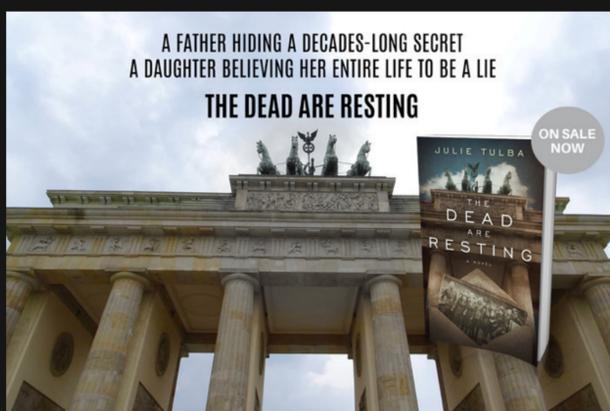


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Hello! It's only taken me half a year but I have FINALLY put together my first ever newsletter. In these epistles from my corner of the world (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), I'll be sharing a little bit of everything-travel, food, writing, and of course, books. So I hope you'll follow along and spread the word too!

Although 2021 has been neck and neck with 2020 in terms of most dismal and depressing year, it's also been host to one of my greatest accomplishments, the publication of my second historical fiction novel, *The Dead Are Resting*.

Set against the dual backdrops of Nazi Germany and modern-day Pittsburgh, it's a book about family relationships and the lies people tell and the secrets they keep, all to keep that "delicate balance" going.

If you haven't already read it, be sure to check out reviews for it on [Goodreads](#) and [Amazon](#). *The Dead Are Resting* is available in both paperback and Kindle through Amazon or you can order it through your local bookstore.

And if you have already read it, I want to say "thank you." Your support of my writing means the world to me. And as someone who's independently published, if you've enjoyed *The Dead Are Resting* I'd ask if you could leave a review for it either on Goodreads or Amazon, or better yet, both. Word of mouth is critical to an independently published author so a written review of any length is greatly appreciated!



Travel is one of my greatest loves so COVID has been particularly hard in that regard. I've not been abroad since I returned home to the United States in March of 2020 after a glorious month in Southeast Asia (I still marvel at the fact that I managed to accomplish that, all things considered).

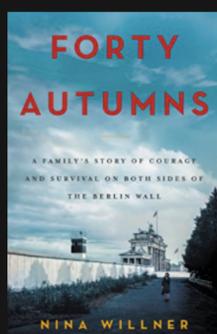
2021 has been a bit better, at least on the domestic travel front. I visited a new state (Wisconsin), visited a new city (San Francisco), visited a favorite locale (Clearwater Beach), and spent my birthday at the most beautiful of spots, the Mirbeau Inn and Spa in New York's Finger Lakes region. It's modeled after the French painter Claude Monet's house and gardens, Giverny, as you can see from the picture below. It was truly sublime.

And it goes without saying that I hope 2022 will bring some spectacular adventures abroad to make up for all that lost time.



Top 5 favorite reads of 2021

- Forty Autumns by Nina Willner
- You Don't Belong Here by Elizabeth Becker
- Come Fly the World by Julia Cooke
- The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough
- Our Woman in Moscow by Beatriz Williams



Foodie adventures

I love to cook and bake and while I haven't done a ton of either this year, I have baked some delicious items including these pumpkin biscotti with white chocolate and back in the spring, light and fluffy lavender scones.

And a highlight of my time in San Francisco was undoubtedly the food tour I went on in the city's Chinatown neighborhood. The Peking Duck (and accompanying bao) was superb!



Discussion Questions!

Back in September I joined a group of lovely ladies from central Pennsylvania for their monthly book club meeting as they were discussing my first novel, *The Tears of Yesteryear*. I've since posted discussion questions I created to [Goodreads](#) and will be adding them to my website as well. And I hope in the coming weeks to create discussion questions for *The Dead Are Resting* that could also be used by book clubs in the future. Stay tuned!

In-person event in Pittsburgh!

I'm excited to announce that on November 3 at 6:30PM, I'll be speaking at the Bethel Park Public Library. If you're in the area and are able to attend, I'd love to see you there! To register, call the library at 412.835.2207.

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