

## EPISODE 32

Pause We are all on<del>e r</del>ace - the human race.

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Hello again and welcome back to the Author Revolution Podcast. I'm your host, international bestselling indie author, Carissa Andrews and CEO of Author Revolution, the author's source for all things rapid releasing.

Wow, guys. My heart is very heavy right now. For those of you who listen to this podcast or follow me on other sites, you probably already know I live in Minnesota. I'm not in the Twin Cities, but this is still my state. I've lived here my whole life. My youngest brother lived just miles from where everything went down with George Floyd, not more than two years ago. My middle brother, who died from a brain tumor in 2016, took his last breath at Abbott Northwestern right there in Minneapolis.

I can tell you, from being in that city, walking those streets from where I parked blocks away from the hospital, or walking from the hospital to the local restaurants, I never felt any sense of alarm or fear from any of the people. Black, white, Hispanic, Asian, whatever – whoever – we were all just people and all just doing our thing.

If you listen to other podcast episodes around the time the coronavirus was first making waves, you'll know I didn't understand the cause for concern on the level to which we reacted. Of course, I still adhered to the guidelines, I was anyway... and I planned to stay back and watch so that I could understand it more fully. I'm not an epidemiologist, just an avid health writer.



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So, when everyone was freaking out and having trouble concentrating, I didn't have that problem. I kept right on doing my thing.

However, this is a different story. It has my head spinning and my heart hurting. Not only for George Floyd, his family, and the community, but for our state and for all the people in this world suffering from such blatant injustice.

When such a heavy, heavy topic is weighing on my mind, it's hard to focus on something like talking about book covers. You know what I mean? It feels trite and tone deaf.

Today is literally #BlackoutTuesday and to be working on this episode when there's so much going down doesn't quite work for me.

So, instead of continuing on with the regularly scheduled podcast, I'll be shelving the topic of covers and how they play into rapid release until a later date. Instead, I want us all to take a moment to think about where we're at and where we want to be as the human race.

It's important for me to take a little time to process all that's going on. Next week, I want to come at things with a different approach. Let's talk about how authors can make a difference. From what we write, to the causes we support. I hope you'll join me for that conversation.

So, until next time...

Go forth and be the change.



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