

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Surviving 2017

Can you believe 2017 is almost over?! I say it every year, but it's not until November wraps up that I realize how fast the year goes by!

The best part is that this time of the year is about family and the holidays and really appreciating what you have in life. For my American readers, I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It was the first year our family did not *host* the dinner. We were invited to another Thanksgiving party and we were responsible for the pies. Since there were 30-odd people there, we made 5: pumpkin, apple, triple-berry, pecan, and orange-chocolate-crème. Now, Christmas is around the corner, and as usual with our family holidays, we probably won't know our plans until a day or two before. I'm sure my family can't be the only one that does that...

I considered delaying this newsletter until I could get a picture of my tree to show off. But I figured I'll be showing off my tree on social media, so if you don't follow me, you should!

Let's get into the other updates.

Writing Updates

NaNoWriMo

This was my 6th year participating in NaNoWriMo and I did complete the challenge once again this year.

This year, I made *Until Dawn Breaks*, the third book in the Roadside Paradise series, the NaNo project. For those of you who do not know what National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is, it is a challenge to write 50,000 words in the course of November, which equates to about 1,700 words a day for the entire month. It is a fun challenge, fundraiser, and a good way to push writers to finish projects. There is a lot of debate about whether it's a good idea or if it puts too much pressure on writers considering it's just a self-imposed deadline, but I say that it's just another tool to get people writing. It does not actually matter if you finish the challenge or not, it's just a way to get involved with the writing community and practice different writing techniques.

I reached 50,000 words on November 16th and finished *Until Dawn Breaks* on the 18th. The final word count for the book was 63,229, though that has already changed through editing. The good news is that it is, so far, the longest in the Roadside Paradise series.

If you're involved in NaNoWriMo and would like to add me as a writing buddy, my username is Kj Amidon.

Find out more at: www.nanowrimo.com



The Faith Series

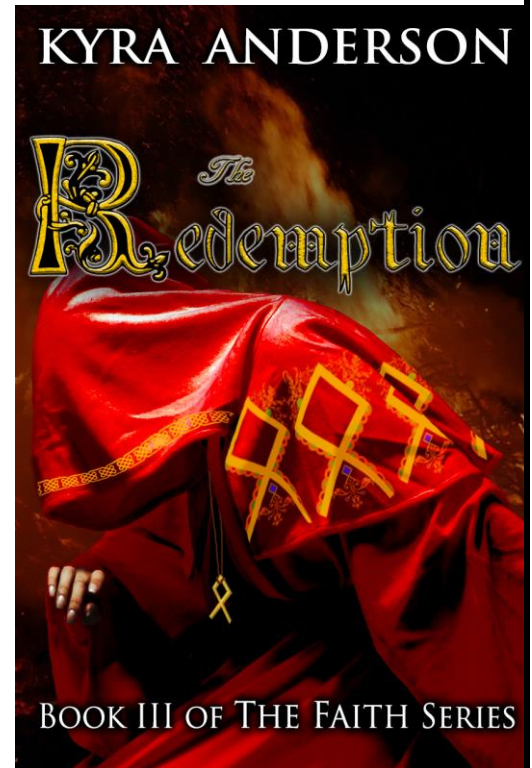
Time for some real talk about *The Faith* series.

Book 3, *The Redemption* is up next for release, but I am hesitant to invest much more time into the series until it picks up a bit. I have said this before, but *The Faith* is a very taxing series on me. There are a lot of moving parts, a lot of countries, and a lot of characters to keep straight. This is the *only* series I have ever had to take detailed notes on because it is very difficult to keep track of everything.

Because of the amount of time and strain it takes to release a book of this series, it is not yielding enough results to warrant pushing releases. Therefore, I have made the decision that instead of 2-3 books of the series being released in a year, I will probably limit it to 1 a year on *The Faith* series. This means that *The Redemption* may be the only one released for the series this year.

I hope to release *The Redemption* in January, but I will not know for sure until January rolls around. At that point, if it is ready for release I will reveal the first two chapters to my newsletter subscribers, as I normally do. For now, here is the cover (happens to be my favorite thus far!).

[Start Reading The Faith Series Here!](#)



The Roadside Paradise Series

This was my designated NaNoWriMo project this year and I am pleased at how easy it was to write.

I will say it again, this series is very fun to write. All titles under K.J. Amidon are a little more fun and easier to digest for both me and the reader (Kyra Anderson is a bit heavier, in case you haven't noticed). This is the first trilogy of the Roadside Paradise series. This means that the arc started in Book 1 will wrap up and the next arc with our main characters Athena and V will begin in Book 4.

I am considering slowing down this release as well. But that is because of other projects that have found their way onto my docket (read below). However, it will still be more active than *The Faith* series for the time being.

If you are interested, here is a link to the first two chapters of *Until Dawn Breaks*.

[Read the First 2 Chapters of Until Dawn Breaks Here!](#)

Or, if you haven't started the series, yet, get your copy today. Trust me, you won't be disappointed

[Click here to Start Reading the Roadside Paradise Series!](#)

New Projects on the Docket

With *The Faith* series going to the back burner, a few other projects have started to come to the front of the line. I am not sure what will actually be released in 2018, but a new series and another stand-alone book are now in line for development. Both will be written under the name Kyra Anderson. Therefore, here is a new list of projects to be worked on in 2018 (roughly in order of release):

- The Redemption (if needed)
- Inside, Alternative Part 3
- Inside the Silence (possibly)

- Between Sea and Sky Fire
- Book 1 of The Marionette Series
- Hiding in Sight & For Fools (Roadside Paradise Book 4 & 5)

It's a pretty extensive list, but hopefully I can get them all complete by 2018, even if I don't release them all next year.

Therefore, get ready for some updates, cover releases, and previews of these new projects!

Amiville



Oh, Amiville, you're going to be the death of me.

I can only describe this comic as a hungry monster that eats up *all* my time! I have made a lot more progress than I thought I could, and I know that I will be able to keep my launch date of January 18, 2018. For me, it's important that this comic does not take up so much of my time that I am unable to keep writing, which is why I'm front-loading most of the work.

The website is up and running with character profiles. The social media pages are also introducing characters from the comic up until it's release.

For anyone who has no idea what Amiville is, allow me to explain.

The Amiville Comic follows a character named Tim, who can be seen on the current landing page for www.amivillecomic.com. Tim is a character looking to become the main character in his very own story, since he has only been a side character before. In his travels looking for his own story, he has stumbled upon Amiville, a town filled with the crazy characters from my stories. That's

right, all my characters from my stories under both pennames, cohabit in a town with antics abound! The comic is silly and meant to poke fun at the chaos that generally occurs in my brain.

If you missed the first 2 pages in the last newsletter, here is the link once more.

[Click here to see the first 2 pages of the Amiville Comic!](#)

Please follow the comic on social media as well and get ready for the antics!



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Wrapping up 2017

It's been a wild ride this year, and hopefully 2018 will bring good things to all. Be sure you all bundle up and stay warm. Enjoy some hot chocolate (I like mine with Peppermint Schnapps!) and enjoy your loved ones this holiday season. I will see you all in the new year!

All the best
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