



G'day, !

I'm feeling old. I spent a day gardening last weekend and as a result, I couldn't walk all freaking week. I hope you've been more mobile than I have this past week. ;) The garden looks fantastic by the way. It's springtime here, so the flowers are beginning to bloom. Last year, my hubby and I made over our back garden. We pulled out all of the grass and installed a garden, complete with a beautiful bench seat, winding path and a pond. I love sitting out there on a beautiful day.

I thought it only fitting to share with you an important week in the calendar. INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF PEOPLE is celebrated in the month of September, with the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES falling on 23 September.

When I wrote *Second Chance Summer*, I spent hours searching out videos and watching interviews featuring Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. The message that came across loud and clear: they don't want to be treated as if they are disabled because they're not.

The second thing that came out of my research was the importance of having the ability to communicate. Every single person on this planet has a right to be able to communicate their needs, wants, feelings and ideas. Without sign language, without the ability to communicate, basic human rights aren't being met. I found it interesting to learn that in the past (and possibly still today) some families chose to deny their Deaf and Hard of Hearing children the basic right to communicate in the only way they could. They insisted on their children learning to read lips and to speak. Suicide rates among kids who were in this situation were higher than those kids who were allowed to embrace their differences and communicate using sign language.

When writing *Second Chance Summer*, my mission was to show Deaf and Hard of Hearing people living their life to the fullest and not being held back in any way. I wanted to represent the Community in the best possible way and I also wanted to show that a great support network can help you achieve amazing things. I only hope I did it justice.

celebrating thriving deaf communities

International Week of the Deaf People | 20 - 26 September

we sign for Human Rights

International Day of Sign Languages | 23 September



Monday 20 Sept. | Cherishing Deaf History
Tuesday 21 Sept. | Sustainable Deaf Leadership
Wednesday 22 Sept. | Sign languages for All Deaf Learners
Thursday 23 Sept. | We Sign for Human Rights!
Friday 24 Sept. | Intersectional Deaf Communities
Saturday 25 Sept. | Deaf Culture and Arts
Sunday 26 Sept. | Human Rights in Times of Crisis



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**You can read *Second Chance Summer*
in Kindle Unlimited or purchase it from Amazon.**

Read *Second Chance Summer* today!

Current Projects

Stolen Kisses is currently with my trusty beta readers. This book is a slower burn than my first two. *Stolen Kisses* is Emma and Theo's story and has been a challenge to write. I wanted to represent the events accurately while still maintaining romantic elements—and I think I've managed to do that if early feedback is anything to go by.

Emma's recovering her self-image after her marriage left her feeling less than desirable. She puts her two sons first all day every day, leaving very little time for herself. I'm sure there are a lot of mums out there who can relate to this scenario. Just as things seem to finally be going her way, she's confronted with a battle she didn't see coming, but she faces it with courage and poise.

I'm hoping to have a release date for you by my next newsletter! So be sure to keep an eye out. *Eeek!* I can't wait for you to meet Theo and Emma!



You might like to join my reader's group, **Deb's Bibliomaniacs**, so you don't miss out on any snippets. ;)

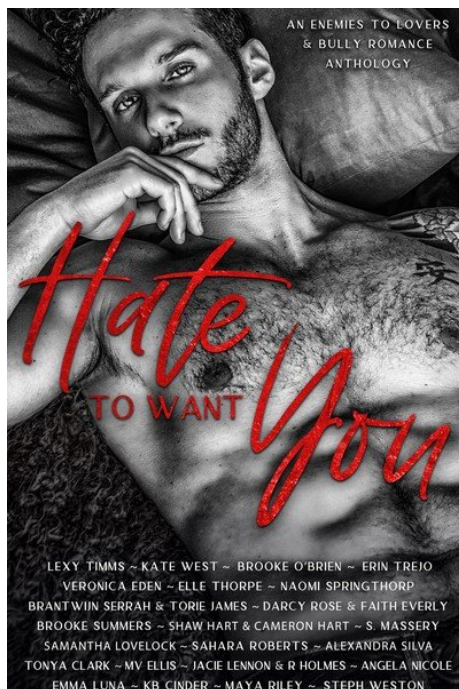
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