

Thinklings' Thoughts

Our dear fellow Thinklings,

Merry and Pippin's journey wasn't all that easy.. I heard they had a hard time making ents meet.

"Their treetop vantage point offered another advantage: Fodder spotted The Narrative. It was close, over near the rough track where they'd staged their ambush, its vivid, unreal light gleaming like a sunbeam down from the grey sky. As he strained his ears, Fodder could hear the strident voices of the Merry Band drifting on the breeze, proclaiming in grand tones that these impudent swine who stole the princess would be brought to justice." - *The Disposable*



There's your monthly pun and quote! :) It's the merry, merry month of May, and we're loving the warmer, sunnier weather and seeing leaves on the trees again!

Did you know that May is National Get Caught Reading Month? There are so many benefits of reading, which we're sure you know, such as stress relief, learning, entertainment, improving your writing skills (all writers should be readers!) and the list goes on and on.

...We're *not* suggesting that you get caught reading when you're at work and on the clock! ;) But if you don't already, why not carry a book with you wherever you can, keep books in the car for your kids to read, or change up your reading scenery a bit. If you're able, take a book to the park and enjoy a walk while you're there. May is also National Mental Health Awareness Month, and being outdoors and getting some exercise are great ways to boost your mood. (Unless you're a rebel being hunted by the Merry Band!)

National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is also in May. Here's a [great article](#) from Goodreads with an extensive list of books by AAPI authors that they recommend.



Check out this awesome cover!

We're so excited to reveal our next book's cover! *The Merry Band* is the sequel to Katherine Vick's [The Disposable](#) and will be released on August 2nd.

The Merry Band now has a Goodreads page as well, which can be seen [here](#).

Fodder successfully rebelled against The Narrative once, but now everything's going completely and horribly wrong.

Not only does he have to deal with rash, unstable companions, but the Taskmaster is finally getting serious...and the rebels have an entire pantheon of gods after them.

It's too late to turn back, and Fodder wouldn't even if he could. He's determined to unveil the secret of the Quickening.

We can't wait to release this brilliantly funny book into the world! There's still plenty of time to read (or reread) *The Disposable*, and we kindly ask that if you loved it, you leave it a [review](#). Reviews are absolutely essential for books to get seen in the dense jungle of Amazon.

Thank you very much for supporting us during these difficult times, and we hope that brighter days are ahead in the near future.

Until next month,

Read long and prosper.



[Finding Your Book](#)

This guest post in our blog from Katherine Vick talks about why we should help children (or anyone!) find the right kind of book to read.



[Monthly Writing Tip](#)

Have you been struggling to write? How about setting a writing dare instead of a goal? This article comes from [JaneFriedman.com](#).

Did a friend forward you this email? Wondering who we are and what we're all about? You can watch [this video](#) on our Staff page or YouTube channel for a fun version of the story.

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- 2) Extremely talented authors deserve to have their books read. Even if their story "[doesn't fit in.](#)"

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