



Time to take a breath, step back from the ledge & grab some bargains!

The part of me that totes around a portable soapbox (just-in-case) wants to find an enormous hilltop, or high, narrow ledge. The other part, well, total exhaustion borne of one unedifying political disgrace after another, accompanied by anger and sadness, for this is a world where every leader has been democratically appointed; so they say. By people like you and me ... surely not? Eek, that's too slippery a slope to go down. I honestly feel like the world is a tangled ball of wool right now; the wool with the itchy bits. My soapbox almost got a revarnish when I read someone's remark about an author I love, both for her writing prowess and her fearlessness in saying exactly how she feels about everything - agreeable or not. "*Fiction authors should stay out of politics because they are prone to making up stories.*" That did push me to the



So, I think it's a good time to jump into some Women's fiction. [The Sight of Heather](#) is part of an excellent collection of women's fiction books, free for the month of March, and curated by author Amanda Gale, featuring her latest novel [The Magic You Bring](#). It's a don't miss opportunity. One, because regardless of their circumstance, women are always entertaining, and two, because fiction is a great place to hide right now. While they're not all historical, they feature trials

edge, but then realising the faceless nature of the remark, I stepped back.

Ironically, at a time when I truly want a decent bunch of women (and I could list soooo many) to boot these morons into touch and sweep clean, it is Women's History month.

Knowing no-one would listen to me anyway, I beaver away to finish book 2, never doubting my feisty characters could whip this world into shape with a few swift slaps. They, and so many women of history that I admire, fire me to get their story told.

and victory over adversity in some form.

There's also humour and romance to lift your spirits, so definitely something for everyone. This is where you'll find them.

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Scottish Hangings

Talking about history, do you know about the amazing new tartan dedicated to those poor women who were tried and executed by the Scottish state for supposed sorcery between the 16th and 18th century under the Witchcraft Act 1563 – 1736?



Designed by the [Witches of Scotland](#) and the fabulous Clare Campbell of [Prickly Thistle Textiles](#), it will be woven to make products that help create a 'living memorial'. The black and grey are representative of the dark times of this period and the ashes of those burned. The design also

Currently in production, I couldn't think of a more fitting tribute, or a more meaningful creation. I can't wait to get my hands on some!

“With every gentle twist, and every flowing thread, every seamless stitch, every delicate trim, that is Highland perfection.”

Clare Campell

incorporates red and pink, symbolic of the legal tapes used to bind papers both during that time and still now. The thread count incorporates the years 1563 and 1736, shown in black and grey, surrounding white checks of 3 threads repeated 3 times, representing the core objectives of the organisation: ensure a pardon, receive an apology, retain a memorial.

Book 2 is taking shape, and I've started wracking my brains for a title. Why that is the last thing I do, I'll never know, but the word 'thistle' keeps jumping at me. Who knows...? Each time I decide to give it some focused attention, I get pulled away to something 'daughter's wedding' related – I think this is going to be a long and distracting 18 months.

If you have read **THE SIGHT OF HEATHER**, please leave a review on your buying platform—it will definitely help in making it go viral!

Please also share this newsletter with your reader friends, the more the merrier.

I hope you find a woman of history to inspire you this month; to remind you of how special WE are, and what we can accomplish if the bullies would just move aside. I also hope you remember to give your sons a swift slap if they get above themselves.

And, do you think Mary Queen of Scots played football?

'Till next time, love wins.

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