

Dragon in the Mirror Newsletter

Goodbye, 2021.

I was going to write something about the forest fires, floods, the ongoing pandemic, the . . .

But you know what? I know we've all seen stories on the news in the last twelve months that probably caused anxiety, hopelessness, worry, anger, fear, or sadness. (And on some days, I know I've had a culmination of several emotions that cascaded together and peaked to form a mountain.) This year has been another difficult one that will be a page marked in the history books. But, unfortunately, in these situations, all someone can say (or, in my case, write) is that I have no words that can make things better.

But hope is a powerful thing—a lifeline that's a belief that somehow, and in some way, things will turn around. When I struggle, either from personal or professional loss, it's the one thing that keeps me going.

On that note, my wish is for better and brighter days for everyone in 2022.

***The Bridge of Olin* (Dragon in the Mirror, Book #2)**

It's finally here.

The Bridge of Olin is available as an ebook on Apple, Kindle, Kobo, and Nook. The paperback is also available for purchase through Amazon.

<https://books2read.com/the-bridge-of-olin>

Currently, I'm working on finalizing the proof copy of the paperback with other distributors. My plan is to make the book available in the early part of 2022 with other booksellers.

Short Story: “The Object You See”

And that other short story that was accepted?

“The Object You See” was published in *Drunk Monkeys* in November 2021. And it's all about a unique, small object. Unlike the poem published in July of this year, this is a light-hearted read that I hope will put a smile on your face.

Check out the link below to read it now!

<https://www.drunkmonkeys.us/2017-posts/2021/11/8/fiction-the-object-you-see-penelope-hawtrey>

Closing Time

So, there you have it. Another tumultuous year down, and somehow, I've managed to get a couple of things done. For me, I think that's okay. Some days, the best I can do is to keep moving forward. No matter how slowly it feels like I'm going.

The next newsletter will be in March 2022. Maybe by then, I'll have the first few chapters drafted of the final book. Oddly enough, I already know how the third installment will end. ☺ Also, I think I might already have the title for the second book.

I know, right?

All the best,

Penelope

Author Bio

Penelope Hawtrey is a writer of short stories and novels. In December 2019, she released a children's fantasy novel, *Dragon in the Mirror: Into Canonsland*, the first book in the Dragon in the Mirror series.

The Bridge of Olin is now available as an ebook and paperback.

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