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Hoping all who celebrate had a joyful Christmas and that everyone is looking forward to a wonderful 2024. A couple of years back, I delved a bit into celebrations of the winter solstice for an article on DIY MFA and discovered quite a variety across cultures. If you're curious, have a look [here](#).

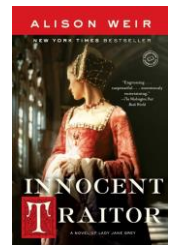
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Find out more of what's in store for young Sir Cedric in the [next installment](#) of the prequel to the Second Son Chronicles. Of course, don't forget to come back here for more news and goodies.

READING

Do you like the Tudor period but are getting a little tired of Henry and his "great matter"? Fast-forward a few years, and you'll find a story that hasn't been overworked. In *Innocent Traitor*, Alison Weir imagines the tale of the nine-days queen, Lady Jane Grey. Yes, Weir writes fiction in addition to her histories. Spoiler alert: this one doesn't end well for the people at the center of the story. Nevertheless, it's an intriguing tale that Weir weaves expertly.



WRITING

They say there's no rest for the . . . weary? . . . wicked? . . . I say "writer." The last few months for me have been a quest for the next story to tell, and I think I've found a good one. All I'll say for now is that we'll stay in the 14th century. But keep watching this space for hints.

WATCHING

I recently binged *The Diplomat* on Netflix. If you're squeamish about language, this one may not be for you. But it's good story-telling. Nothing historical about it, as it's a modern political thriller. The gender-reversal in the drama is nicely done as Rufus Sewell plays anything but a stereotypical spouse.

TAY TALK



That's me on the day Maggi and I had our big photo shoot. It was my sixth birthday, and we got a lot of treats. I bark sometimes – I'm a Corgi, after all. But I make all kinds of other vocalizations too. Mom says it sounds like I'm talking, so I thought I'd call my newsletter articles "Tay Talk." We had a fun Christmas. Maggi and I got some turkey, and Mom even saved out some of the cooked sweet potatoes for us before she put all the extra stuff in them that hoomans like. They were yummy.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Now that my published books are going beyond the Second Son Chronicles, it's time for an update to my social media presence. The [page for the Chronicles](#) isn't going away, but you can now [follow me by name](#). You can recognize my site by the cover photo that looks like my newsletter banner and this profile photo.



THIS MONTH'S CONTEST



This month's giveaway is 2 Advance Review Copies of *The Rest of His Days*. As always, there's a little entry quiz based on the contents of this newsletter. Winners will be chosen at random from all the correct answers received by midnight (US Central Time) on Twelfth Night (that's January 6). [Click here to enter](#).

Winners who live in the US or Canada will receive a signed paperback. For winners elsewhere around the globe, I'll send you a PDF – shipping costs and delivery times are just too prohibitive to send a physical book.

I hope you'll be kind enough to provide an honest review and rating on Goodreads, Amazon, or wherever you can leave reviews. Note that Goodreads accepts reviews/ratings at any time; Amazon accepts them beginning on the release date (April 4); other sites will have their own rules.

For now, wishing you all the best for 2024!

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