

know how much your encouragement over the past few years has meant to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Visit my <u>blog</u> for the long version of this announcement.

New Year's Faves



Lose COVID-19 (lbs.)

<u>Hungry Girl:</u> Tips & recipes for clean eating.



Stay Positive

<u>Gratitude App:</u> Journal your thankfulness.



Get fit

Mindbody: Sign up for local exercise classes.

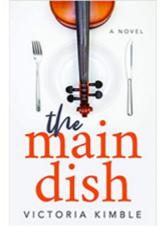


Track Your Steps

<u>FitBit:</u> Hit 10K every day to get that bod in shape.

The best books I read in 2020

I LOVED these books. Have you read any of them and, if so, do you feel the same way? Any recommendations for me to read in 2021? Check out my <u>Goodreads</u> page for more five-star ratings.



Young Adult

- 1. *The Main Dish*, Victoria Kimble
- 2. Defiance, C.J. Redwine
- 3. When Ash Rains Down, Cecelia Earl
- 4. *The Blue Door*, Christa Kinde
- 5. *Live Fearless*, Sadie Robertson



Adult

- 1. American Dirt, Jeanine Cummins
- 2. Rooms, James L. Rubart
- 3. The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, Kim Michelle Richardson
- 4. When Crickets Cry, Charles Martin
- 5. In the Sanctuary of Outcasts, Neil W. White



In case you're wondering...

There's a correct way to style THE virus

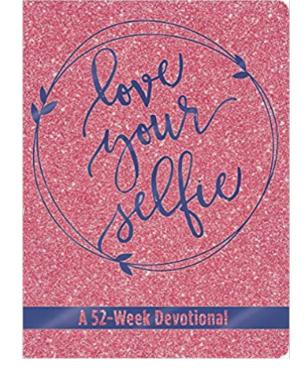
I've seen so many different spellings of the virus that has so challenged our lives this year, I finally checked with *The Chicago Manual of Style* for the proper protocol. According to the experts, the official name of the **virus** is **severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2** (all lowercase), or SARS-CoV-2. The name of the **disease** caused by SARS-CoV-2 is **COVID-19** (all caps), which stands for coronavirus disease 2019. The 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease. If you abbreviate the virus name to coronavirus, lowercase it.

Chicago Manual of Style - Styling COVID-19

NEW RELEASE!

Love Your Selfie!

Tessa Emily Hall, author of the wildly popular Coffee Shop Devos, has published Love Your Selfie. I thumbed through it at a recent writer's conference. The inside contains 52 messages aimed at helping female teens understand what scripture says about their God-given potential through weekly messages, journal prompts and social media challenges. Check out my Storyteller Squad blog for a review of Coffee Shop Devos.





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My most popular blog in December

The list and analysis of the Top 15 Bestselling YA **Books of All Time** attracted the most views last month. There are some surprises. Check it out.

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