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It seems the holidays come faster every year...

...which means I'm also getting older quicker!

One minute you're celebrating the new year, and the next it's dressing up for Halloween (or just buying candy like me), and then popping a turkey in the oven (or like me, finding somewhere where the meal's already prepared!)

But I do love Fall.

I love the changing colors of the leaves, *if I don't have to rake them*. I love the chill in the night air, *as long as I have extra blankets and a heater*. I don't particularly like the shorter days, but I find it interesting I do start eating more vegetables this time of the year. *But wait, doesn't that include carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie?*

Thanksgiving also seems like the only day when the family agrees on everything: *Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and pie.*

But seriously, It's a time of year I always try to be thankful for everything I have; my health, my husband, most of my family and the time I have to devote to writing.

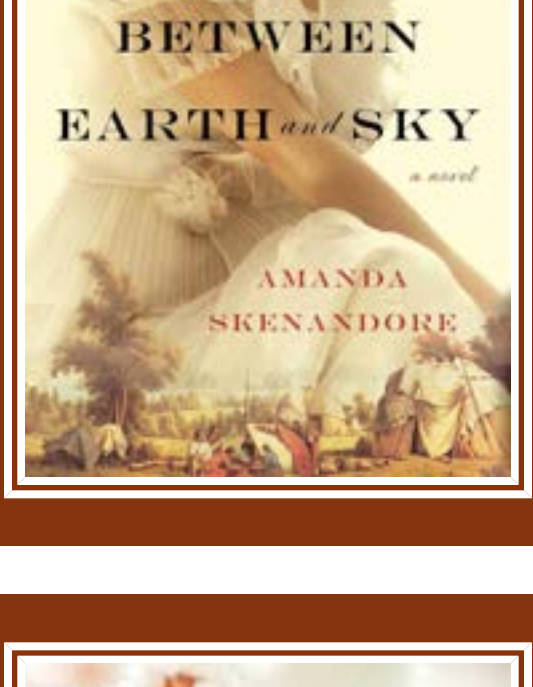
I hope your Thanksgiving is plentiful and that you have a pair of stretch pants hanging in the closet!

I also give thanks for Pinterest and all their great ideas!



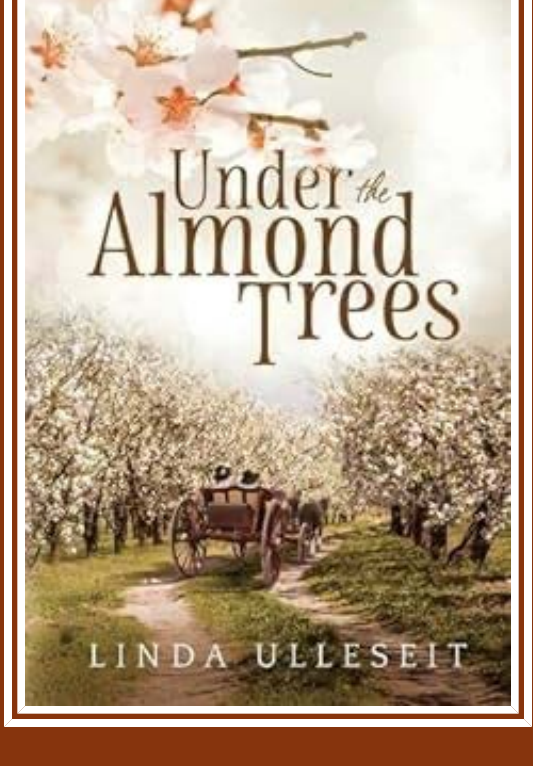
What I'm reading:

I just finished:



Between Earth and Sky by Amanda Skenadore

Another historical fiction novel about an independent woman who persuades her lawyer husband to represent a childhood classmate.



Under the Almond Trees, by Linda Ulleseit

What a great story based on her family! It follows three main strong and independent women, and takes place in California where her ancestors were from.

Here I am playing nurse in Arizona. We spent a week in Scottsdale with our daughter recouping from bi-lateral knee replacement. Ouch.

Here's me as nurse Ratched with enough hair to pull back into a clipper. For the longest time, I went to bed looking like an old woman with a new perm, to waking up with wild hair and looking like Richard Simmons! Now I'm looking a lot like the old me! I can't believe it's been two years since the beginning of my journey beating ovarian cancer. Ladies, get that abdominal ultrasound!

(I did finish editing book 4, The Maidservant in Cabin Number One.)



November Going's On:



Sunday, November 5, I'll be at the **Anaheim Public Library** for an Indie Author Day from 11-4.

Saturday, November 11 I'll be at **Timberline in the Glen**, (Lake Arrowhead) from 1-4 signing books. Not only do they have a great store, but they sell more of my books than anyone! If you're up in the mountains, stop by and say "hey"

And **most Saturdays**, I'm at the Mission Viejo Farmers Market selling books. Come see me if you live in the area. (let me know you're coming so I can let you know if I'll be there.)

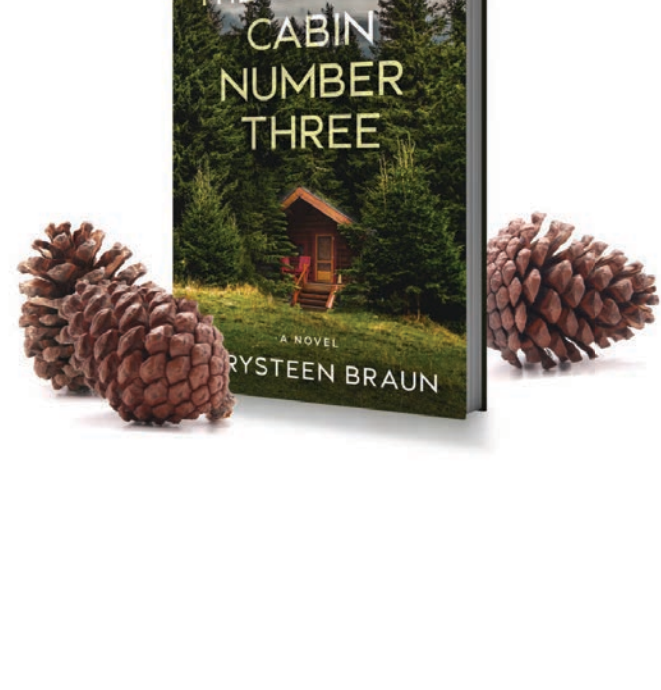
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