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My dearest reader,

Where did it go? 2022? Another whole year? 😊

I know, I know you have not heard much from me since you subscribed to my newsletter in the spring. You are right, my sincere apologies. 🙏

In my defense, I had multiple newsletter drafts, which did not make the final cut because I was looking for perfection, for the right moment, for the right photo, for the earth-shattering news...for something that was not there. Well, lesson learned— Don't look for what is missing, look for what is already present.



I hope you have not been so hard on yourself as I was. I hope you took the time to enjoy some downtime, some peace, and some time to read, think, savor your achievements, and evaluate where you were and where you wanna be. I hope they were the same place but if not, it's never too late to change direction.

What is different for me in the end, compared to the beginning of 2022?

My Community Contribution:

Well, for starters I ran in 3 charity races: in January- Ronnie's Run(helps drug addiction among youth), in February- Gasparilla(multiple causes- St Jude's Hospital was one of them), and November-Miles for Moffitt(supports Cancer Research).

Although this is my fifth year of such a commitment, it never gets old. I still feel excited and doubtful about how well I would finish. In the January race, I ran next to a young man, with a prosthetic leg. In the February race, next to an elderly veteran. In the November race, next to a cancer survivor. The very presence of these people did not let me consider not finishing it. (I'm sorry for the double negative 😞)

And please, do not mistake me for these amazing runners, who get up at 4 am and run 5 miles every day. I am not one of them. However, I do observe a schedule to run with my doggie, but it changes frequently. Bottom line, you do not have to be a running champion to support a cause close to your heart.



If you feel like hearing more about running, Please, [Click HERE](#)

To get my FREE Story, "The Running Girl"

Thanks to my awesome readers, my book, **Cursed Beauty**, is accumulating some great reviews on **Amazon & Good Reads**.

Amazon Reviews:

“Devastatingly Beautiful Short Story Collection”

“It was truly an emotional roller coaster...”

“...reading Cursed Beauty is a 5-star experience.”

Good Reads Reviews:

“Each story is a masterpiece on its own.”

**“...rich details provide an intimate view of women's lives across
generations”**

“A Must-Read...”

Order *Cursed Beauty* [HERE](#).

If you like the book, please support it with a 2-3 sentence review.



@Tampa Indie Book Festival, a Wonderful meeting with readers, June 2022

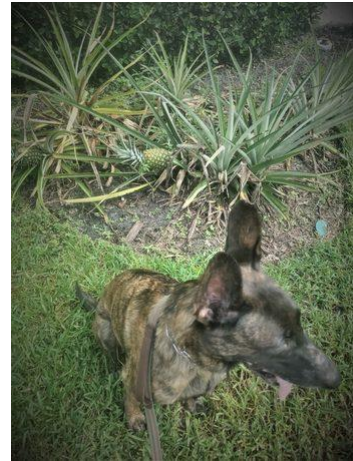
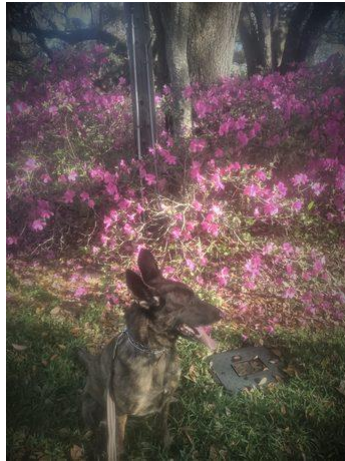
And the most important question?

What have I been writing all year?

Well, since I finished a collection of 12 stories, I fueled my energy into something different--poetry. So, I participated in some open-mic poetry readings and spent some time with my poetry writing group to share & critique poetry. At this moment, I do have enough poems for a book collection, but they are very raw and need to sit through a series of revisions, editing & proofreading before you, my dear reader will be able to hold them.

Meanwhile, while I am catching up with my reading list around the holidays, I am outlining my next collection of stories. But more about it...next year 📖📚

And here is a glimpse of some happy moments from 2022:



a-ladybird came to my car...& I made a wish
b-Myla led me to a beautifully bloomed tree
c-Myla found a pineapple plant in our neighborhood

So, cheers to new adventures and destinations that you have never been aware of. You can make a detailed plan, follow your creative instinct, or just follow your puppy's instinct. 😊

Whatever you choose, it will be exciting. Enjoy the holidays, recharge, and get ready to embrace your new year.

Till we meet again with more writing, reading, and Myla news,
Warmly,

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P.S. Please, Do not hesitate to write me back. Share which story was a favorite from my book. Which is your favorite charity cause? Which book was your holiday read?



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