



Giving My Thanks

A belated Happy Thanksgiving! Although I've not been a super-traditional person when it comes to the holiday – partly because of the twelve years I spent in the UK – I am fond of it in the spirit of a holiday of gratitude, bounty, and celebrating a good harvest, whether that entails a good crop from the satsumas or a crop of new friends.

I'm happy to say that it's the latter for me this year. Since launching my website and this newsletter in mid-September, I've gratefully watched how quickly you've rallied to show support. In a way, it's been like having an open house: after a while, you simply prop the door open because you've been answering it every five minutes anyhow.

You've shown up with not only plus-ones, but metaphorical bottles of wine – and most of all you've shown up with the curiosity, enthusiasm, and love that has buoyed, energized, and inspired me through this entire undertaking. This isn't the first time I've thanked you and won't be the last, but I couldn't let a Thanksgiving go by without saying it again – **thank you!**

So what's new?

Kickstarter Preview Page **Now Live!**

- Get a peek at my crowdfunding campaign page to see what exclusive goodies will be in store! **The campaign itself will run from Friday, 9th January to Friday, 30th January 2026.**
- Not familiar with Kickstarter/crowdfunding? Essentially, it helps entrepreneurial projects get off the ground with some initial funding. In the world of self-publishing, it's often used to fund special editions or simply encourage preorders. More than that, though, it's a little like a party before the big (launch) party!

- My campaign will help me: **A)** offer you some [fun and/or exclusive extras](#) before anyone else; **B)** get *Stone and Flesh* into your hands [before it goes live](#) with retailers; and **C)** potentially unlock a [hardback edition](#)!
- [Bookmark my page, give it a follow, and stay tuned!](#)

Calling More Early Readers and Reviewers!

- I have decided to open a **second application period for early readers!** If you missed it the first time round and are interested in receiving an advanced reader copy (**ARC**) for the humble request of a review, find out more and **apply [here](#)!**
- Early reviews are crucial to the success of any debut author, but especially indie authors, by helping our future readers find us (and gives us a little buzz!).

Bits and Pieces

- Website update: ["What is an indie author?"](#) – Part manifesto, part explanation, all enthusiasm.
- Website update: [At the Deskside](#) (working title), a.k.a. my sporadic, cozy blog. This newsletter is for *news*, whereas the blog is just a little corner for me to ramble about my other passions as and when.
- Website update: One of the entries in the above blog is a more personal response to this [Author FAQ](#) question.
- **Expanded social presences:** my [LinkTree](#) collects all of these in one place, but you can now find me on Bluesky, Facebook, Tumblr, Pinterest, Reddit, Goodreads, and The StoryGraph! Though I am not a social media person at heart and this newsletter remains the best – and first – place to hear the latest, I'd love it if you came to hang out. None of those your thing? Remember you can always send me an email, reply to this one, or leave a comment on the blog!

Alas I must return to work, now. My ARC Team are busy reading *Stone and Flesh*, so I should get busy too. Amidst preparing the Kickstarter campaign and, in general, readying *Stone and Flesh* for publication on March 1st, I've been making progress on Book 2! Wish me luck as I delve into the new cast of characters Fîeron

et al will meet, unearth new antagonists, and further illuminate the mysteries of Ícalar.

Happiest of harvest seasons to you and yours! Celebrate well, and as they say in Kiva, "Uushbaht ru'onrel." – be safe as you go.

With love and gratitude,

Tamara S. Harker

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Just \$5, even in this economy, still manages to Buy Me A Coffee!

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