



# the Monthly Press



## National Day of Writing

**Join the 24-hour write-a-thon  
October 20th**

October 20th is the National Day of Writing, and to celebrate, we are inviting all writers (and readers, students, business people, and coffee enthusiasts) to join us for a 24-hour Write-a-thon! We will be opening our doors at 12:01 am on October 20th and keeping our coffee and baked goods coming through midnight that same day to provide a space for creativity and focus.

One of the event features will be a midnight-to-midnight specialty lemon cold-brew and chocolate covered blueberry scone for customers on the 20th.

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Coffee, lemon, blueberry, and dark chocolate are considered to improve mood, focus, and energy, so why not enjoy those delicious combinations while you work towards your literary goals?

If you don't want to wait until the 20th to start writing, you can also participate in our October daily mini-poetry contest. Every day, our menu will feature a new single word prompt. Your challenge is to write a 20-word poem off the single word prompt. Entries can be submitted at the register, and every day the selected winner will receive a coupon for one free drink of any size and the winning poem will be featured on the shop Instagram page @secretpines.

Email [contact@secretpines.com](mailto:contact@secretpines.com) to find out more about our writing challenge or our specials!

## Hunted by Megan Spooner

*Despite her position in the inner circle of the Baroness, Yeva longs to be free to roam the woods and hunt the way she did as a child. When her father loses his wealth and relocates Yeva and her sisters to an old hunting cabin in the woods, she is thrilled. But when her father goes missing and she leaves to rescue him, she quickly learns that the woods are much darker than her memories led her to believe. Trapped in a ruined castle, Yeva discovers that things are not always what they seem. Is her captor a benefactor, or a Beast?*

*This retelling combines aspects of two classic fairy tales; Beauty and the Beast and The Firebird. Many of the descriptions are picturesque and phenomenal, which provides contrast to the shifts in the mental states of both the Beauty and the Beast throughout the book. The ending is incredibly unique, and this unusual take on classic folklore is worth adding to your reading list.*

# Pair Autumn Drinks and Fairy Tales

Fall is upon us once again, bringing with it the classic pumpkin and apple flavor combinations. The beginning of sweater weather also provides an excuse to return to comfort food and comfort reading, including the childhood staple: fairy tales. Here are five of our favorite fall drinks and some tales to enjoy them with:



**Hansel and Gretel's Gingerbread Latte** – Thanks to the dynamic sibling duo, you can enjoy this deliciously creamy and warm espresso drink without fear of being captured by a vengeful witch. This cold-weather staple is especially delicious when paired with our shortbread, which is perfect for leaving a trail of crumbs back to your house so that you can find us again tomorrow.

**The Valiant Little Tailor's Iced Maple Cinnamon Latte** – The valiant little tailor is well known for his interactions with giants, including the time he rode on the backside of a tree while pretending to hoist it in a show of his nonexistent incredible strength. According to the Grimm Brothers, it was an oak tree rather than a maple, but that detail doesn't detract from the deliciousness of this drink.

**Rumpelstiltskin's Dirty Chai Latte** – Rumpelstiltskin is a story known for trickery and double-crossing bargains. But there's no double-crossing here, just delicious coffee and spiced tea together. It might not be worth its weight in gold, but you'll have to judge that for yourself.

**Cinderella's Blended Pumpkin Cappuccino** – Not every version has her arriving to the ball in a pumpkin carriage, but her splendid and rather orange entrance provides an excellent excuse to indulge in this balanced and smooth combination of creamy pumpkin and espresso.



**Snow White's Spiced Cider** – Even with her new aversion to apples, Snow White can't help but indulge in this cider. The small batches are mulled with spices for 24-hours to provide rich depth and warmth, but the daily quantity is limited, so get it before it runs out!

