



Author James Weems Newsletter

romantic comedies that will make you laugh, cry, and fall in love.

JAMES WEEMS AUTHOR

Newsletter #1—June 6, 2023

Happy pride month, my friend!

I hope it's okay to call you my friend! We've only met recently and have talked a little—or maybe I should say, I've chattered away and you've politely listened (or read)!

Time flies when you're having fun, right? Then I must be really “over the moon” because it seems like only yesterday that I finished writing the third welcome newsletter to you—and here we are, on “regular” newsletter number 1 already!

I've been gathering some material so the newsletter isn't just “Hey, hello, it's me, it's been three weeks—checking in, nothing new, talk to you in another three weeks.” That's not a chat, that's a run-by verbal assassination or something.

On a personal note, my car died. Or at least, the battery did, because I've been so focused on writing that I literally haven't driven or cranked the car since mid-February. Yeah, my bad. So I am really good with some tech—computers, tablets, phones, and such—but figuring out cars? NOT my strong suit. I got the car “jumped” and it worked—for two days. The battery is the original one from 2013 when I bought the

car. “Battery for car” was on my To-Do list, and has been accomplished. **Whew!**

So, Pride Month is here! If you visit my website often (www.jamesweems.com), you will know that Pride was celebrated in Tokyo, Japan, in April, and in a lot of places in May. News flash: there will be Pride celebrations all the way through to October, so celebrate Pride all year long, I say! And certainly, celebrate when your local Pride takes place. With the climate in the world so set against the LGBTQ+ community now, we need to show the haters that we aren’t going away.

Okay, end of my little sermon there!

Editor-in-Chief Angel has been enjoying the warmer outdoor weather—more people to watch, plus birds! Yeah, she sits near a window (or in one) and watches and listens. So far, knock wood, she hasn’t tried to go after any birds through the windows here. As old as the glass is, it would probably shatter if she pushed against it. She’s only 10 pounds or less, but she can be a pushy little girl!



On the writing front, the novel is still in “first draft” phase, but getting close to the halfway point. By my last count, the “done” scenes total

nearly 53,000 words. Who knew I could be THAT chatty! I am still hoping for a finished first draft before we welcome 2024—and, with any luck, MAYBE a “publication date” will at least be formulated by then.

Benji, Ravynn, Sean, Clay, Wil, and Todd are still keeping me entertained with their antics. Greg and DC, the management team, keep telling me that the guys are trying to make them crazy, but they say it with smiles, so I’m not really buying it.

June is “officially” Pride Month. It’s also the month when the Salem Witch trials began (1692), the first bikini swimsuit was displayed (1946), the YMCA was founded in 1844, Juneteenth is honored every June 19, and America observes Flag Day (June 14). This month is also the fifty-fifth (55) anniversary of Robert F. Kennedy’s assassination after having won the California primary for President in 1968—a fact that will be mentioned in my novel. June 8 is Best Friends Day—as well as “Name Your Poison” Day. June 14, besides being Flag Day, is also Baltic Freedom Day and Monkey Around Day! Who picks these “days” anyway? There’s also Father’s Day on June 18, which just happens to be International Picnic Day as well!

Now that I’ve lulled you into a semi-comatose state from all those special days, I’ll remind you that my website will also feature all the different Pride celebrations going on, in the US and abroad. Atlanta Pride is still several months off, but I may get out and see what’s happening this year. Several years ago (or was it decades? It was.), I actually joined the Pride march with a group of MCC members here. It was exhilarating! These days, I generally watch or celebrate Pride at home.

As always, let me know if you have any questions—you can reply to this email or you can email me directly to tell me what you’re thinking. I love hearing from all my readers. And, if you decide you don’t need me clogging your inbox every three weeks, you are free to hit the unsubscribe and I’ll vanish from your email, no questions asked.

Before I drop another picture of Angel for you, I have a question for you. I'm still struggling with the "group name" for my Facebook, a place where my readers and I can hang out and chat, and where you can leave your thoughts.... If you have an idea, let me hear from you!

So here's our fearless Editor-in-Chief, in her "off duty" pose....



See you in three weeks, my friend! Enjoy the warm June weather (unless it's winter where you are, in which case, **STAY WARM!**)!