



Notes from Patches and Friends



July Newsletter: A Little Late, A Lot of Adventure, and Big News!

Hello Friends,

If you noticed this newsletter is arriving a little later than usual, you are exactly right! June was an absolutely whirlwind month for me. Usually, I fill these letters with activities, crafts, and tips for you to try. But today, I wanted to share a behind-the-scenes look at my real life as an author, because sometimes life gets beautifully messy!

This past month, I had two major adventures. First, I helped my daughter pack up all of her belongings and move from one house to another. If you have ever moved, you know how stressful it can be on your parents and YOU, too! There were boxes everywhere, tape that wouldn't stick, and lots of heavy lifting. It was exhausting, and there were moments when I felt very overwhelmed.

But right after that, my daughter and I got to escape on a magical trip to Europe! We explored new cities, tried delicious foods, and saw sights I had only ever read about in books. It taught me an important lesson that I always try to put into my stories: even when things feel stressful and chaotic, there is usually something wonderful waiting for you just around the corner.

Speaking of wonderful things waiting around the corner... I have some **massive** news!

My first travel series and audio children's book will be officially published soon, hopefully **before** or on **July 25!**



Because I was traveling and packing boxes, I am running a little behind on setting up all the fun launch activities, but I promise they are coming soon. Writing books is a lot like moving houses or traveling to a new country—it takes a lot of hard work, a bit of stress, and a whole lot of love.

Thank you all for being so patient with me this month. I would love to hear from you: What is the most stressful or exciting thing you did this summer?

Stay tuned for more updates, sneak peeks, and activities for the new book very soon!

Happy reading,
Gail L. Oxford



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Get in Touch

Patches and I would love to hear from you—maybe you have a question for Patches, a special message to share, or even a drawing of Patches in your favorite place!



And guess what? Patches and I are always dreaming about our next adventure. Where do you think we should go? Share your ideas, and maybe your adventure will be the one we take next!

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