



Hello there 😊

Welcome to this month's newsletter! I'm excited to share what's been keeping me busy lately.

What I'm Reading

***Swan Song* by Elin Hilderbrand**

Elin Hilderbrand's final Nantucket story, *Swan Song*, is bittersweet for me. I love getting swept away to Nantucket every summer, kindling a love for an island I've only visited through her pages. Hilderbrand's masterful portrayal of Nantucket—from its beaches and quaint restaurants to its tight-knit community—has made the island come alive in my imagination.

What makes Hilderbrand's books stand out is her knack for crafting stories that feel both comfortably familiar and refreshingly new. She expertly weaves together multiple storylines, ensuring that each character's journey is fully fleshed out and compelling.

Discovering Hilderbrand's works was a revelation for me. They showed me that a good book doesn't always have to be a weighty literary title. Her accessible, entertaining, and emotionally rich writing proves that commercial fiction can be just as impactful and well-crafted as its literary counterparts. Her books inspired my writing aspirations and reminded me that great stories come in many forms.

For those new to Hilderbrand's world, I recommend starting with *The Rumor* and *The Castaways* before diving into *Swan Song*. While each novel stands alone, reading them in

that order provides a richer experience with interconnected characters. It's not necessary, but it adds an extra layer of enjoyment to the Nantucket tapestry Hilderbrand has woven over the years. Or, for a really fun summer, why not embark on a Hilderbrand marathon? Dive into all 27 of her books, or start with her sun-soaked summer stories and save the winter ones for cooler weather. It's the perfect (and cheap) way to have your very own Nantucket adventure.

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Swan Song





I'm excited to share that I've recently completed a rewrite of my previously published book, *Blooming Into Life*. As a writer, I'm often my own harshest critic, and upon reflection, I recognized areas where the story could be strengthened, the characters more fully developed, and the overall narrative made more cohesive.

When I first wrote *Blooming Into Life* in 2018, I poured my heart and soul into it. But as time passed and I grew as a writer, I began to see the flaws and inconsistencies that I had initially overlooked. Moments where the plot faltered, characters felt two-dimensional, and some uneven pacing became apparent to me.

At first, the thought of rewriting the book was daunting. It had already been published, after all, and found its way into the hands of readers. But the more I contemplated it, the more I realized that I owed it to myself and my readers to create the best possible version of the story.

To give you a glimpse into the changes, I've written a blog post about the rewrite. You can read it here: [Why I Rewrote *Blooming Into Life*](#)

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As a token of my appreciation for your continued support, I'm offering subscribers a complimentary copy of the newly updated *Blooming Into Life*. To claim your free download, simply email me at kristie@kristiebooker.com and I'll send you a gift code. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the latest version at no cost!



While revising *Blooming Into Life*, I felt like Colleen's detox diet needed to be balanced out with some wholesome Buttermilk Biscuits. Her mom Mary Ann's warm and nurturing spirit is often manifested in her love for cooking, particularly her famous family biscuits. In honor of Mary Ann and as a special treat for my readers, I'm sharing her biscuit recipe with you:

[Mary Ann's Biscuits](#)

I hope you enjoy making (and eating!) these biscuits as much as Mary Ann and I do. They're perfect for a cozy family meal or as a comforting snack on a quiet afternoon with a good book.



Happy baking and reading!

Best wishes ✨

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