

October News from Cheyenne Blue

Hello again, and welcome to October. Yes, I know it's nearly November, but October seems to have flown past, so I'm going to make the most of the final week or so.

When I've lived in the northern hemisphere, October was always my favourite month.

Something to do with the crispness in the air and those autumn/fall leaves. In Colorado, the aspens are no doubt turning golden and a friend sent me a photo of a black bear going through his trash. In Ireland, I'm sure the oaks are going a lovely red-gold.



Here in Queensland, I'm sitting in a sarong and it's going to be another hot day of 30+ degrees Celsius. Oh well. My washing will dry fast and the veggies are growing well.

I have an apology this month. Last month I said I'd draw the audiobook code for a copy of *Code of Conduct* on 1 October. Didn't happen. Crappy internet, a tax deadline (That I missed. Of course I did. I miss it every year.), and then a week away from normal life, meant that the drawing didn't happen. But it's happened now, and Simona S is the winner. Simona, I'll email you the details as soon as I hit send on this newsletter.

On the writing front, my next book *All at Sea* is with the copyeditor, so I'm trying to forget about Kaz and Stevie for a bit so that when the copyedits come back, I can look at them with fresh eyes. Instead, I've been focussing on the book after that. Right now, it's called *Counting the Stars*, and it's outlined, I'm letting the characters worm their way into my head, and I have a signed contract from Ylva, so all I have to do is write it.

Right. 😊 I say that like it's nothing! Holy moly, if only that were the case! Bring on the early-morning coffee, the lunchtimes at my day job with my office door closed, the highs of thinking it's really quite good, to the utter low of being convinced it's the worst thing I've ever written. Of being slammed by an unexpected subplot and having to rewrite the first half to include it, of realising that what made perfect sense in an outline suddenly

has a gaping hole the size of a meteorite crater. Yup. Who said writing was easy? Still, when it comes down to it, it's also satisfying, compulsive, obsessive, and *fun*. Yup, it's fun, which is why I'll close that door and open my writing program, Scrivener, next week.



A Heart This Big will be released as an audiobook on **29 October**. That's practically next week. It's narrated by Claire Alain, who did such a fantastic job with *Code of Conduct*. It's already on [Amazon for pre-order](#) and you can hear a sample of [Claire's narration here](#).

I'm in awe of audiobook narrators - how they bring the characters to life, with their different voices and speech patterns. I totally understand how some people love to read a book AND listen to the narration. Nothing beats a book in your hand, but I'm a convert to audiobooks as well.

Finally, I managed to read quite a bit during my week's volunteering (and hey, if you, like me, think that volunteers help make the world turn a little more smoothly, don't forget that *A Heart This Big* is chock full of volunteers helping with animals and kids, and making the special place that is Banksia Farm just that little bit better).



The above image is part of the reason for my distraction earlier this month. For the third year in a row, I was volunteering at a conservation park on the coast. Volunteers mainly do "vegetation management" which is a fancy term for weeding. It helps control the invasive species and allows the native vegetation to thrive. For the week, you get to stay in one of the very old lighthouse keepers' cottages. Once weeding is done, then the point (which is only accessible along the beach by 4x4 at low tide) is yours to explore. Sunrise with coffee. Sunset with wine. It's magical.

Back to what I've read...I loved Jae's [The Roommate Arrangement](#) and I'm totally in awe at how she managed to write a character who is a comedian! And then I've been in tennis heaven reading Lola Keeley's [Slammed](#). Because, tennis. 'Nuff said. 😊 I loved it

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