

I hope you had a great Christmas! Open this to know what happened in my writing last month

December Updates

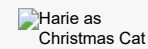
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Monthly Reader Happenings

My December Writing Journey Updates

Merry Christmas!!

 Harie as
Christmas Cat

December in Summary...

Whew... Not much great news in the world since last month huh? The president has not conceded, COVID-19 cases are still exploding and now we have the fun news of a more infectious strain that started in September in the UK. Many countries have shut down all travel to and from the UK but not the US! So I hope everyone has already purchased their bidet attachments or stocked up enough on toilet paper because I'm expecting more grocery shortages for round 2... At least we do have two vaccines shipping now with high success rates! Unknown, unfortunately, is how effective they will be against the new strain.

In my writings, I dropped the ball, ending with about 15,000 new words written this month and near 6,000 of them cannot be used in my novel. Harriett, my lovely darling black cat had picked up cloudy eye on her eye, we took her to the vet and tried the normal treatments, but nothing helped. We took her in again with the symptom that she'd been losing too much weight and they did an ultrasound to find a tumor so she was diagnosed with lymphoma. We were given different meds to give her some extra pain free time and allow me to come to terms with her passing. In her last few weeks, she would only eat the most minced up, or liquefied, food that was delivered by finger. So that took lots of extra time. Also, she often would meow at me to get in bed so she could sleep on me. So I had much less time to write, because, while she was still with me, I made her my first priority! I slept horribly after she passed as I had gotten used to having her weight on me, her kneads as my necessary relaxing massage, and her purring as my lullaby to sleep.

But, with so much time on my hands, I was able to read probably much to much (I need any and all book suggestions you have!) and was able to send out older stories to publications and two of them were accepted... maybe. The first story accepted was named the winner of a holiday contest! If you are feeling Christmassy yet and desire to read sure a tale, read it [here!](#) The other is the maybe and a non-fiction. This one is about my late grandfather's wonderful actions helping an unjustly jailed African American, the son of one of my grandfather's truck drivers. It hasn't been published yet, and may never be. The first notification I received on 12/18 from the publisher (A Word With You Press) was "*Thank you so much for sending this*" and "*We will be publishing your story on line in the next few days*" but I have not heard anything back from Mr. Thorton Sully at all, even after sending two responses to his original email. I didn't realize that publishing companies also had griefers and trolls and I, to be honest, would have been happier to never have gotten first hand knowledge of their existence, but I guess those kinds of people are in everything. Lastly and positively, still be on the look out for next month, when Gonzo Press's magazine will have my accepted other nonfiction story on 1/15!

In other news, this month, my SHEG (Super Hardcore Editing Group) had two meetings to go over our story path templates. I didn't feel very useful, but I have to start somewhere, right! We decided that bimonthly is about how often we can meet so I'm looking forward to next month and our next meetings will be going over what we think is our worst or most touchy or the weirdest things from our story templates. Thank you again for sticking with me on my writing journey!



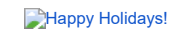
The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyons was the first novel I picked up this month...

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 Happy Holidays!

New stories of mine accepted for publication!

A fiction story of mine won a contest for a holiday story! Another story, this one nonfiction, was submitted to an anthology and was accepted... or was it?

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