

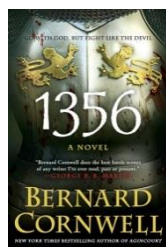
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WELCOME TO THE RELAUNCH OF MY NEWSLETTER! New look, new content, new schedule, new ways for you to engage. But one thing that hasn't changed is my promise to you: I won't spam your inbox. You'll only hear from me once every 4-6 weeks. And, as always, you can opt out at any time.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUBSCRIBERS

Been reading the Second Son Chronicles? Ever wonder what happened before the Chronicles began – before Alfred started his journey to discover his destiny? Wonder no longer. A prequel is in the works. And each newsletter issue will include a link to a secret page with a new installment of the prequel. [Click here to read the first installment now.](#)

READING



I just finished reading Bernard Cornwell's *1356* – the fourth book in his Thomas of Hookton series. I'd read the three previous volumes some years ago and loved them but had somehow managed not to get to this one. It doesn't disappoint. Set during the Hundred Years War and focused on the Battle of Poitiers, it gripped me from the first paragraph. The cover blurb from George R. R. Martin (yeah, that one, the *Game of Thrones* guy) reads, "Bernard Cornwell does the best battle scenes of any writer I've ever read, past or present." I cannot disagree. ★★★★★

WRITING

Busy, busy, busy. Final edits on the next book. More details – and the cover reveal, I hope – in the next issue of the newsletter. As always, subscribers will be the first to learn about what's coming next. I'm also working on installments of the Chronicles prequel and getting underway with a new novel targeted for December 2024. Never a dull moment around here!

WATCHING

Earlier this year I watched the drama series *Knightfall* on Netflix (it was originally created for the History channel and was cancelled after two seasons). For pure entertainment value, I can highly recommend it. If you're a stickler for historical accuracy, you might have to suspend disbelief in order to enjoy the story and the production quality. Many of the characters are historical – in particular, Philip IV of France and his immediate family and Jacques de Molay, the last grand master of the Knights Templar. And Philip's feud with the Templars is well known. Unfortunately, pretty much everything else in the story line (including the reason for the feud) is a product of the writers'

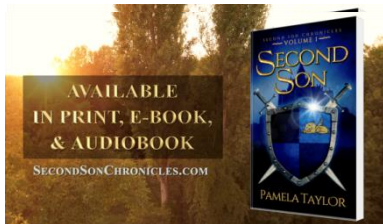
imaginations. That doesn't mean it's not good storytelling. And for fans of *Star Wars*, see if you can find Mark Hamill – I promise you'll be surprised.

NEWS FROM THE CORGIS



If you've read my author bio, you know I share my home with two Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Maggi and Taylor. Maggi has been with me for 11-1/2 of her 12 years, and Tay came to live with us this past January. Tay just celebrated her sixth birthday, so we had a backyard photoshoot and got some new pictures of the girls. That's Maggi on the left, looking up at the treat being held just out of camera range. Tay's the tricolor. Watch for their contributions in future issues.

THE BOOKS



Great reviews and ratings for all volumes of the Second Son Chronicles continue to pour in on Amazon and Goodreads. If you haven't started the series yet and are wondering if you'd like it, check out what some of these readers have to say. Or [watch the trailer for Volume 1](#).

THIS MONTH'S CONTEST

Who doesn't like a chance to win something? This month's giveaway is a free audiobook of one of my titles. Just [visit the contest page](#) and enter for your chance to win. There'll be **two lucky winners**.

EVENT CALENDAR

- 11-12 November 2023 Texas Book Festival, Austin, TX
I'll be signing books in my publisher's booth (Black Rose Writing) from 11:00 to 12:30 on Saturday and 10:00 to 2:00 on Sunday.
- 27 January 2024 Meet the Author and Book Signing, Monkey and Dog Books, Ft. Worth, TX
- 24 February 2024 Amelia Island Book Festival Author Expo – Confirmation pending
- 7-11 June 2024 SWA 2024 Writers Conference, St. Simon's Island, GA, Historical Fiction Faculty

Would love to meet and chat with you at any of these events. For now, wishing you happy reading!

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