

Thanksgiving Card 2023 Video 1: Introduction (At Melrose Ave)

TRANSCRIPT

Hi there, I am Zoe Marie Bel.

(More On The Name Later)

This is the Thanksgiving card 2023 video explainer.

Wait... Where You At?

The eagle-eyed among you will note that I'm not posting this from a French village this year. I'm either going up in the world or sideways, I'm not sure, but here I am in Los Angeles, against the Paul Smith Pink Wall. So this is the habitual terrain of influencers. And then... me.

Yeah, normally you would have an Instagram [model] in front of this wall telling you how to get that guy, that job, and those nails all before lunch. I'm afraid I can't help you with any of those things.

The Thanksgiving Card Concept

So to those folks who are receiving the card for the first time this year, I'll just quickly explain the concept, which is now in its 11th year.

So I will write a poem from scratch for Thanksgiving, not necessarily about Thanksgiving, because frankly turkey is kind of very limited poetic terrain. Turkey is kind of a one and done topic when it comes, you know, to poetry.

About That Mini Card

So for the last three years, I've also enclosed with the main card a small mini poem card. I call it a pocket sonnet or something wanky like that. But essentially it's a shorter poem on a card that some people will struggle to make out in a murky room.

If You've Received The Card

So if you've gotten the card, yeah, you've touched me in some way, something you've done has made me glad that you are you and you're around, doing your thing. So thank you.

About That Name...

Winter Bel is a pen name that I have used for almost a decade for all of my non-genre creativity. So anything that's not Lexia Snowe or Lex Snowe was just kind of othered into Winter Bel.

And just lately as I finished my short story collection and my debut novel, I noticed that, as a pen name for writing, Winter Bel makes it sound like I write kind of witchy sci-fi romance, which would be way more interesting than what I actually do, but unfortunately isn't what I do. I write literary fiction and poetry. And, yeah, if you hear Winter Bel as the author name, doesn't it just sound like kind of a Buffy The Vampire [Slayer] spinoff writer? Again, way more interesting than I actually am, but also not what I am. So time to 'fess up. I'm just Zoe Marie Bel.

Interlude: Influencers Under Vigilance...

There's a security guard that paces around and makes sure that, you know... There's about five influencers now lined up against the wall with me. I dunno what he thinks we're gonna do. Break out into rogue makeup recommendations or something, I dunno.

Back To The All-Important Message

Happy Thanksgiving. May it be as colorful as both this sweater and this wall. Maybe not both at once like this, this is kind of too much. It's a migraine, just looking at it. But you know what I mean.

Remember: All Walls Matter

And in the interest of equal opportunities for all walls, here's a beige, kind of crappy one with a crack in it. Also at Harper and Melrose in Los Angeles.

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