

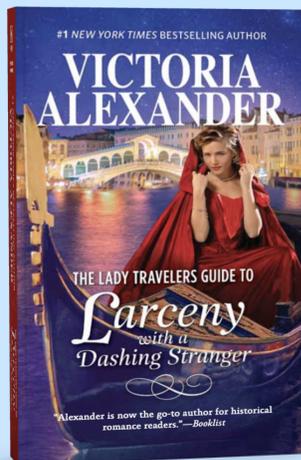


Dog Days of Summer

According to my research, the dog days of summer were the days following the rising of Sirius, the dog star. They were connected with heat, drought, sudden storms, lethargy and mad dogs. In my highly unscientific view of the world, the dog days stretch from mid-July to September and are hot and humid with sudden thunderstorms and even the lure of fetch-the-bat is not enough to keep my dogs outside. They're not mad but they are annoyed. These are the days when I send a prayer heavenward every day that my air conditioning will survive another season. I'm pretty sure the digs feel the same.



So let's get away from the heat and do a little traveling. **The Lady Travelers Guide to Larceny with a Dashing Stranger** comes out at the end of November. The second in the Lady Travelers Series takes us back to Paris for the Exposition Universelle then on to Monte Carlo, Northern Italy and Venice. And just for newsletter subscribers—I have a sneak peek. You can read the first chapter on my website (click on the cover for Chapter One and pre-order links) but it won't be available to anyone else for another week. It is however, already available, for pre-order. Just saying. ☺



I just finished the edits on a new novella—**The Rise and Fall of Reginald Everheart**. The story takes place thirteen years after *The Proper Way to Stop a Wedding in Seven Days or Less* and finds our three friends—Poppy, Effie and Gwen—once again lending a hand to help the course of true love. That story will be out as an e-book in October then included as a bonus in the print edition of *Larceny*.

In my last newsletter, I asked for wedding advice and several of you came up with great suggestions.

From Tracy:

1 – DO NOT expect perfection – something WILL go wrong – don't let it ruin your day – if you get to marry your prince and then everything else goes wrong, the day is still a win!

2 – DO NOT wear pantyhose if you are wearing a BIG dress with petticoats and while you are at it, check your modesty at the door because someone is going to have to help you hold all that up while you pee (which is why you should wear stockings and not pantyhose!)

From Karlene:

Don't sweat the small stuff! Years ago a friend of mine mailed out the napkins with the bride and groom's names on them after her wedding because the caterer forgot to put them out on the table.

From Teri:

After the bride decides on her colors, she should go to a fabric or a craft store and get some little strip of ribbons of those colors. She then can take little snips of the ribbons and give it to the florist, baker, printer's and the mothers.

And from Linda:

Don't get married until late in life. See and explore the world. Go on adventures while you're young.

And don't forget to check out the [Romantic Summer Reading Challenge](#). Lucky readers will win some great prizes!



That's about it from me this month. But what I want to know from you is: How do you beat the dog days of summer? Let me know at ladytravelerssociety@gmail.com

Take care and travel safe!

Best,

Victoria