



**Drink up my hearties, yo-ho**

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## **Ramblings from a Time Traveler**

It's a cruel, cruel summer (did you sing along with that?) Thanks, Bananarama, for that earworm.

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It's getting there?

## **The Escape Update**

I know I said *The Escape* would be coming out by now, and we're sitting here drumming our fingers on the table waiting. It's not quite ready for publishing. Between my health issues and my dog, Henry's health issues, I've been away from the writing more than acceptable these past couple of months in order to have *The Escape* in our grubby little paws.

However, I do have good news! My health has improved enough for me to be able to sit in front of my computer and pound away. It's almost ready to for a quick run through from my editor and magnificent beta readers. We're looking at it being ready within the next few weeks. I'm hesitant to give an exact date, but I will DEFINITELY keep you updated.

[Meet me at the RAVE](#)

## RAVE Event in Las Vegas

**RAVE**  
Reader & Author Vegas Event

**November 10th 2023, 10am-4pm**

Horseshoe Convention Center Las Vegas, NV



I'm crawling out of my writing cave in November and will be heading to Las Vegas for the **Readers and Authors Vegas Event 2023**.

When: November 10, 2023

Time: 10am - 4pm

Where: Horseshoe (formally Bally's) Convention Center, Las Vegas

Admission: Free! (parking at Horseshoe is not free)

Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/RAVE2023fb>

I will be there signing and selling books, taking pictures, and will chat your ear off! I have an exclusive (and limited quantity) Time Writer book charm/necklace charm that will be available to people who come out to see me at the event. I don't have a pic of it yet, but I will have them in my hands in a few weeks.

- If you want to guarantee I have the book(s) you want signed (if purchasing directly from me), you may preorder by using this link: <https://bit.ly/ARC2023RAVE>
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- There are too many participating authors to list in this email, so head over to the [RAVE 2023 Facebook](#) page to get an idea.

I'm so excited to see you in Vegas! Send me an email and let me know to expect you.

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## National Rum Day!

August 16th is National Rum Day. Why was rum a spirit of choice amongst the pirates and privateers?

That's a great question! I'm so glad you asked. During long voyages, the casks of fresh water would begin to grow algae. Gross. However, the sailors needed to drink. They would often mix rum with the water to help with the taste.

Rum is made by fermenting and distilling sugarcane molasses or sugarcane juice. Sugarcane plantations covered the Caribbean, allowing for some easier acquisition of the spirit.

The sailors would eventually find an island to collect fresh water and continue on with their pillaging and plundering.



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