



Welcome to the Museletter!
Seventh edition!

Hot off the press (or at least off my keyboard!)

A monthly newsletter where I'll update you on my creative endeavours, books that I've enjoyed (with links where relevant), and some musings on the creative process.

Time is precious and I don't want to waste yours, so...

- A huge portion of the world was stunned to learn that Chadwick Boseman had lost his battle with cancer last week. He was arguably best known for his portrayal of Marvel's T'Challa / Black Panther. In our household we were utterly stunned to hear the news.

He apparently had been fighting it for 4 years, during which time he still turned up for work, public appearances, and gave back to the community, making visits to children's hospitals.



It's a timely reminder that we often never know what's going on inside people's lives. It doesn't take even 5 minutes to reach out to friends and family and just check in on them - a text, an email, a phone call. Your words could be the strength they need to get through their struggle.

- My update:
Last month I mentioned one of my new projects - "Wagging His Tail Behind Him."

The tag line, and the inspiration for this, is: "Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep... but Mary had a little lamb."

This was a strange mash-up question that



popped into my head one evening - “If Little Bo Peep lost her sheep (and sheep can be singular as well as plural), then how come Mary had a little lamb? Did Mary steal Bo Peep’s sheep? Is she a sheep rustler? A cowgirl gone bad?”

I had a story that I needed to write to find out!

- My book recommendation this month is:
Your Name Is A Song, by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow.

I heard the author speak on the Picturebooking podcast about her experience with people not pronouncing names correctly.

I bought it and was utterly captivated by the beautiful, heart-warming, affirming story of a young girl with a name that many find difficult to pronounce.



After her first day at school, she tells her mother that she doesn’t want to go back because the teacher can’t pronounce her name, and the children made fun of her.

Her mother tells her that she needs to teach them that her name is a song, and that all names have songs.

As they walk home they talk about names from many different cultures, including made-up names (which come from the stars!)

The author includes a phonetic version of each name, and a link to her reading the names so that you can hear them pronounced as well.

- If you have any questions about my writing, stories, or have a book that you’d like to recommend, please drop me a line so I can include it!
- Now just to make you groan:
What do sprinters eat before a race?
Nothing - they fast!

Thanks for your time.

Max and I will ‘see’ you next month.

Mauri ora!

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