

2021: Book 2 of Dragon in the Mirror Will Be Released

Well, here we are again.

I hope wherever you are, you're staying safe and taking care of one another. I'm sitting here at my end, too, trying to protect those closest to me, friends, and strangers while tackling tasks that can't wait.

For sure, it's challenging. But 2021 looks more promising with a hope of a return to things we once did and took for granted.

So, on the note of moving forward...

Where am I with that 2nd book?

My word count is now at 36,000 words, and I'm writing Chapter 13. I've been distracted by other projects, writing short stories, completing submissions to literary journals and publishers for another project. It's time to commit, though, and carry on with Jayden's story.

So, I've set a personal deadline to have the first draft done for the 2nd book by the end of February. (Yes, yes, I still don't have a title. Sometimes, I struggle to name my stories. Once I've settled on a title, you'll hear about it first in this newsletter.)

On that note, here are the next steps I need to do once the first draft is complete:

- March – Editing (I also edit as I go.)
- April/mid-May – Edits by a professional editor
- May/June – Complete revisions.

That leaves a tight schedule to release the next book by late spring. So, as it looks now, the second book will most likely be released in the late summer or early fall. I'm committed to telling the best story I can, so if it takes a few more months to get it right, I'm okay with that.

I hope if you're eagerly awaiting the next adventure, you might wait just a few more months?

What else?

I've also decided to move the newsletters from monthly to quarterly. Here's when you can expect the next issues:

- March
- June
- September
- December

Finally...

I have two short stories forthcoming in literary journals. Once they've been released, I'll share the links in this newsletter.

And on that note, that's all I got. So, I'll say adieu now, and I'll catch everyone in March 2021.

Best,

Penelope

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Penelope Hawtrey is a Canadian 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 a planned series. She's currently hard at work on the second book with a tentative release date of late summer/early fall.

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