

MARCH MUSINGS

SHARON VIRT



The Irish Legacy of Storytelling

Tales of Honor and Heritage

March is a month of transition—a time when the last whispers of winter give way to the green promise of spring. And, of course, it's the month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, when streets fill with the hum of bagpipes, the clinking of glasses, and the proud echoes of an Irish past that still shapes our present.

For me, this time of year is not just about the festivities; it's about reflection—on heritage, history, and the indelible mark the Irish left on America. Their journey was not an easy one. They arrived in waves, escaping famine, oppression, and poverty, but they carried with them something more powerful than any hardship they faced: resilience, faith, and a deep reverence for storytelling.

One such story inspired *Masque of Honor*. Jack McCarty, one of the novel's central figures, was a fiery and ambitious young man born into one of Virginia's wealthiest families. His father was of Irish descent, and his family lineage included George Washington and George Mason. Though Jack did not arrive in America as an immigrant, he inherited the Irish spirit of passion and determination, qualities that shaped his journey through the complexities of early America.

His story, set against the backdrop of a young nation, is just the beginning. As I continue writing the next book in the McCarty family saga, I find myself even more drawn to the ways in which Irish culture wove itself into the fabric of American life.

The Irish brought more than their labor to America; they brought their legends, their poetry, and their unyielding love of words. [<READ MORE>](#)

A promotional banner for a Kindle deal. On the left, a hand holds a white Kindle displaying the book cover for 'The Grays of Truth' by Sharon Virts. The cover features a woman's face and a house. A red starburst graphic with '\$0.99' is overlaid on the left. On the right, a red vertical banner contains the text 'March 20th', 'KINDLE Deal of the Day', and a paragraph about the book's secrets and suspense. At the bottom right of the red banner is a stylized 'SV' logo.

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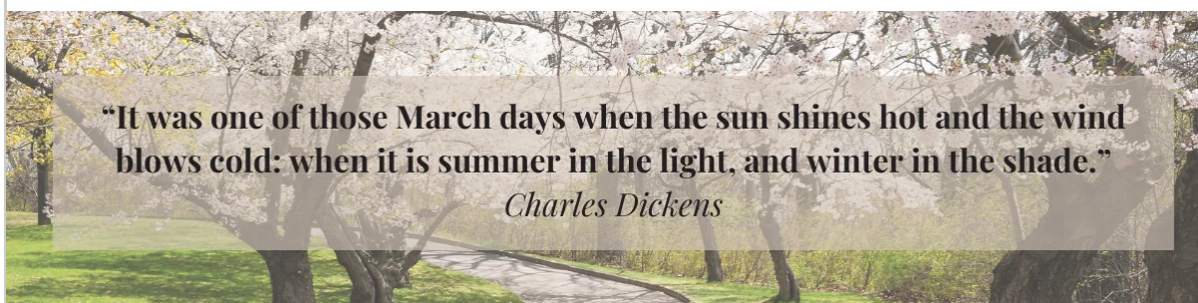
March 20th

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My First Impressions of Sharon's Upcoming Novel:

Bargains of Fate

Guest Columnist, KM Brown

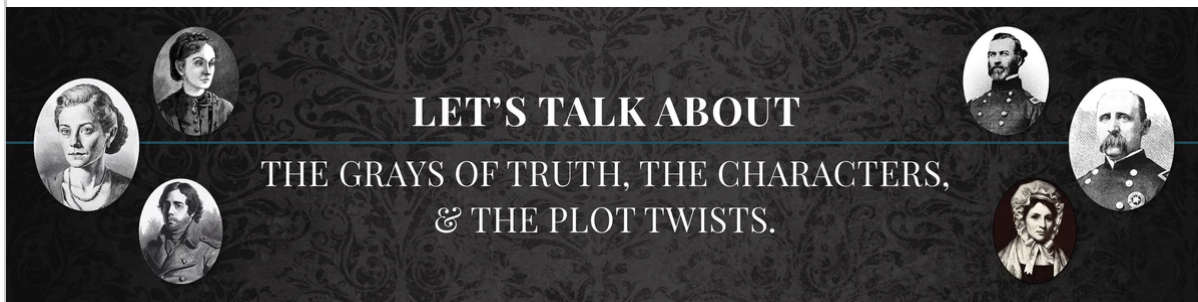
Bestselling author Sharon Virts is deep into writing *Bargains of Fate*, the long-awaited sequel to *Masque of Honor*. This novel, the second in what will become part of the ***Fields of Honor*** series, continues the story of Jack McCarty following his infamous duel with Armistead Mason. As Sharon has developed the plot and character arcs, *Bargains of Fate* has emerged as the perfect title for this chapter in Jack's journey.

Right now, Sharon is 75,000+ words into the 100,000 she owes her publisher, steadily working toward the manuscript's completion. Readers can expect the novel to launch around this time next year. But before *Bargains of Fate* hits shelves, *Masque of Honor* will be re-released with scenes that were not included in the original publication—offering fans a deeper look into Jack McCarty's world and setting the stage for what's to come.

Opening in 1822, *Bargains of Fate* picks up with Jack and Lucinda now married. However, Jack struggles with his identity and his place in society. He doesn't want to be known simply as a brave man of the dueling field—he wants respect for something greater. But fate has other plans, and despite his desires, Jack *may* find himself once again facing a challenge that forces him back to the field of honor.

This book brings back many familiar faces, including Lucinda, Sally, William, and Emily. However, new characters and expanded roles for others will deepen the intrigue and tension. Lucinda's sister, Fanny Lee, plays a more significant role in this novel, as do Jack's two best friends, James Dulaney and Dr. Cary Seldon. New characters such as Jack's cousin, Dennis McCarty, and James' cousin, French Beatty, along with his wife Josephine—who is notably the niece of Henry Clay—add layers of complexity and political entanglement to the story.

Themes of murder, infidelity, and an unexpected legal entanglement drive Jack and those closest to him toward life-altering decisions. A corrupt and spiteful bargain threatens everything Jack holds dear, leaving him to face difficult choices that could change the course of his family's destiny.





Date: March 27th



Time: 7:00 PM EST



Where: Zoom

I'm thrilled to invite you to a special virtual discussion on *The Grays of Truth*!

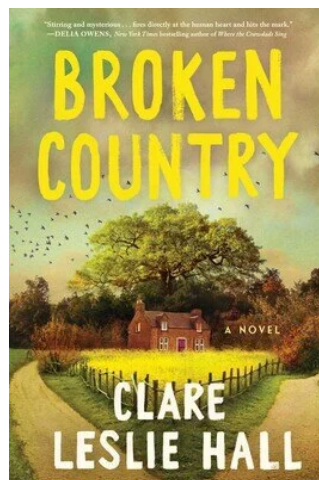
During this conversation, I'll share the journey behind the book—the historical mysteries that inspired it, the characters who came to life in its pages, and the creative process that shaped the story.

I hope you can join me! Click the button below to register. We will send the Zoom link to you when you register!

[Register Here for my March 27th Discussion](#)

March New Releases in Historical Fiction

Windy March days are a perfect time to settle into a great book!🍀 Check out some of the new releases in historical fiction that have just hit bookstore shelves.



4.5★ on Goodreads

Broken Country

by Clare Leslie Hall

Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. A sweeping love story with the pace and twists of a thriller.

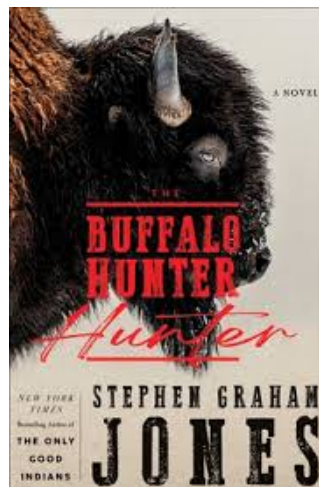


4.3★ on Goodreads

One Good Thing

by Georgia Hunter

1940, Emilia Romagna. Lili and Esti have been best friends since meeting at the University of Ferrara; when Esti's son Theo is born, they become as close as sisters. There is a war being fought across borders, and in Italy, Mussolini's Racial Laws have deemed Lili and Esti descendants of an 'inferior' Jewish race, but life somehow goes on—until Germany invades northern Italy, and the friends find themselves in occupied territory



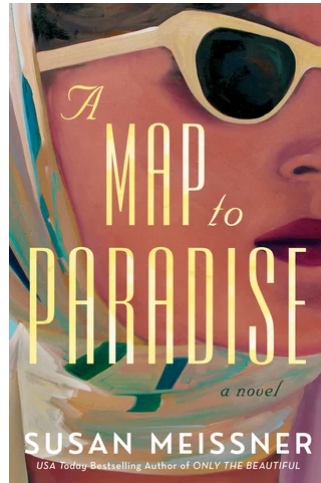
4.4★ on Goodreads

Buffalo Hunter

by Stephen Graham Jones

A chilling historical horror novel set in the American west in 1912 following a Lutheran priest who transcribes the life of a vampire who haunts the fields of the Blackfeet reservation looking for justice.

A diary, written in 1912 by a Lutheran pastor is discovered within a wall. What it unveils is a slow massacre, a chain of events that go back to 217 Blackfeet dead in the snow. I really want to read this one!



4.1★ on Goodreads

A Map to Paradise by Susan Meissner

1956, Malibu, Something is not right on Paradise Circle. Three women strike an unusual alliance to solve the mysterious disappearance of a neighbor.

Unexpected secrets are revealed leading to an alliance that seems the only way for any of them to hold on to what they can still call their own. But it's a fragile pact and one little spark could send it all up in smoke...



MARCH Journal

Write Your Way to Mindfulness

March Journaling Challenge: Embrace Mindful Moments!

Let's embark on a journey of self-reflection and inner peace this month! It's time to prioritize mindfulness in our journaling and discover the beauty in the present moment.

This month, let's focus on what makes you happy each day by capturing the little things that make our hearts sing. Whether it's a magical sunset, a comforting cup of tea, or a heartwarming conversation, let's cherish every mindful moment and pen those that made you smile in your journal.



✿ What did you do today that brought you JOY?

✿ What did you witness that put a SMILE on your face?

✿ What experience brought you PEACE ?

✿ Let's march into mindfulness with joy, happiness, and peace. ✿ **Get your pens ready and let the journaling begin!**

"Caption This" Content Call

For years, you've wowed me with your witty one-liners and hilarious takes on my weekly "Caption This" feature. **Now, I want to showcase YOUR photos!**

Send me your most fun, quirky, or curious snapshots, and I'll feature a new one each week for the community to caption—and win prizes. **Let's keep the laughter rolling!**



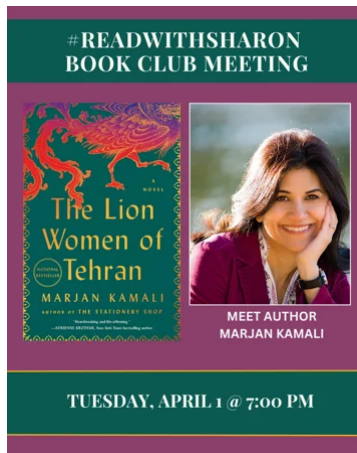
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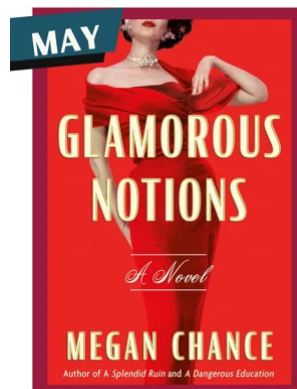
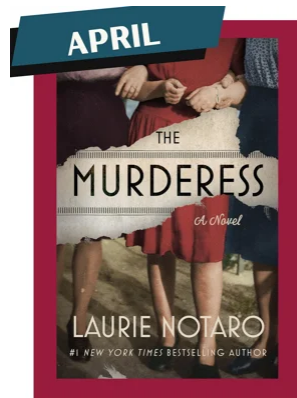
Historical Fiction Book Club

Get ready for an awesome line up in my [**#ReadWithSharon**](#) book club. On Tuesday April 1 at 7pm eastern, we will discuss our MARCH read, ***The Lion Women of Tehran*** with author Marjan Kamali-- an incredible story and author discussion you won't want to miss.



The #ReadWithSharon book club only reads current release (within the last year) historical fiction and I do my best to pre-read every selection before making the pick. Most months, the author joins us via zoom and you are able to ask questions during the discussion. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm eastern, and never go longer than an hour. For meetings you miss, you can access our zoom discussions with the authors on my [YouTube Channel](#).

If you love stories from the past, this club is for you. You can sign up for free [HERE](#)





Here's to the coming of spring and the renewal that it brings!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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