



1 YEAR OF NEWSLETTERS!

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Newsletter

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Book Snippet

"Feiyu tried to tune out her family, focusing on the lavender sky above dotted with countless lights, swaying with the wind under the full moon. Her shoes clacked under the cobblestone streets, and the smell of incense wafting from busy shops mixed with the cool night air tickled her nose. Sounds came from all sides, laughing children, chatting diners, shouting vendors, a boy's voice. "Red?" it said. She recognized the smooth tones of his voice but tensed at the nickname.

"Yuru?" she turned to see him jogging behind, an unlit lantern in his hands.

Behind him trailed his parents, hand in hand. His Father, the Discipline Mandarate's presence was commanding, yet held a content smile and had his hair in an casual yet intricate top-knot."

-Chapter 1: Match Rings

Summertime Havoc

It's crazy how time flies! I've been making these little newsletters for a year now, but it feels like just yesterday that I decided to create my personal yapping avenue. Inside Out 2 released this month, and sure, everyone has emotions, but inside my head, there's an extra emotion: mr. yappington. It's the 12th newsletter, so I promise I'll *try* to make this a fun one.

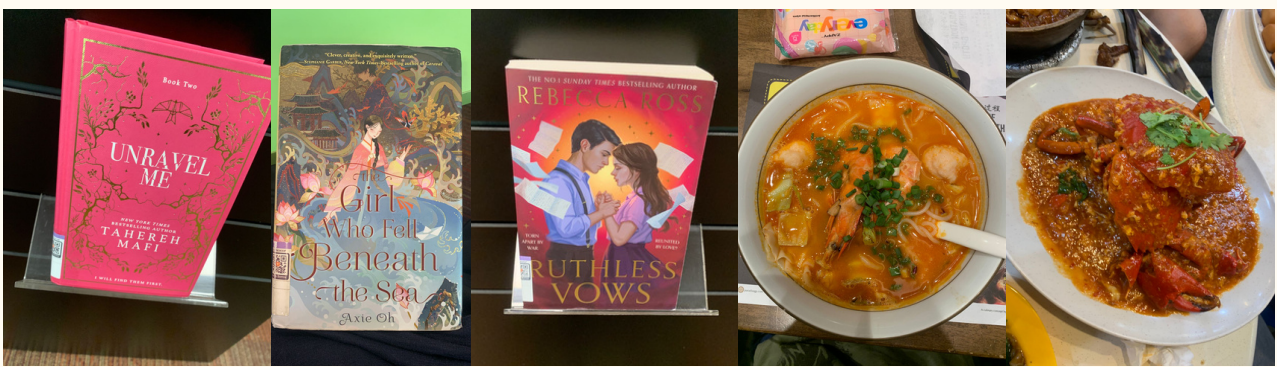


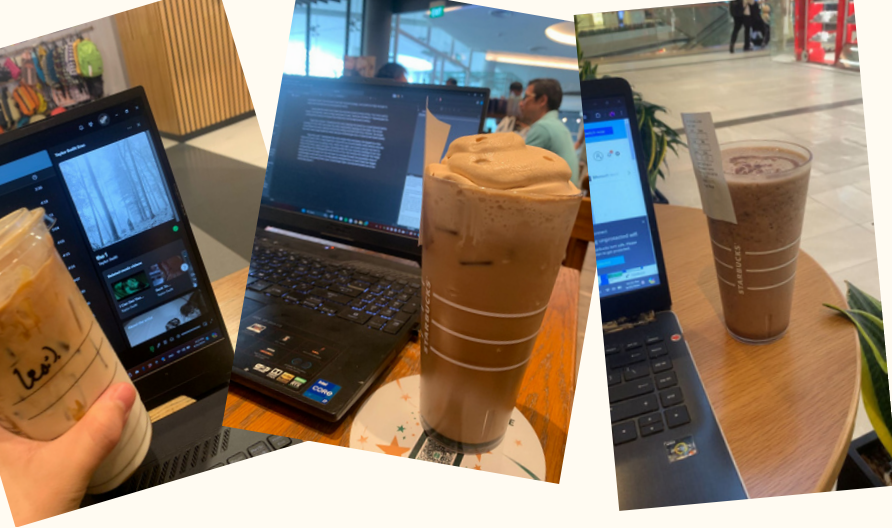
June started off with a much-needed hike up Mount Andong. One of the perks to living in Indonesia is that there will literally be a mountain at your doorstep (by doorstep I mean 45 minutes away). The beautiful but extremely tiring hike with my friends gave me a boost and *reminder* to make this summer a productive one. So far this summer, I've got 6 chapters done, which is less than I would've liked, but if I continue at this rate for the rest of the break, it will be great progress!

During the summer,, my family usually goes back home to Singapore, and the transition is usually rough, since the small city we live in Indonesia doesn't have an airport and it's hard to find direct flights. Part of the transition included sleeping in a spa massage room (Don't ask)!!! Ever since landing "home", I've felt like a tourist in my own country, seeing everything like a foreigner would and taking too many photos.



*Going back to SG means good food and good books
(free from the library <3).*

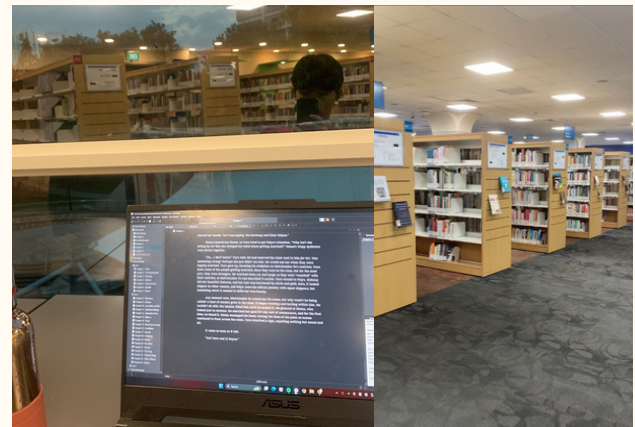




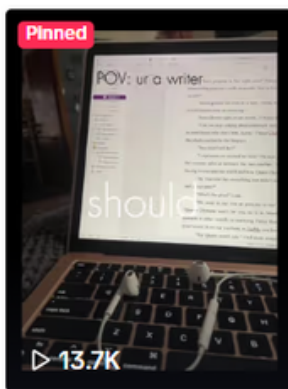
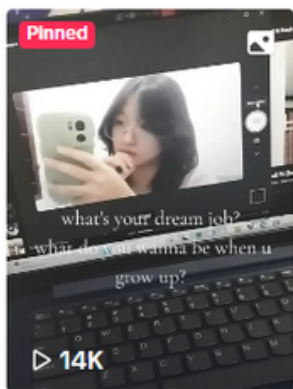
Excursions to Starbucks

Starbucks is truly the best place to write. The coffee there is exactly the same as the one in Indonesia, so when I took a sip in Singapore, I was hit with nostalgia, which also helped kick my brain into creative mode! I always get work done at Starbucks, so I know a trip there will result in productivity*.

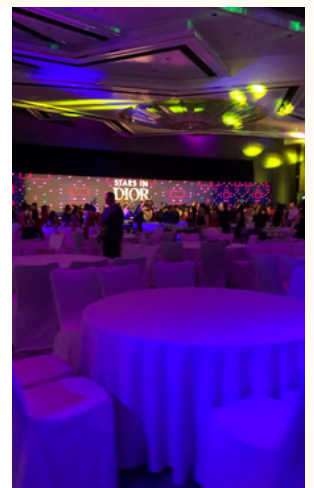
My poor wallet really can't take anymore starbucks trips, so I had to work in the library for a bit. It's nice and quiet and all, but I didn't get as much work done there...



We decided to start our Tiktok up again, like we did last summer, and had two videos that reached 13k already (Both edited by Ersa, the tiktok beast). We are only *really* active on our socials during the summer, since that's when we have time. We started posting the regular stuff, like character aesthetic videos, nature aesthetic videos, your random bookish memes and booktok trends.



I'm saving up for a trip to New York with my aunt next summer, so I had to pick up some odd jobs, including being a banquet server at a Dior Luxury Event! Definitely a unique but tiring experience. Earned some good money, though.



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Story geniusing

"So even if the exact thing your protagonist expects to happen does indeed occur, you'd better make sure it *feels* very different than she thought it would—and causes unintended problems that she never once anticipated."
-Lisa Cron

Reads of the Month

None of This Is True 5/5

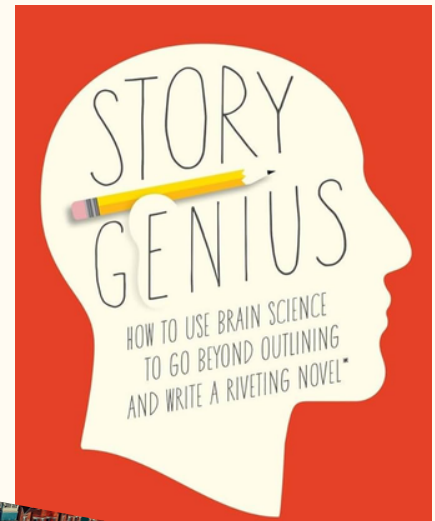
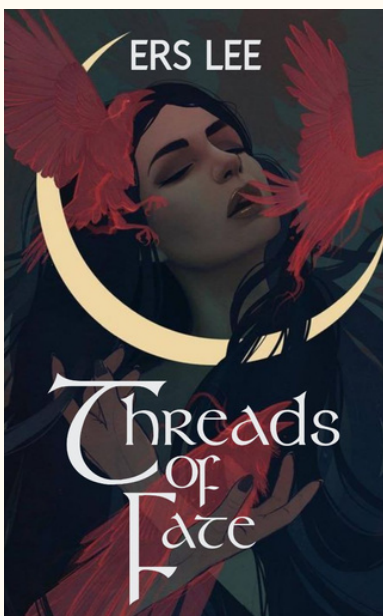
Dipped my feet into a thriller and was not at all dissatisfied. This is the perfect thriller for starters, since it's not too dark and kept my attention the whole time! I even got my mom reading it.

Betting on you 5/5

I'm almost done with this one, but let me tell you, this is the most perfect YA romance I've ever read. Lyn Painter never fails to disappoint (I don't give '5/5's easily. Only good reads this June!).

My take on Espresso by Sabrina Carpenter:

I'm working late, cuz I'm a writer
Oh they look so dead, my tired fingers



Next on reading list:



Monthly Weird Word!

Pennyweighter – a thief that steals jewelry by substituting a fake for a valuable piece.

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