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Central Illinois Author Julie Navickas Celebrates Launch of Latest Novel, *I Love You Today* at the Literary on November 12, 2022

Bloomington, ILL—Central Illinois author Julie Navickas is proud to announce the release of contemporary romance novel, *I Love You Today*, book two in the *Trading Heartbeats* trilogy. Navickas will be reading an excerpt from her latest book at The Literary located at 122 N. Neil St. in Champaign, IL at 6:00PM. Immediately following, the author will be doing a meet and greet along with signing copies of *I Love You Today* until 8:00 PM. You can also pick-up a signed copy of book one, *I Loved You Yesterday*.

Navickas was first introduced to the idea of fiction writing at a young age but credits her higher education experiences in both English studies and communication as inspiration. In 2008, she was assigned to write a full-length feature film script in an advanced writing for mass media course—and it was this assignment that inspired the *Trading Heartbeats* trilogy. “This truly has been over a decade in the making,” said Navickas. “At the time, I never thought my script would become the basis for a novel. But when the pandemic hit and the desire to start writing struck, the story I penned in graduate school was the first thing that came to my mind.”

There is an art to writing a novel and so many novice mistakes can easily derail the path to publication. “One of the biggest lessons I’ve learned is really about patience, and following the proper process to garner success”, said Navickas. Editing, revising, and rewriting, are all a part of the writing process. But there’s so much more too. Querying for an agent or a publisher takes research, skill and strategy.

“I want to be able to give back and help other first-time authors who also have the dream to write their first book,” said Navickas.

Navickas’ book is published by [Inkspell Publishing](#), an eBook first romance publisher that believes in sharing compelling stories in a variety of genres from YA to fantasy to contemporary. Her second book, *I Love You Today* is the sequel to *I Loved You Yesterday*, a Clarion Award winning novel. Book three in the trilogy is due to release on April 18, 2023. Navickas is an award-winning, nationally recognized author who credits her skillset in writing to the School of Communication at Illinois State University where she serves as a writing instructor and assistant director of academic advising.

I Love You Today and *I Love You Yesterday* can be purchased on [Amazon](#) and other major retailers. More information about Julie Navickas can be found at www.authorjulienavickas.com.

"I Love You Today is written with raw emotion and digs deep into the complexities of love. The author does an astounding job of bringing love's forbidden fruit to the surface—each bite a true tease that'll keep you turning pages until the very last."

— Jennifer Jacob, Bookstagrammer & Book Reviewer @reads_jennifer



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About The Author

Julie Navickas is an award-winning, nationally recognized contemporary romance novelist, known for her keen ability to tell heart-wrenching, second-chance love stories through relatable characters with humility, humor, and heroism. She is also an award-winning university instructor and serves as the executive director of The Writing Champions Project. Julie earned master's degrees in both organizational communication and English studies with an emphasis in book history, as well as a bachelor's degree in public relations, graduating cum laude from Illinois State University.