



Bellingwood FAQ

You have questions. I have answers. It's what we do.

DIANE'S QUICK NOTE

In November 2020, I was life-flighted to the hospital for emergency surgery (rather an unexpected event). For the next four months, I was in the midst of healing and finding myself again. It threw my schedule out of kilter, nearly making this OCD girl crazy. This life and work is my favorite thing ever.

Right now, I am healthy, though still healing. Yes, I'm fine. Yes, I pushed myself to catch up. No, you shouldn't worry - I'm a rather smart and independent person who knows how to rest and how to work.

WHEN WILL THE NEXT BOOK BE PUBLISHED IN THE BELLINGWOOD SERIES?

Publication schedule as of January 2023: April 3, July 3, October 3, December 31.

A holiday / winter / Christmas short story is published by January 6.

Follow up question: Is this the last book? Tell me it isn't so.

I have stories and more stories to tell about the folks in Bellingwood.



SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR YOUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER?

Absolutely. Do so at nammynools.com. I don't spam you and I don't share the mailing list. This is the BEST way to learn everything you need to know.

Newsletters are published on the third of each month. Each includes a short vignette. Book titles, cover images, book releases, swag, new stories. All are announced first in the newsletter.

If you don't see a newsletter on the 3rd, check your spam folder or the "promo" folder in Gmail. If you still can't find it and have an old newsletter available, click "View this email in your browser" and you will be taken to a site where you can access all issues.

DID I MISS A BOOK OR SHORT STORY?

Maybe. Before you panic, check the full list of published books and stories on my website at: <http://nammynools.com/bellingwood-series/the-books/>



YOUR BOOK IS MISSING PAGES. DID YOU MESS SOMETHING UP?

Well, no. First of all, people have already downloaded the book with no trouble. Secondly, I've been doing this for years now. I've got this. The data between your Kindle and Amazon has been corrupted. Delete the download and try again. If you have further issues, please reach out to Amazon for assistance.

CAN I BE A BETA READER OR ARC (ADVANCED REVIEW COPY) READER?

Thank you for offering, but right now I don't use ARC readers and I have a full slate of beta readers / proof-readers / editors. The point at which these readers receive my manuscript is when I bare my soul to expose my story before it is polished. It feels risky and worrisome, so the trust I build with these people is a big deal.

OH NO! I FOUND AN ERROR! DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT?



Yes. Please email me at nammynools@gmail.com with any corrections. Be sure it is really an error and you aren't running into something I've chosen to write incorrectly. Like my mother, I believe that messing with words is fun. Messing with punctuation, word order, spelling, and sentence structure is also fun, but evidently, not everyone believes that. Good thing Shakespeare didn't have to deal with Amazon reviews.

I do make errors and they drive me nuts. I have incredible editors and proofreaders who help me get through each book, but even still, we miss things. Don't fret. We can fix it. Contacting me via email (nammynools@gmail.com) rather than calling me out publicly goes a long way. Being helpful and polite is also a bonus. You can't imagine some of the insulting things people think are appropriate to say publicly and privately.

WHY CAN'T I FIND THE PRE-ORDER?

I don't do pre-orders on Amazon. Because I publish so many books during the year, my tight publishing schedule doesn't allow time to follow Amazon's ruleset regarding pre-orders.

The moment I publish a book, it is available to you. Release information is everywhere - blogposts, the newsletter, Facebook, and Facebook groups. Keep an eye out on April 3, July 3, October 3, December 31.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN ANYTHING OTHER THAN BELLINGWOOD?



Mage's Odyssey is my epic fantasy series. The first book is [Mage Reborn](#) (2019) and the second is [Mage Renewed](#) (2020). Five books are planned for the series.

The Abide With Me series has three short stories: [Abiding Love](#), [Abiding Grace](#), and [Abiding Hope](#).

I've created different types of journals, from the [Five-Year, One Line a Day Journal](#), to the [Creative Journal / Planner](#). I also have a [book journal](#), a [gratitude journal](#) and a [small memory journal](#).

I'D RATHER HOLD A BOOK. CAN I BUY HARDBACKS OR PAPERBACKS?

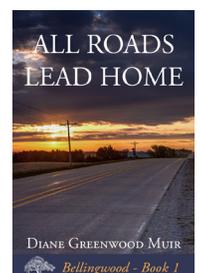
Yes and no. Hardbound books are not available. Paperbacks, however, are available for all of the Bellingwood books. You can find them on Amazon. If you don't see them through your Kindle app, please try by using a different browser. They are there. I promise. Each short story is included in the closest paperback book title. Start with [All Roads Lead Home](#) (click on title).

WHY ARE THERE NO AUDIO BOOKS?

ARE YOUR BOOKS AVAILABLE ON KINDLE UNLIMITED?

There is an audio book for [All Roads Lead Home](#). Honestly, the process was horrible and the thought of doing it for 30+ more books is terrifying. But I don't give up. One of these days I'll come up with a great solution and will deliver like crazy.

My novels are available on Kindle Unlimited. What a fantastic option for readers. Whether you purchase a book or use KU, you are supporting me. Thank you.



WILL THERE BE OTHER BOXED SETS? WHY AREN'T MORE BOOKS FREE?

The first nine books are available in boxed sets. I have no plans to add any others. As for free books so you don't have to pay to read my work, this is my career ... my livelihood. For ten dollars a month, you can get Kindle Unlimited and have access to all the books.

I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH SO MANY CHARACTERS. TELL ME YOU HAVE A LIST.

We are working to build a Compendium. For now, you can find a 'Notes and Characters' PDF file for each of the first six books on the [book list](#) page of my website.

My website (nammynools.com) also has hand-drawn sketches of Sycamore House and environs, a sketch of the Bell House, and a map of Bellingwood. Look under the menu tabs at the top of the webpage.

YOU SHOULD DO THIS OR THAT WITH A BELLINGWOOD STORY...

One of the most recommended story lines is that Polly gets pregnant. It will never happen. No matter that you believe the only way for a woman to be happy is to bear her own children, I fundamentally disagree. Many women are unable to have children, while others make a choice to do something different – maybe even caring for abandoned children. I try to be nice, but it takes something away from the character as well as from other women when you insist Polly isn't fully complete unless she has a baby.

The beauty of the Bellingwood story is that everyone gets to make life choices and find acceptance among people who love them. That's the last I want to write about it.

WHERE ARE YOU ON LINE?

You can find me all over the place, but not everywhere. I don't have time for everything. Not if I want to write. And by the way, it's only me. I don't have an admin (yet – maybe someday when I'm aged and infirm).

Website: nammynools.com

Facebook: [Facebook.com/pollygiller](https://www.facebook.com/pollygiller) (Bellingwood)

[Facebook.com/dianegreenwoodmuir](https://www.facebook.com/dianegreenwoodmuir) (Other writing and publishing fun!)

I have a personal Facebook page and am glad to have you 'friend' me. Since it's a personal page, I don't promote my books or business activities there very much. My friends and family (and my cats) are my focus. If you have professional questions or comments about books, please use either of the Facebook pages above.

Facebook Groups. These are the BEST. You are able to interact with each other and with me. Your posts on the main Bellingwood page are rarely seen by others, but in a group, everything is different. Please keep it clean and respectful, make sure it has something to do with the group, and be careful about spoilers – especially regarding the newest book. Everyone is welcome to join both groups. Give me time to get to your request to join. You know ... sleep and life and writing, etc.

[Bellingwood Readalong Group](#). We talk about the Bellingwood books and other books and reading and random stuff.

[Bellingwood Cooking and Recipes Group](#): Free PDF copy of the BELLINGWOOD RECIPE BOOK is available here. We talk about food. Seriously with the food, folks. Amazing stuff!



WHERE CAN I FIND THOSE AWESOME MUGS AND T-SHIRTS?

Bellingwood swag is available. T-shirts, mugs, and other goodies can be found [HERE](#)
The Bellingwood and Sweet Beans pewter charms are found [HERE](#).
Bellingwood Ornament is found [HERE](#).



REVIEWS?

Asking for reviews is tough for me. But man, oh man, are they important in an author's professional life. If you would consider writing a review, I appreciate it. Go to the product page on Amazon and tell the world what you think. Thank you.

I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS. WILL YOU ANSWER THEM PERSONALLY?



I can not begin to express how much I love this community. If you send an email to me at nammynools@gmail.com, I will respond as soon as possible. There have been a (very) few instances when trolls, nasties, and rude questions and comments come at me both on Facebook and through email. I rarely respond to those. Getting into a battle of words in an attempt to justify what I do or write only creates more problems, none of which adds to anyone's peace of mind.

If you ask a question in a FB comment or post, please give me time to find it and respond. I'm probably writing, cooking, snuggling kitties, doing laundry, chatting with family and friends, maybe even going to the bathroom, sleeping, or doing other life things. I will get to you. If you don't hear from me in 24 hours, the notification system went blooey and I need a reminder. Eek!

OH YEAH. NAMMYNOOLS? WHAT IN THE WORLD IS UP WITH THAT?

Blame my mother's love of words and the subsequent messing up of them. Bunny rabbits bun-rabs. Canines = pupper-dogs, rhinoceros was pronounced rhino-sore-ass (imagine how that messed with my head); the list goes on.

Consequently, her animals (including children) were naminals. I appropriated the word and tweaked it for my own use to nammynools. No one else on this earth uses that word for a website, FB page, email address, on and on. I get to be my own person.

Right now three furballs take up lots of my time.

TB, my tuxedo kitty, showed up in 2011. Earl and Grey, my gray tabbies, joined us in 2015.

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