The Perez family Christmas tree, inside their camper.

Since the day that Hurricane Katrina swept away the only home that I have known, there are thousands of miles between me and the place where I was born. I have chronicled her life as a refugee from a world in which I have no past. It's a world in which I have no one to talk to about special causes of The Tattoo devoted to her. The world I left behind has changed. The world in which thousands of readers from across the globe share stories of their own lives.

All of your stories are works of wonder. All of your readers are the readers of the books I've read, and all of your words are the words of poetry. I love you.

Before we get started, let's have a few words about nutrition and health, shall we?

**Aug. 28th, the Monday Madison hit.**

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