Kianna Alexander, in Full Bloom …
@KiannaWrites

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Some of you remember me tweeting about an editor who, in 2011, was so shocked by my question about pubbing my AA historical romance that she went all 'deer in the headlights'.
THAT EDITOR WAS SUE EFFING GRIMSHAW.

8:20 AM - 15 Aug 2019

31 Retweets **167** Likes

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Kianna Alexander, in Full Bloom @KiannaWrites · Aug 15
People can do what they want. But if you hire someone who can't even fathom stories about people of color, let alone see value in them, DONT PRETEND YOU WANT OUR STORIES. YOU DON'T. And we're not interested in empty promises and lip service.

Ella Drake
@Lori_Ella

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So Sue Grimshaw being hired by Marie Force is going to come down to "those hateful twitter people" vs the "all my white FB friends love this"

And nothing will happen. They'll ignore it. Other than Sue deleting all her likes and RTs of radical Trumpster BS

1:30 PM - 13 Aug 2019

20 Likes

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Ella Drake @Lori_Ella · Aug 13
though I feel weird calling her Sue.

Grimshaw sounds properly grim.

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Ella Drake @Lori_Ella · Aug 13
Yes, when I'm waiting on yet another update I check on things like "what are all the white women saying on FB?"

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Dr. Sandra Schwab @ScribblingSandy · Aug 14
Replying to @Lori_Ella
This hateful Twitter person just ambled over to the publisher's FB page and left a comment. Of course, chances are, it will simply get deleted by the moderator of the page.

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Ella Drake @Lori_Ella · Aug 14

Tez Miller
@TezMillerOz

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Accounts Sue Grimshaw Follows on Twitter: archive.li/sHP1J twitter.com/SueGrimshaw/fo… Most are fine, but there are some red flags:

BrandonStraka, jepence, MattWolking, marc_lotter, kayleighmcenany, Trump, LaraLeaTrump, foxnation, RealCandaceO, BeauBennettTN

Twitter
archived 13 Aug 2019 07:38:06 UTC
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2:04 AM - 13 Aug 2019

2 Likes

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Mo @MoniqueMeow · Aug 16
Replying to @TezMillerOz
I just went through her long list, and with the exception of Paul Ryan (lol), they were all authors and others in publishing, etc. Obviously, she must have scrubbed the list clean.

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Tez Miller @TezMillerOz · Aug 16
Too late - archives and screenshots 😉

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Mo @MoniqueMeow · Aug 16
Still - thank you. I got the gist from reading other tweets about her though.

Nina - latinasoccermom
@latinasoccermom

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Replying to @marieforce @SueGrimshaw

Please do tell, which authors are you and @SueGrimshaw working with so I stay away from them. - Contemporary romance reader

6:36 AM - 13 Aug 2019

10 Likes

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Nina - latinasoccermom @latinasoccermom · Aug 17

Replying to @latinasoccermom @marieforce @SueGrimshaw

Jackie "#RomanceForRoe Antholo…
@jackiebarbosa

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Here's my thought on the Sue Grimshaw thing: I didn't know that she was a Trumplicker. I never followed her. I just didn't see the need.

Now I wonder if I *should have* seen the need. Should we ALL see the need to follow people like her so we KNOW what they believe in/are up to?

4:59 PM - 12 Aug 2019

4 Likes

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Jackie "#RomanceForRoe Anthology" Barbosa @jackiebarbosa · Aug 12
I curate my feed toward people who are readers/writers, esp of romance, and whose values align pretty closely with mine. It keeps my bp down, but it also means Twitter is close to an echo chamber for me.

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Jackie "#RomanceForRoe Anthology" Barbosa @jackiebarbosa · Aug 12
Maybe I should be willing to see more content that upsets me so that I don't mistakenly wind up aligning myself with someone I would otherwise want to stay as far away from as possible.

Maybe we all should?

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Suleikha Snyder
@suleikhasnyder

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Thread. Whispers about Sue Grimshaw have circulated for years, but her Twitter likes are a rousing shout from the rooftops that she is a proud bigot. What sort of person is Marie Force for *hiring* a proud bigot? These are our gatekeepers, Romancelandia. Recognize them.

Sharon @Mojitana
Sue Grimshaw is a bigot and you want Authors of Color to sign with you? AoC (and allies of them) in Romancelandia stay far away from these women. Welcome to the did not buy list, Marie. twitter.com/marieforce/sta…

Show this thread

5:02 PM - 12 Aug 2019

31 Retweets **100** Likes

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Tina Holland @haveubeenaughty · Aug 12
Replying to @suleikhasnyder
Thanks for sharing...sometimes I don't come out from under my rock enough . ..

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Cheryl Etchison @_CherylEtchison · Aug 14
Replying to @suleikhasnyder
I discovered her likes earlier this year because Twitter ratted her out. lol Those captures don't even come closer to showing the worst of what I saw in her profile.

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Lisa A. Nichols @lisaanichols_ · Aug 13

Dee Slaying 2019
@dee_carney

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Oh hell no. This day job has to go (well, as soon as I hit the lotto). Anyhoo...

Almost missed out on Sue Grimshaw liking tweets that are MAGAt batshit-crazy and Marie Force now hiring her. #Trash

7:19 PM - 12 Aug 2019

15 Likes

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Joyfully Reviewed @JoyfullyReviewd · Aug 12

Replying to @dee_carney

Rhonda Merwarth
@RhondaMerwarth

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Replying to @marieforce @SueGrimshaw

Marie, you aware of Sue's political leanings?

I wasn't aware until today (which is awful bc I submitted to her last year without knowing them), but upon looking at her twitter account, I saw MANY tweets she liked that were very bigoted.

12:38 PM - 12 Aug 2019

2 Retweets **61** Likes

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Rhonda Merwarth @RhondaMerwarth · Aug 13

Replying to @RhondaMerwarth @marieforce @SueGrimshaw

Sue, you do know that simply unliking the bigoted tweets isn't the solution here, right? Or tweaking your FAQs, Marie?

I've received no comment so far from Marie or Sue. As an author myself, I'm dismayed (yet utterly unsurprised) at how this is being swept under the rug.

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Rhonda Merwarth @RhondaMerwarth · Aug 15

White privilege means sitting quietly and waiting for things to die down until you can go back to business as usual.

We see you, Marie and Sue. And when you start promoting Jack's House Publishing again, I'll be there, warning writers about your company's bigotry.

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Apocalypse 'dismissive wanking gesture gif' Nyet @Apocaly… · Aug 12

Replying to @RhondaMerwarth @marieforce @SueGrimshaw

Apocalypse 'dismissive wanking gesture gif' Nyet @Apocaly… · Aug 12

Yeah, she's not a good choice in this current political climate, especially considering the desperate need for own voice AoC in romance.

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Olivia Waite
@O_Waite

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Replying to @ApocalypseNyet @RhondaMerwarth and 2 others

Chiming in to say that between Sue's frankly bigoted tweet history and the explicit rejection of queer romance, I'm going to actively steer new authors away from this submission process, and encourage others to do the same.

2:42 PM - 12 Aug 2019

7 Retweets **66** Likes

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Rhonda Merwarth @RhondaMerwarth · Aug 12

Replying to @O_Waite @ApocalypseNyet and 2 others

I will be doing the same.

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Rhonda Merwarth @RhondaMerwarth · Aug 12

Also, Marie, why are you not interested in acquiring M/M romance for your publishing company? And does this include all LGBTQ+ romances, or is M/M excluded for a particular reason?

I'm seeing many red flags here about your publishing company.

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Brina @BrinaStarler · Aug 12

This is not a good look, Marie, especially considering how vocal several people in the community have been lately. At this moment in time, in light of this new hire and Rhonda's points, I have to say I'll also be steering people clear of subbing to your company.

Bree should be writing #Mercenar…
@mostlybree

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As recently as last week, Sue Grimshaw LIKEd a tweet claiming that white supremacy was a myth created by liberals to scare black people.

Hiring her is, as @Lori_Ella says... a choice.

I would strongly advise authors to steer clear of the sort of atmosphere this would create.

> **Ella Drake** @Lori_Ella
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> twitter.com/marieforce/sta…
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> Show this thread

4:25 PM - 12 Aug 2019

53 Retweets **170** Likes

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Bree should be writing #MercenaryLibrarians @mostlybree · Aug 12

I thought a lot about how to say this, but honestly... there's nothing else to say. You can go to her twitter account and peruse the tweets she's favorited at your leisure.

She isn't hiding anything. It's not a big revelation. That was her choice.

Now we make choices.

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Bree should be writing #MercenaryLibrarians @mostlybree · Aug 12

And while we're making choices, think about the fact that she has been one of

Hannah Murray @HannahM_Writes · Aug 12

Welp. The editor everyone is talking about is one I submitted to 2 yrs ago. She didn't buy the book, but said she liked my voice and to please resubmit when I had something else. I was just getting ready to, and now I cannot imagine ever working with her.

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Mahala @38CaliberReview · Aug 12

Which editor is being talked about today?

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Hannah Murray
@HannahM_Writes

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Replying to @38CaliberReview

Sue Grimshaw

1:26 PM - 12 Aug 2019

Melissa Blue @mel_thegreat · Aug 12

Do we really need a breakdown on why hiring someone with racist views will directly impact the diverse submissions you'll receive? Much, less how that will affect anyone on staff who is a POC?

Do we really, REALLY need that thread?

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Jackie "#RomanceForRoe Anthology" Barbosa @jackiebarbosa · Aug 12

What did I miss?

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Melissa Blue
@mel_thegreat

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Replying to @jackiebarbosa

The Marie Force/Sue Grimshaw thing.

11:47 AM - 12 Aug 2019

3 Likes

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Jackie "#RomanceForRoe Anthology" Barbosa @jackiebarbosa · Aug 12

Replying to @mel_thegreat

Yes, I had definitely missed it but now I am up to date.

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Melissa Blue @mel_thegreat · Aug 12

I don't know who isn't at this point. lol

Lise Horton @lisekimhorton · Aug 12

Replying to @mel_thegreat @jackiebarbosa

Uh oh!

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Elysabeth 'Shakespeare's Black Boo' Grace @Elysabethgrace · Aug 12

Replying to @mel_thegreat @jackiebarbosa

Sharon @Mojitana · Aug 12

Your RTs are mostly your own promo. But look at all the white people you RT. Have you ever even read a book by an author of color? Why would any AoC want to go into business with you knowing you hired a bigot to edit them?

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Sharon
@Mojitana

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A juxtaposition of Sue Grimshaw's liked tweets (which she's scrubbing of her Trump worshiping) and author of color tweets that she's liked. There were WAAAAY more likes for Trump related content than AoC content.

8:49 PM - 12 Aug 2019

2 Retweets **7** Likes

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Sharon @Mojitana · Aug 12

Sue Grimshaw has in the past rejected manuscripts for having multiracial romance because she stated no one cares about race anymore. But she pushed