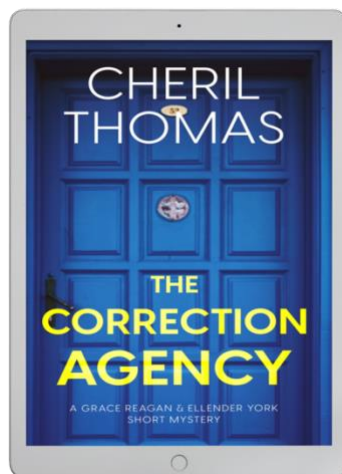


Happy September!

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Fall is rolling in here on the Eastern Shore with evening temps dipping into the fifties and very loud geese who make sure we know what's happening!

Welcome to everyone who joined our newsletter family in the past month. As promised, this edition includes an advance copy of the new novella, *The Correction Agency*. I've been talking about this new spinoff series featuring Ellender York and a crossover cast from the Grace Reagan Books. A prequel to Ellender's series, *The Correction Agency* ties back to her debut in *Death and Consequences* and sets up her new life as an unwilling heiress trying to give away her inherited fortune. Grace tries to keep her out of trouble, but how likely is that when Avril is Ellender's sidekick and Marjorie is causing trouble at every turn? Hope you have as much fun reading the story as I did writing it, and that you'll let me know what you think of the upcoming (2023) series. The link to your free Advance Reading Copy and a peek at the final cover are at the end of the newsletter.



But first, back to Grace's news—her next book has a title! Book Six is ***In the Absence of Truth***. The first draft is finished, and the projected publication date is May 2023. With good luck and Miss Ellie's help, you'll get an Eastern Shore Mystery with Grace *and* a Correction Agency Mystery with Ellender in 2023. (All magical speedwriting potions will be gratefully accepted.)

For those who missed the short message earlier this month, here's the scoop on the Killer Nashville International Writers' Conference. *DEATH AND CONSEQUENCES* was a finalist for a Silver Falchion Award in the Best Mystery of 2021 category, but sadly, finalist was as far as I got. While I didn't win, I met some wonderful writers and loaded up on new books for the TBR file. While you're waiting for the next Eastern Shore Mystery, check out Judy L. Murray's *Murder in the Master*, winner of the Best Cozy Mystery by an

Attendee. Also, the delightful Lori Roberts Herbst won Best Cozy of 2021 for *Suitable for Framing*. I have both on my bookshelf!

I'm off to write (after I walk You Know Who.) Happy reading!
Cheril

P. S. *The Correction Agency* is on preorder on Amazon and will be available for sale on October 4. (Just in case you have reader friends who aren't on this newsletter list.)

P.P.S If they're really *good* friends, be sure to tell them to go to www.cherilthomas.com and sign up!

See you in October