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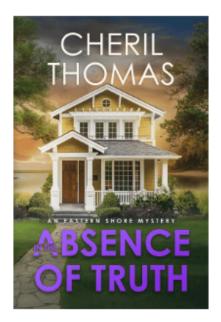
Welcome Everyone!

April has almost gotten away from me, and I'm not sure how that happened. Oh, yes—editing, allergies, and celebrating the warm-ish weather. And while all that was going on, a new **Eastern Shore Mystery** emerged from the story drafts that have been steadily growing since last fall.

Things are hectic here at my kitchen table desk as all the loose ends of publication are tied up for *In The Absence of Truth.* One of the unanswered questions from *Squatter's Rights* is resolved in *AOT*, and I am so excited for you to see how it wraps up. I may have mentioned before that sometimes the twists and turns in the plots are as surprising to me as they are to you. (Avril is especially sneaky, as you may imagine.)

Last month, I gave you a short excerpt from Chapter One, and as promised, a passage from Chapter Two is included below. I'll be sending a second short newsletter next week with a link to preorder the eBook version of *In the Absence of Truth* on Amazon.

In the meantime, here's another look at the cover and the "About This Book" page:



Which is worse, a lie or silence?

Stark Delaney stormed through life, alienating everyone around him. Deep wounds remain from the lies he told and the truths he hid. Not even his death can heal them.

The day after he dies, a dangerous game begins, and it all starts with Stark's last words to his family. A scrap of paper found in his pocket has a message in his handwriting—a warning and a promise wrapped in a poem. His death looks like a homicide, and the three short lines of clumsy verse spawn a dozen theories and reopen the darkest chapters of his family's history.

IN THE ABSENCE OF TRUTH

The Eastern Shore Mysteries, Book 6

From Chapter 2

Sneak Peek #2

Grace watched with a sense of detachment. She'd need more than a glass of water to regain her equilibrium. Her uncle had been a hard, unlikable person, but his death was still a blow. He had often hinted that he knew the identity of her father, but now whatever he'd known—if anything—was gone.

Mosley's next words pulled her back to the present. "There is no easy way to break this to Niki and Connie, but you'll think of something. And please make it quick. Two Ocean City police detectives are on their way."

From: In the Absence of Truth, Book 6 in the Eastern Shore Mysteries

Backyard Mystery Update

Reckless Robins, Part 2

As I told you last month, a pair of robins made their nest on the gear box for our patio awning. We weren't pleased at losing the shade in the afternoon, but Miss Ellie was beside herself with the invasion of her kingdom.

She has kept vigilant watch on the nest and was finally rewarded this week when chirping announced the new arrivals. Hope those babies learn to fly soon!





This month, I shifted to mysteries set in Europe. I really enjoyed *Lies Behind the Ruin* by Helen Matthews. I love mysteries set in little villages, especially when they involve the renovation of an old building. (Sound familiar?) This standalone mystery set in the French countryside is more about the rocky marriage of the main characters, but the supporting cast of villagers kept me hooked. Plus, it's free to read if you subscribe to Kindle Unlimited.

Ron and I are taking a long awaited, and several times postponed, vacation in a few weeks, and I'll have more time to read as we travel. Look for new recommendations in the May newsletter!



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