
 A NEWSLETTER FROM AUTHOR JB CAINE

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IN THE BEGINNING

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THE DAWN OF THE WRITING JOURNEY

According to The Synergy Whisperer, 97% of people who start writing a novel never finish it. That's a pretty staggering statistic, and it really just highlights what an incredible accomplishment it is to finish writing one's very first novel.

The beginning of one's author journey is a magical time, but the excitement and joy of creation is tempered with frustration and self-doubt, which certainly contributes to that 3% completion rate. As much as someone wants to tell a story, there are so many roadblocks that can psych them out of getting the job done: imposter syndrome, lack of self-discipline, and frustration with the process are high mountains to climb.

I had stories banging around in my head for years before I completed *RISE OF THE MOON* in 2019. And I fought every single one of those aforementioned demons along the way. But you know what? That first moment when I held a proof

copy of *RISE* in my hands was one of the defining moments of my life...I showed myself that I **COULD**, and after that, the road of writing became infinitely easier.

If you have a story to tell, even if you don't intend to share it with the wide world of readers, I highly encourage you to --even just for yourself-- **JUST FINISH THE BOOK**. You'll be so glad you did.

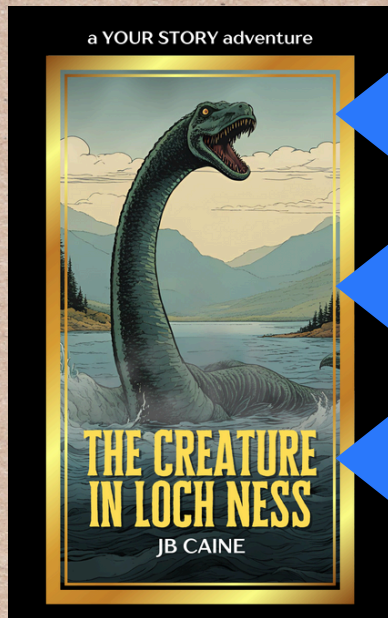
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THIS MONTH: TIPS TO FINISH YOUR FIRST BOOK

1. OUTLINE YOUR PLOT (EVEN IF YOU DEVIATE FROM THE OUTLINE AS YOU GO)
2. SET DAILY BENCHMARKS (WORD COUNT OR TIME)
3. LEAVE YOUR DAILY WRITING "ALMOST DONE" RATHER THAN FINISHING THE SCENE (SO YOU KNOW WHERE TO PICK UP NEXT TIME)
4. CELEBRATE SMALL WINS
5. DON'T GIVE UP! YOU CAN'T EDIT WHAT YOU HAVEN'T WRITTEN.

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH:

COMING SOON! THE
CREATURE IN LOCH NESS!



YOU CHOOSE THE
STORY PATH!

29 POSSIBLE
ENDINGS!

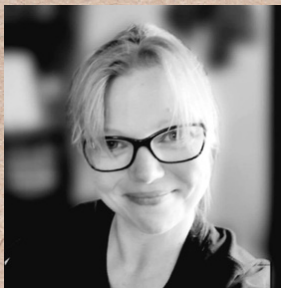
FUN FOR ALL!
(AGES 10+)

COME SEE ME AT BARTOW
SYFY ON FEBRUARY 15!



I'll be here Feb 15!

FEATURED AUTHOR: JENNY SIMARD LABRANCHE



JBC: GIVE OUR READERS A QUICK SUMMARY OF YOUR DEBUT NOVEL!

JSL: "Kingdoms of Shadow and Flame" is a High Fantasy novel. In a world trapped in unrelenting winter storms, 18-year-old Reagan has spent four years enduring training meant for the court's high-born and royal-born elite...a place she was never meant to be. Bound to serve in the queen's guard, she faces a future that will prevent her from returning home. Driven by the need to reunite with her younger sister, Willa, whom she fears feels abandoned, Reagan chooses to escape with her only friend by her side. But freedom is only the beginning of her trials. Across the land, thousands of fae have vanished without a trace, mutilated bodies are appearing, and mysterious figures wielding long-lost powers roam the shadows. Soon, Reagan finds herself face-to-face with the Winter Fae, who reveals she possesses magic. Reagan must learn to wield this power with their guidance, but as new secrets emerge, she's forced to question everything: her friend, her past, and her world.

LOOK FOR KINGOMS OF SHADOW AND FLAME FROM BABYLON BOOKS IN 2025!