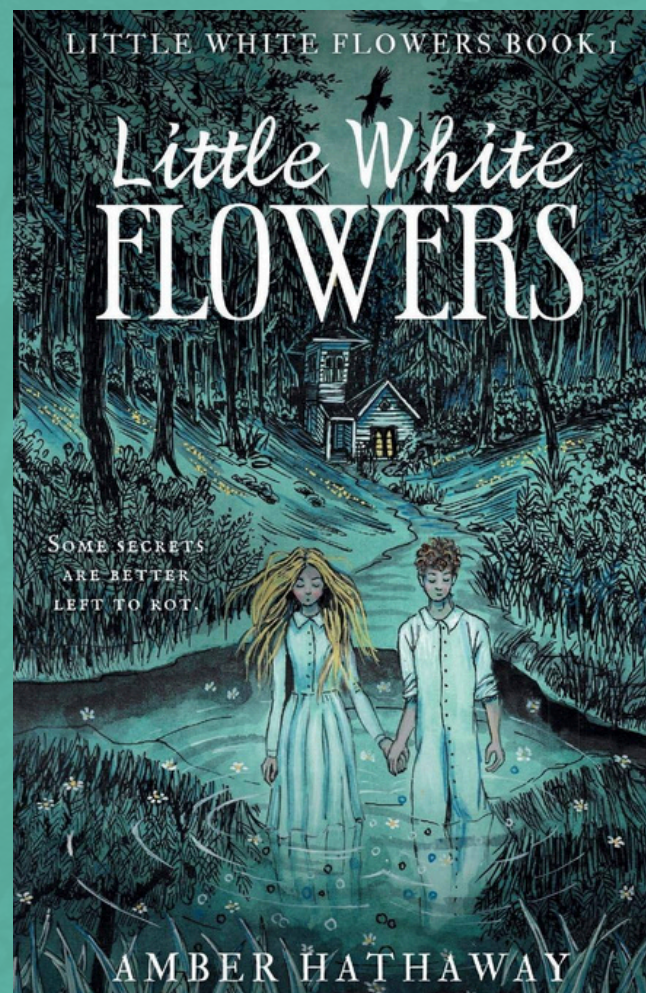
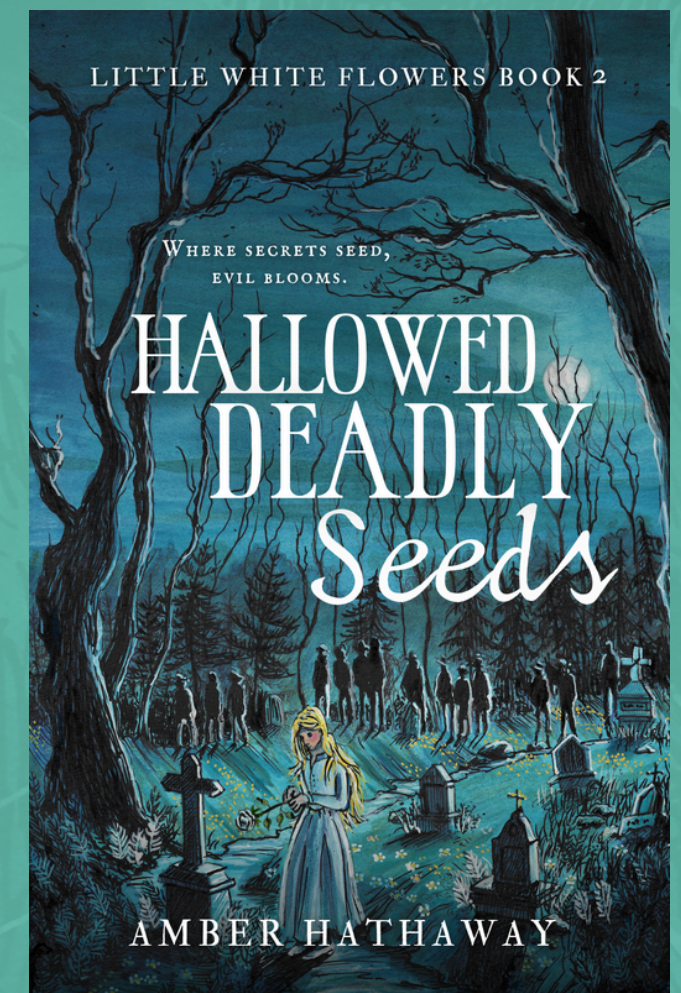


THE MAKING OF THE LITTLE WHITE FLOWERS SERIES



By Amber Hathaway,
author of *Little White Flowers*





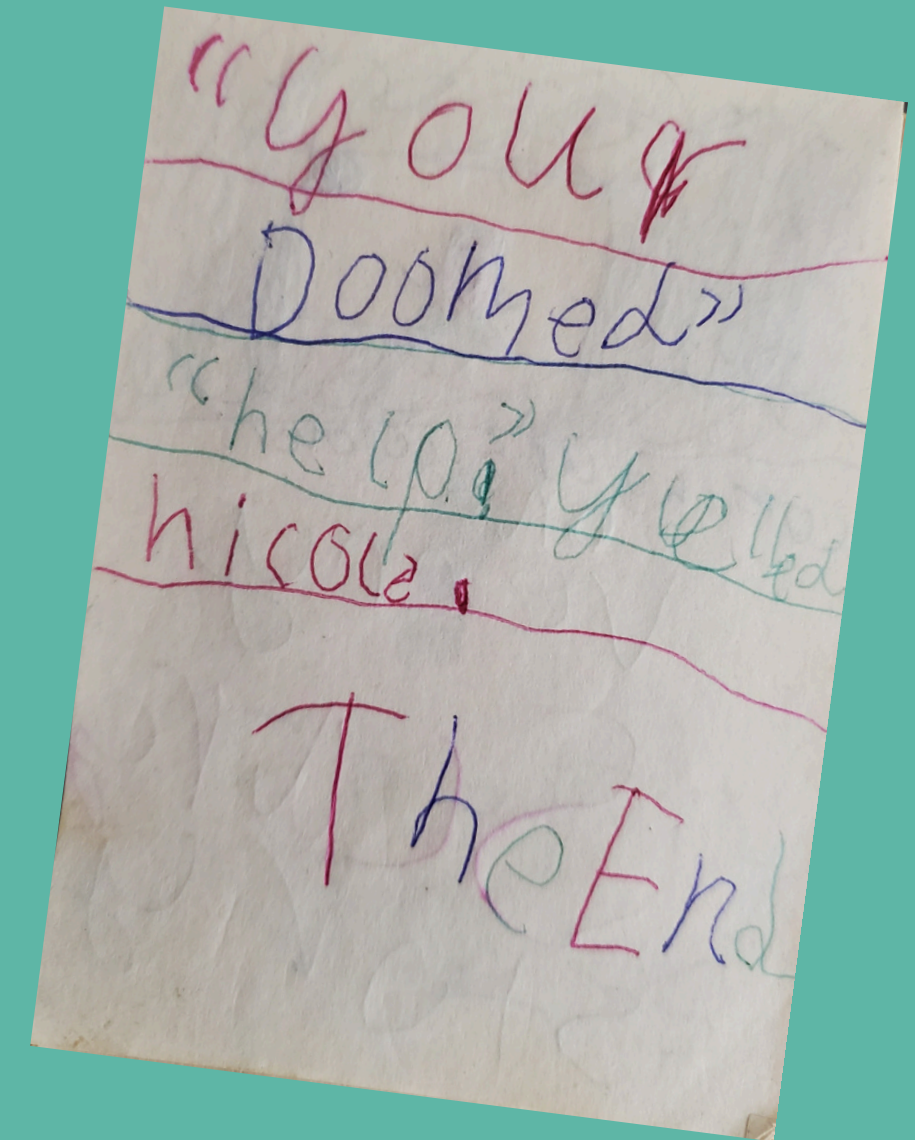
ABOUT ME

- Horror and dark fiction writer and author of the Little White Flowers series.
- I hold multiple degrees from the UMaine including a PhD in physics.
- Hobbies include reading, crafting, cosplay, and Pokemon GO.
- I live in central Maine with my husband Brian Toner.

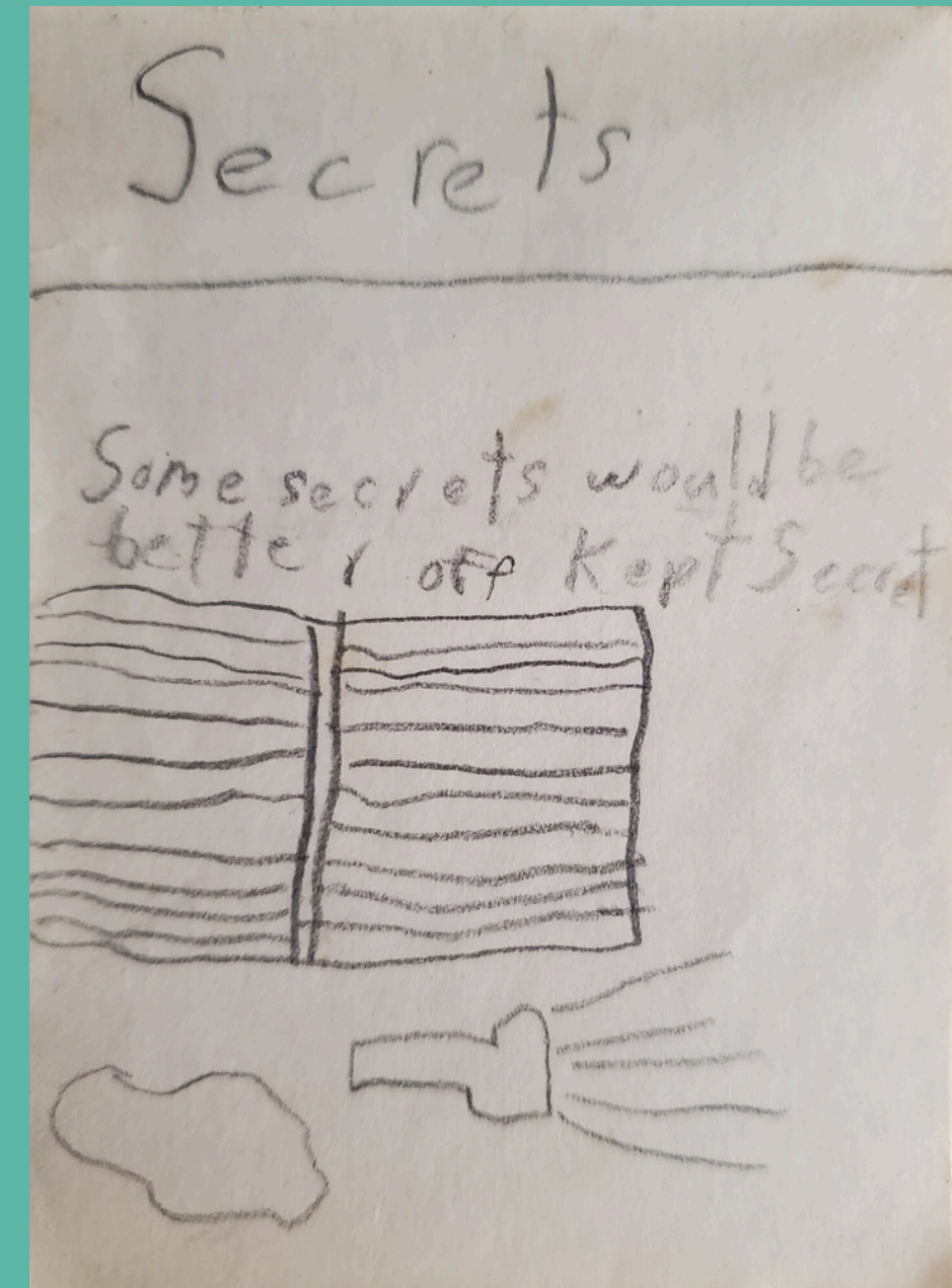
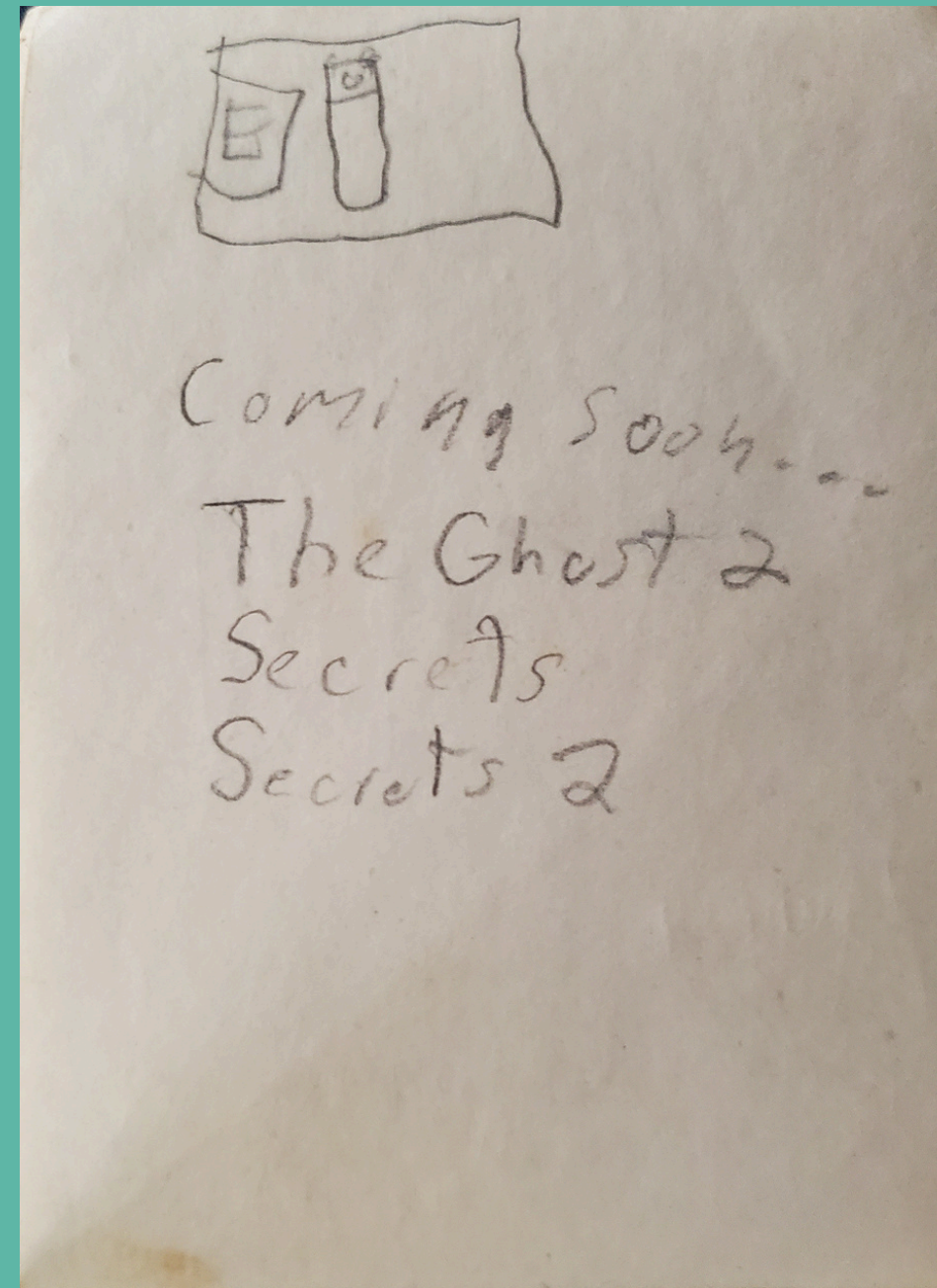
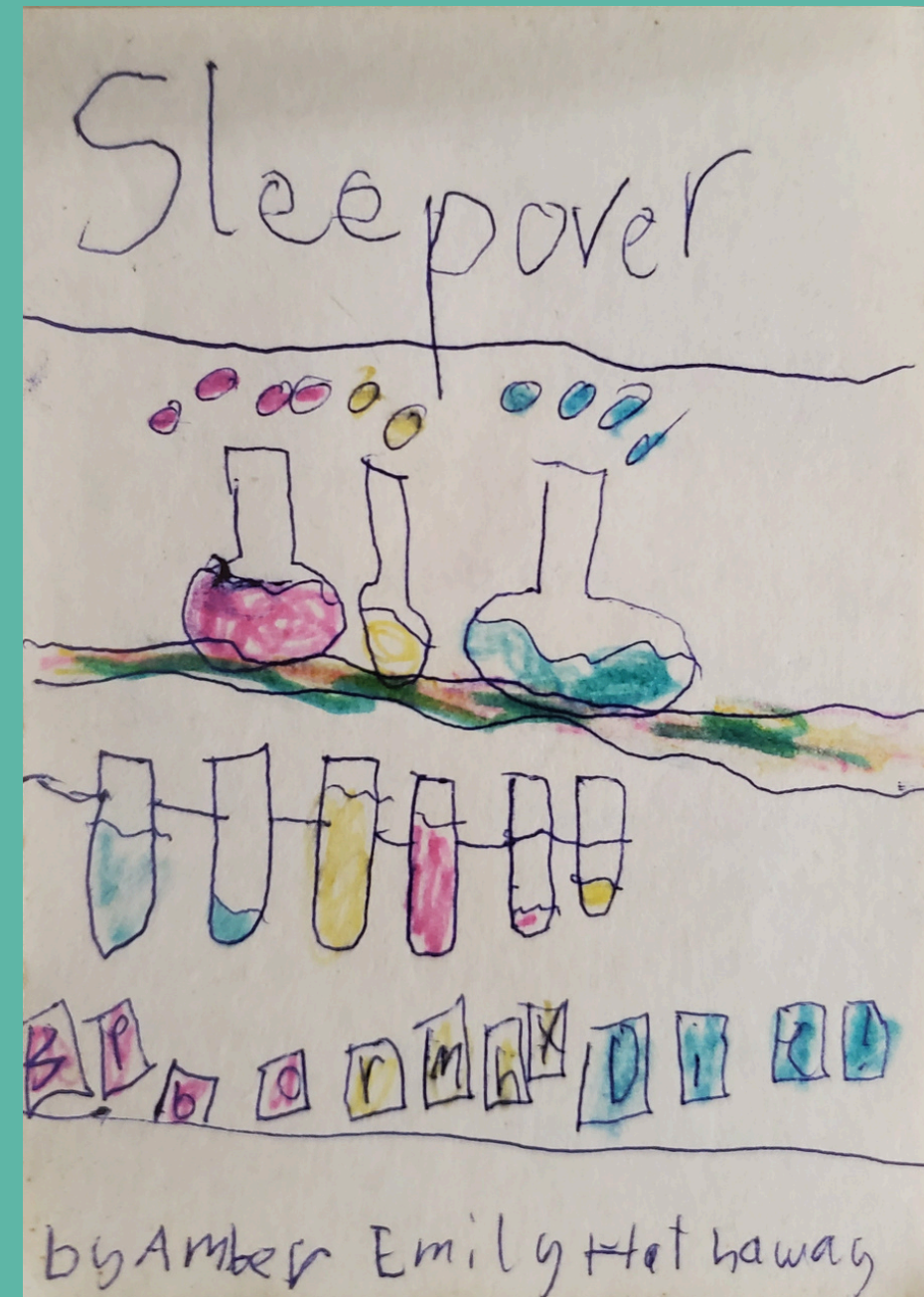
AN EARLY START



- Wrote my first solo horror story at 8
- Inspired by Goosebumps, love of ghost stories
- Continued writing for fun throughout childhood, mostly horror/spooky stories



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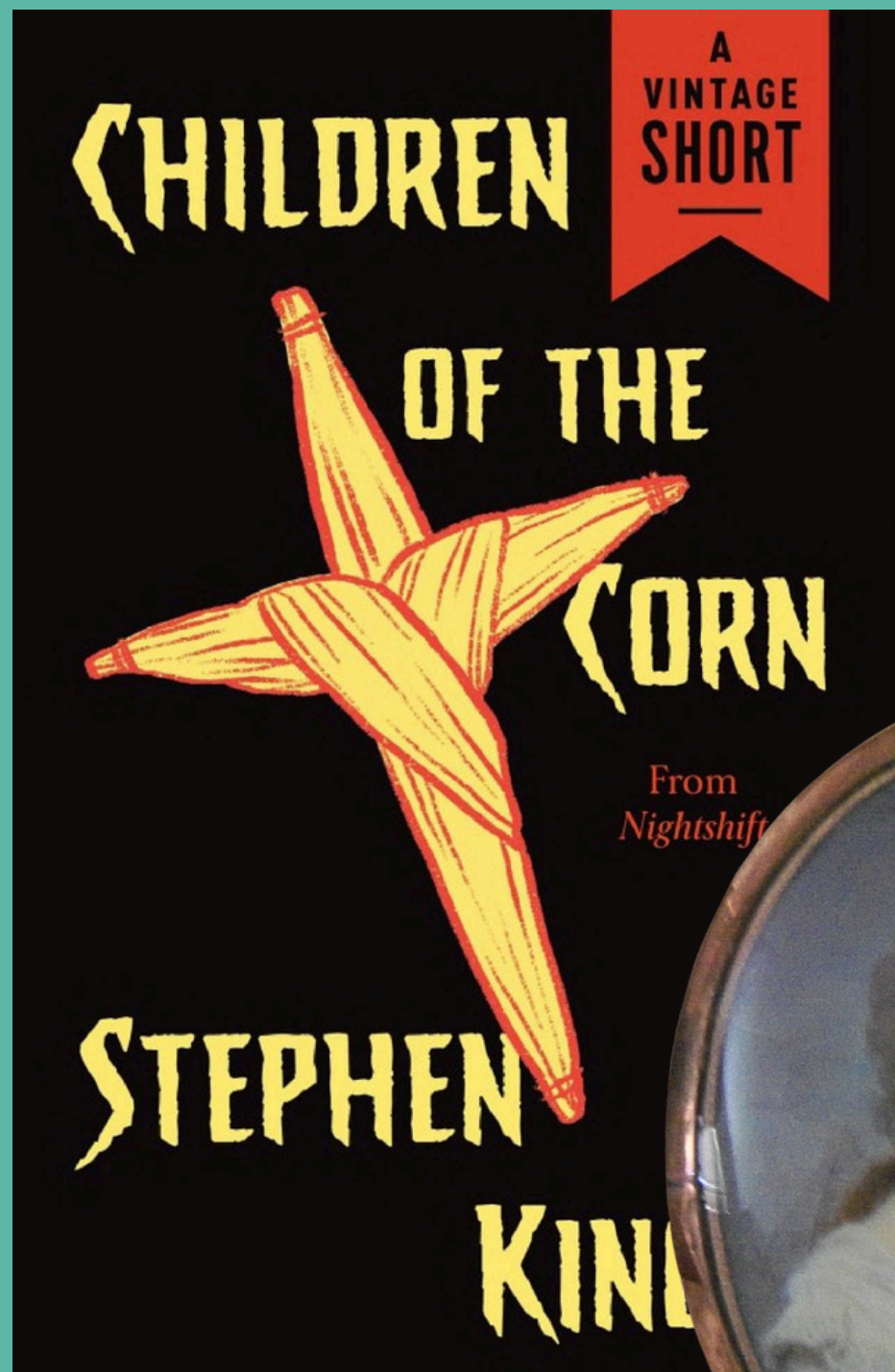


LITTLE WHITE FLOWERS ORIGINS



- July 31st, 2009: read *Night Shift* by Stephen King. “Children of the Corn” sparked a question.
- Woke up in the night with an idea for the beginning of a new story.
- Spent the next three weeks hammering out a draft.
- First draft clocked in at just over 50,000 words and covered the time span that now makes up Books 1 and 2.

INSPIRATION



EXCERPT FROM DRAFT I

“What is it, Grammie?” Alice asked the frail woman, squeezing her hand. *She says some strange things, honey, but humour her.* Mrs. Drayton’s words echoed through Alice’s head.

“I had three sisters,” Alice’s grandmother whispered. “They were all murdered. Slaughtered like pigs.”

She can’t tell what’s real anymore.

“All three of them. On the same day. They wilted like flowers. Little white flowers. One by one.”

PHASE 2: MANUSCRIPT OVERHAUL



- Over the next few years, I tinkered with the manuscript, adding more details and expanding the story.
- The summer after I finished my MA, I did my first major rewrite.
- I split the manuscript into two books and received feedback on the first book.
- Tossed most of the material I had slated for Book 2 and drafted a new second book.

PHASE 3: LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN



- Still tinkered with the manuscript on and off while in my PhD program.
- Decided after I finished my PhD, I would finally finish my book.
- Gave each chapter to my critique partner as I revised.
- Started the rewrite in earnest in October of 2020 and finished in December of 2021.

BECOMING A SERIES

- Started drafting a new version of Book 2 (from scratch) in December of 2021 and finished in May of 2023.
- Started working with my editor on Book 1 in June of 2022.
- Started drafting Book 3 in April of 2023 and finished the first draft in November of 2024..
- Continuous cycle of drafting and editing between 2020 and 2025 (and beyond).

FINALLY A REAL BOOK!



Little White Flowers was released on July 1st, 2025.

NEXT STEPS



- Book 2 is available for pre-order and will be released on June 30th, 2026. Book launch: July 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Orono Public Library.
- If you enjoy writing reviews and would be interested in being an ARC reader for Book 2, feel free to reach out.
- Book 3 is in edits and is expected to be released in June of 2027.

QUESTIONS?

LWF SERIES TIMELINE

