

#### October 2023

Happy October – I hope you've all had the chance to get outside and enjoy some of the beautiful fall colors!

#### Current Writing

Several readers have been curious about my second book in the UnMasked series. When is the book that continues the Patti and Jen story coming out? I've had quite a few projects and balls in the air over the last couple months, BUT... I've plotted and started book two and I'm moving a few items around as I get ready to participate in NaNoWriMo in November. NaNoWriMo is a writing challenge that takes place during the month of November. The challenge is to write 50,000 words of a novel in thirty days. Now to give you some perspective, UnMasked is a little over eighty-six thousand words. My goal is to have more than 50,000 words completed – and I'm figuring out how I can manage my multiple projects and get my butt in a chair and start writing. I'm excited, as I think about getting lost in the world of Patti and Jen. I can't wait! So, if you see me in November – especially after November 4th, please ask me how my word count is going!

## First Book Signing Road-trip

October has been FUN! The first leg of our trip took us to The Shack in White Cloud, MI for a book signing and the chance to see the beautiful fall colors. The Shack is a lovely place to stay – it's located on Robinson Lake, with woods and trails to help you enjoy the peaceful serenity of this special location. Breakfast, dinner and banana splits are included in the price of your room. Here's a picture of the beautiful sunrise over the lake!

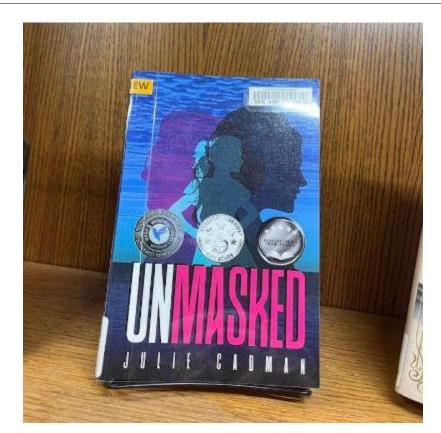


Our road trip took us October 17<sup>th</sup> to Charlevoix where I had a book signing and presentation at the Charlevoix Public Library. When I was a little girl, our family would travel to Charlevoix to visit my grandparents for summer vacation. Within the first 24 hours my grandpa would take me to the Charlevoix Public library and fill my arms with books. I loved visiting Charlevoix - the beaches, walks, boat rides, swimming, fantastic restaurants, bonfires, fudge and time with family. Visiting the library was one of the highlights and I really LOVED the rainy days when I could curl up and get lost in a book.

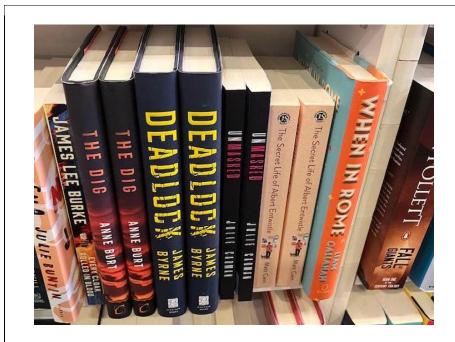
Some of the highlights of the Charlevoix book signing was receiving an

honorary library card from CPL, seeing my book on the library shelf.





And then visiting Mclean and Eakin Bookstore in Petoskey to see my book on the shelf of one of my favorite Indie bookstores. While taking a picture of the book shelf, two customers asked about my book and both grabbed the two copies and asked me to sign them. It was surreal!



An additional big bonus of the Charlevoix trip was the chance to see one of my dear friends since the 9<sup>th</sup> grade....she and her husband drove six hours round trip to come and see my presentation and book signing in Charlevoix. It was



# Upcoming Events

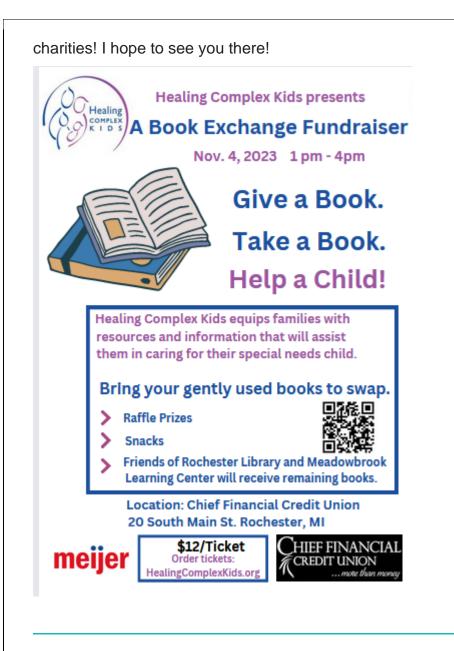
Healing Complex Kids is having a Book Exchange Fundraiser on **Saturday**, **November 4 from 1-4 PM** at Chief Financial Credit Union located at 20 South Main St. Rochester, MI.

We're raising money to pay for the changes to "Pathway to HOPE," a resource guide for families that have children with a variety of special needs and diagnoses including gifted and talented, and medically complex.



Tickets are \$12 each in advance and \$20 at the door (while space is available) and will include snacks, the chance to win some raffle prizes, and also the chance to bring some of your gently used books to swap. You can purchase tickets at <a href="https://www.HealingComplexKids.org">www.HealingComplexKids.org</a>.

Any remaining books will be donated to Friends of Rochester Library and Meadowbrook Learning Center. So, for only \$12 a ticket you can help three



### Exciting News

I'm thrilled to announce that I am one of twenty authors selected to take part in the Fifth Annual Rochester Hills Public Library Author Fair on Saturday, November 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Twenty authors will be on hand to discuss their books, their love of writing, and to sign copies of their latest books. The event features a mix of traditionally published and indie published authors from a variety of genres. This popular local literary event takes place in the **Rochester Hills Public Library**, Multipurpose Room, located at 500 Olde Towne Road in Rochester, MI. The event is free and open to the public. Please stop in and say hi!

For those that have purchased a copy of "UnMasked", thank you so much! I can't wait to hear what you think! I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed the writing process.

If you've finished reading "UnMasked"- You would be doing me a big favor if you wrote a Review on Amazon and then cut and pasted the same Review into Goodreads. (<u>https://www.goodreads.com/</u>) Super easy - just a couple sentences telling future readers what you think. "One of the best compliments you can give a writer is a review."

The holidays are quickly approaching and I'm beginning to purchase Christmas gifts. I've been so thrilled to have friends tell me they are buying copies of UnMasked and the UnMasked Companion Journal to give as gifts during the holiday season! If you're looking for some gift ideas, you can buy UnMasked and the Companion journal online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Wal-mart, and select Indie book stores.

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