

Adventures in Ink



Top 5: Summer Travel Edition!



01

I have been on the go this year! I feel so lucky to have seen so many people and places I love. If you're ever in Cincinnati, Ohio, you gotta visit Jungle Jim's International Market. My brother and his family live in Hamilton, and we had a blast sampling cheese and filling our carts with all sorts of edible goodness. Yum!

Shakespeare... *in Virginia.*



02

When I visited Staunton, Virginia, for some events with my friend and co-author Dahlia Hamza Constantine, she treated us to a production of "Our Town" at Blackfriars Playhouse, a recreation of Shakespeare's indoor theater The Rose. It was magical!

Sweet home Alabama.



03

I stopped in at one of my all-time favorite places: Blackbelt Treasures in Camden, Alabama, to see friends and art. Lucky me, two blocks away, Betty Anderson was doing a workshop at her Camden Shoe Shop and Quilt Museum! Y'all, talk about magic... Betty and quilts and summer!

New favorite candy!



04

Ever heard of Zotz fizz-powered candy? Well. I hadn't until we went to Sioux Fall, South Dakota. A local told us we needed to go to Totally Rad Pizza, so we did, and instead of after-dinner mints, they brought out Zotz! I promptly ordered a bag from Amazon, and it was waiting for us when we got home. :)

Lakeshore Ln.



One of our favorite destinations is
our son Eric's lake house! He's
got the best sunsets!
(photo by Eric)



I hope you enjoyed this season's top 5 picks, and I'm excited to share many more with you in the coming months. I wish there were space and time for a top 20 because I also want to shout-out the incredible folks who were part of events at the following happy places:

Pinson Public Library (AL)
Oneonta Public Library (AL)
Satsuma Public Library (AL)
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library (AL)
Blount County Memorial Museum and Historical Society (AL)
The Little Brick Church (AL)
The Poetry Foundation—Chicago (IL)
Springville Public Library (AL)
CBC Book Club—Leeds (AL)
Brookwood Forest Elementary (AL)
The Poet's Studio - Georgia Heard (FL)
Staunton Public Library (VA)

As always, I'm so grateful for your support and love having this opportunity to serve you in the inbox.

With love—

Irene

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts.” - *Mark Twain*



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