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Hey There. March 2022 Newsletter.



Hi,

Welcome. So glad you are here.

Let's name it. These last few weeks have been a bit much. In this month's newsletter, we're chatting about support for Ukraine crisis efforts, the patriarchy and how - and *what* - to write in the midst of real-world atrocities.

Also, it's March 8th which means it's International Women's Day. I believe there's some "content creator law" that requires I write about that.

If you *really* want to chat about IWD today, let's talk about an international story of a woman that's getting seemingly next to NO attention: [Brittney Griner's detention in Russia](#). A dear friend gave me a bit more context on this today; let's commit to read the (little) information we have and stay plugged in for how we can support if that action feels right for you.

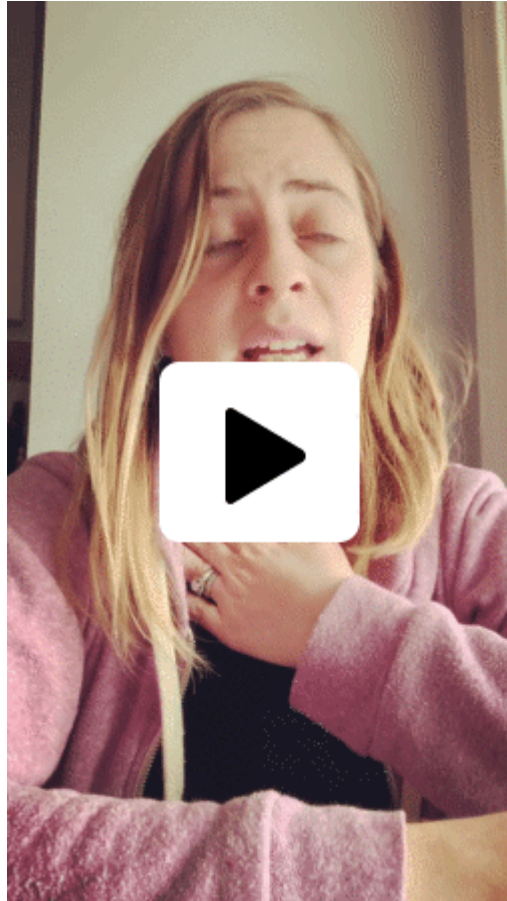
So, yes, of course. Let's go ahead and celebrate progress.

And, let's also hold space for all the rest of the garbage this world wants to throw at women, especially women of color, to marginalize and exert power over them; and, mostly, let's hold space for the safe return of Brittney, a Black, LGBT+ woman, to her wife and family.

With peace,

We're Chatting About

Writing (Authentically) in the Midst of Real Life Atrocities



Spotlight On...

I am HERE for this beautiful rant against the patriarchy ☐

My friend, Jenny Lachs, who runs Digital Nomad Girls, wrote this epic, stream of consciousness, beautifully constructed piece that is worth a read. Come for the

"I'm sick and tired of men's egos ruining our world" and stay for her tongue-in-cheek remarks about capitalism, the economy and yoni eggs...



[Read Jenny's Article](#)

Help for Ukraine Crisis Efforts

If you've been looking for a tangible way to support the refugee crisis unfolding in and around Ukraine, you may wish to donate money or supplies. An effort is being run through Global Empowerment Mission (GEM), bstrong, Pandemic of Love and the Grassroots Law Project and I've signed up to be an Ambassador for this effort. This means I have created an Amazon wishlist with items needed.

The items you purchase will be shipped to the Global Empowerment Mission warehouse in Miami where volunteers will assemble the goods into pallets and kits. They will have 2 satellite warehouses operational by next week (Poland and Hungary) to share supplies with. If you'd like more information on this and the organizations that are involved, you can find out more [here](#).

Most recently, they have also hired five African students who fled to assist them with the relocation efforts for populations being marginalized further during this crisis.

[Supplies List for Ukraine >>](#)

Let's Get Together

Open Book Writing Circle Sessions

👉 If you're interested in spending some time with us, don't forget to grab your complimentary seat at one of this month's Writing Circles. It's a super low-pressure way to explore, process and/or meet your writing goals with a few other folks in the (virtual) room.

Use access code **FREESESSI** to try out a Free Session (or get \$15/off your Monthly Bundle).

[Take me to the Writing Circle registration >](#)

[About the Open Book Writing Circle](#)


Writing doesn't have to be a solitary process. This gathering will support participants as they move through their writing journey and will provide connection, accountability, consistency and community.

On the Socials

Equity + Trans Inclusion

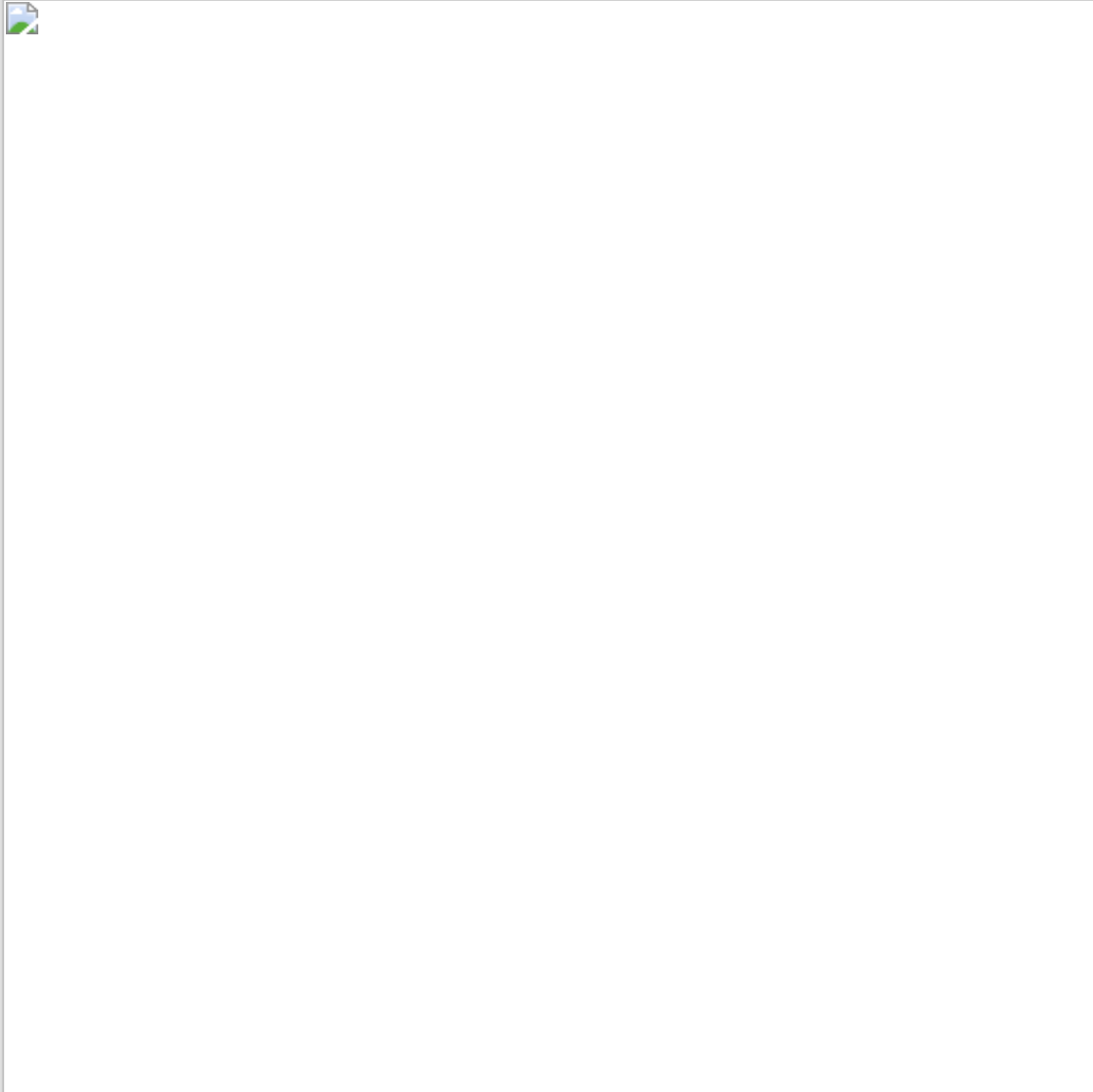
We're chatting equity and inclusion for trans kids in Texas (and the world over) on Instagram.

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