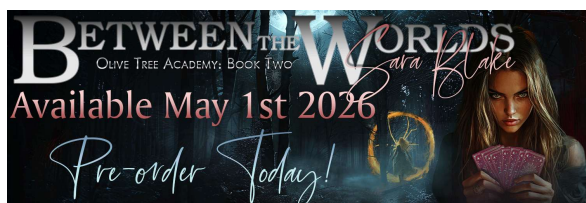


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Happy Friday, Everybody!

So, I was all excited about January arriving. My day job is busiest in November and December (as in we do at least 80% of all our business *for the year* in those two months) so writing and all its associated activities have to take a backseat for a while during that time.

January is when I can get back to the things I really want to do. In a lot of ways, New Year's Day is my favorite holiday--I prep for weeks getting my to-do lists and calendar organized, my goals worked out and written down.

I used to stay up late to watch the new year come in but, for several years now, I haven't done that. Instead, I go to bed early, enjoying the feeling of going to sleep in one year and waking up in the next. I get up early on 1/1 and dive into my goals, ready to go.

But then, January 2026 came, and not only did my job not actually slow down, but the world rather sped up, especially the horrors. Between yelling at my work computer and doomscrolling [Bluesky](#), not a whole lot worth reporting here has been going on. (I *have* been working diligently on getting the [boxset for The Nexus](#) ready, but that's about it.)

So, I think, rather than the usual newsletter format, I'm just going to share a few recent blog posts. The blog doesn't get as much traffic as I'd like, so maybe curating a few posts I particularly like will help. I'm sharing a couple of posts about my worlds and writing process, and then one of my very old stories that I've posted to the blog. (It's old, but it's still one of my VERY favorite things I've ever written!)

And be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom for the usual roundup of free books and promos! I think we all need some books to escape into for awhile just lately!

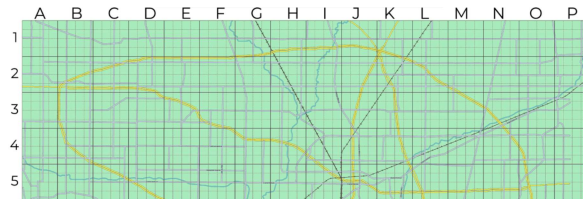
Getting the Writing Done

So, last week was the first post in my “Worldbuilding” category. This week, it’s the Writing Process. By which I mean (for the most part, anyway) my writing process. I don’t plan to dip into the realm of “how to write” on this blog. (Kinda thinking about doing that on the Miranda Crowe website, though, once it’s set back up. ...



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The Worlds of Sara Blake



Happy October! With the new month in full swing, it's time to dive into my new blog schedule! First up, an introductory post on the Worldbuilding category! I plan to fill this category with all sorts of goodies about my fictional worlds: city descriptions, character bios, backstories, maps, textbook excerpts from Olive Tree Academy, vampire origins and other creature histories, ...

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A Flash of Red

Another of my old-old stories; this one from 2003 (though the version here is a 2011 minor revision.) This was originally a contest entry (3rd place!) in a "Twisted Fairy Tales" short story contest, and later I got to do an audio version for the New World Witchery podcast. This is old, but it's still one of my favorite things ...



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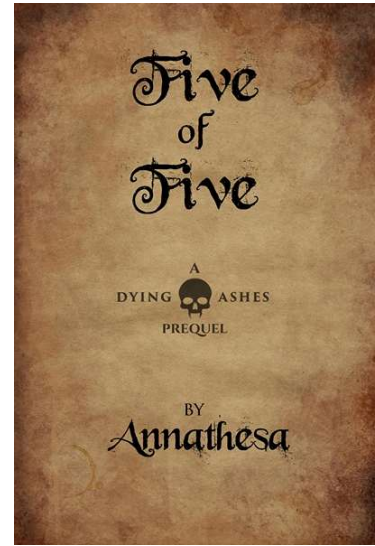
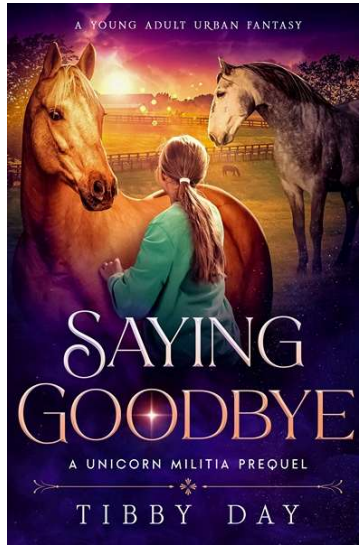
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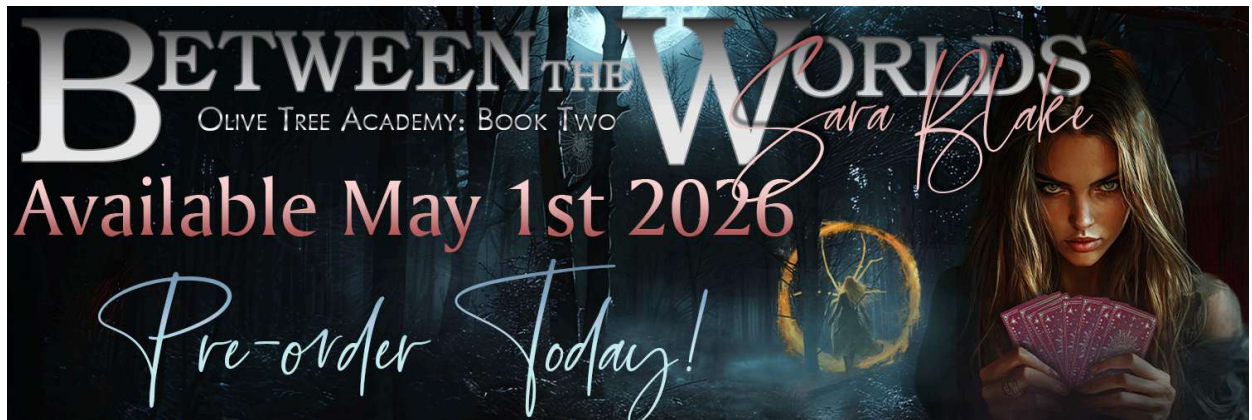
We'll have more to talk about next time, I'm sure!

Talk Soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara". The signature is written in a fluid, cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that loops back under the 'a'.

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