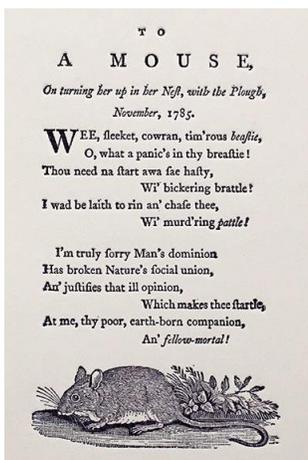


Pamela Taylor

When I sat down at the beginning of April to create this edition of the newsletter, I thought I'd use the term "March Madness" to describe what had been happening in my world. Now that I'm finally getting back to the task here at the *end* of April, I think the better metaphor might be a marathon. That's certainly what the past two months have felt like.

Last autumn, I signed a contract with my publisher for a new book, and at the time, I was pretty sure what the story was going to be about. Confident enough to agree to a 1 May 2024 deadline for the final manuscript.



Remember Robert Burns' take on best laid plans*? Well, mine went *very much* agley. By the beginning of January, it was obvious that the story I thought I was telling was going nowhere interesting, so it was time for a major re-grouping. Which, as you might expect, led to some pretty intense restructuring, writing, editing, conversations with my editor, revisions . . . and more than one session at the keyboard that ran well into the wee hours of the morning. I have now officially joined the Writers Overwhelmed by a Deadline Club. (But at least I'm in pretty good company.) Anyway, more on that later.

And then there was the impostor problem. I discovered an account on Facebook pretending to be me. The impostor had stolen my photo from my Amazon author page and had stolen some posts from the Chronicles FB page and put together a fairly plausible looking account – except some of the posts said things I would never say. I reported it and it looks like Facebook has taken it down. But if any of you inadvertently responded to a Friend or Follow request or a Messenger invitation that had my photo with a blue background, please know it was an impostor – and please reconnect with me at the correct site in the signature block below. You'll know it's the right one because I'm wearing red in the profile picture and the cover photo matches the banner of this newsletter.

Yeah, March and April were kind of crazy.

* From *To a Mouse*: "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men
Gang aft agley"

THE REST OF HIS DAYS

It's out in the world!!! And I hope some of you have already added it to your collection. Not only are the print and E-book editions available, the audiobook is as well. I'm absolutely over the moon about the narration on this one. This narrator is a consummate voice actor and really brings the story to life. Check out This Month's Contest for a chance to win a free audiobook.

And check out some of the reviews that have been coming in.

"A stunning addition to the genre." — Karen Brooks, International Bestselling Author of *The Good Wife of Bath*

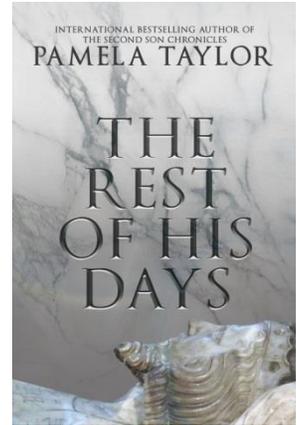
"Meticulous research and colorful storytelling make this medieval saga truly memorable." — Elizabeth Hutchison Bernard, Bestselling Author of *Sisters of Castle Leod*

"Just be prepared, once you start, you won't want to stop!" — Goodreads reviewer

"I loved how emotionally invested I got in this story." — Amazon reviewer

"This is the first book I've ever read by Pamela Taylor and I have clearly been missing out." — Goodreads reviewer

"Even if you're not a history buff, you'll love this book!" — Linda Rosen, Author of *The Emerald Necklace*



TAY TALK



Maggi and I are really happy the days are getting warmer and we can go for more walks. I just love meeting people and dogs when we're out on the walking path. Mom says I'm her social butterfly, whatever that is. All I know is, making new friends is so much fun.

We both love sniffing the scent-scape along the way. One of my favorite things is finding a spot where the grass is really thick and having a good roll. I keep telling Mom she should try it sometime, but I don't think she's very keen on the idea.

LAST MONTH'S CONTEST RESULTS

Thanks so much to everyone who entered to help me choose a name for the captain of men-at-arms in the new book. The votes are counted, and the outcome was indisputable – a full 50% of you chose the name Durant. The computer randomly selected the contest winner from among

all those who voted for that name. And the winner, who kindly gave permission to use her name, is Amber Rose McDaniel.

CONTINUING THE PREQUEL TO THE CHRONICLES – SUBSCRIBER EXCLUSIVE

OK, I have to fall on my sword. With everything it took to make my manuscript deadline, there simply weren't enough hours in the day to work on a new installment. Oh, I could have whipped out something that didn't have a lot of thought behind it, but you wouldn't have enjoyed it, and we'd all be stuck with something hodge-podgy in the midst of the back story to Alfred's tale.

I hereby give you my solemn promise for a new installment in next month's newsletter . . . and a longer one than usual to make up for disappointing you this month. And if you're a new subscriber and would like to get caught up before the next installment, just [click here](#).

THIS MONTH'S CONTEST

So, without further ado, here's your chance to win a free copy of the audiobook of *The Rest of His Days*. There are 4 free copies available. The computer will choose the winners at random from among all the entries received. Deadline for entering is May 7th. [Click here to enter](#).

EVENT CALENDAR



7-10 June 2024, Southeastern Writers Association 2024 Writers Conference, St. Simon's Island, GA, Historical Fiction Faculty

22 June 2024, Book signing, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Talking Animals Books, Grapevine, TX

I'm sure there'll be more events as the year goes on – just don't have the details yet. And I always enjoy meeting and chatting with readers.

For now, wishing you happy reading!

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