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Hey !

Vanessa here.

Everyone has a ritual to make the year start right. I took my time to find my word for I needed it to be an inspiration and a mood.

My word is Queen. Sounds simple, but a queen is principled, willing to fight for her people, royal, and treated well. This year, in addition to doing what I love (writing books), I'm shining my tiara. I'm going to treat myself in uncompromising ways.

What about you? What is your word? How does it set the mark for what it is you wish for 2023?

Recipe: Avocado Chicken Salad

On my Instagram feed, I promised this recipe for Chicken Salad that uses no mayo.

- 2 cans 5oz can of chopped chicken or a pulled/shredded/chopped rotisserie chicken
- 1 avocado
- 1 juice of a medium lemon
- 2 stalks of celery finely chopped
- 4 chopped boiled eggs (optional)
- 1 tablespoon of dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- Pepper to taste

Instructions

Scoop out the flesh of an avocado.

Mash with the lemon juice until smooth.

Combine all ingredients in a bowl with the avocado mash.

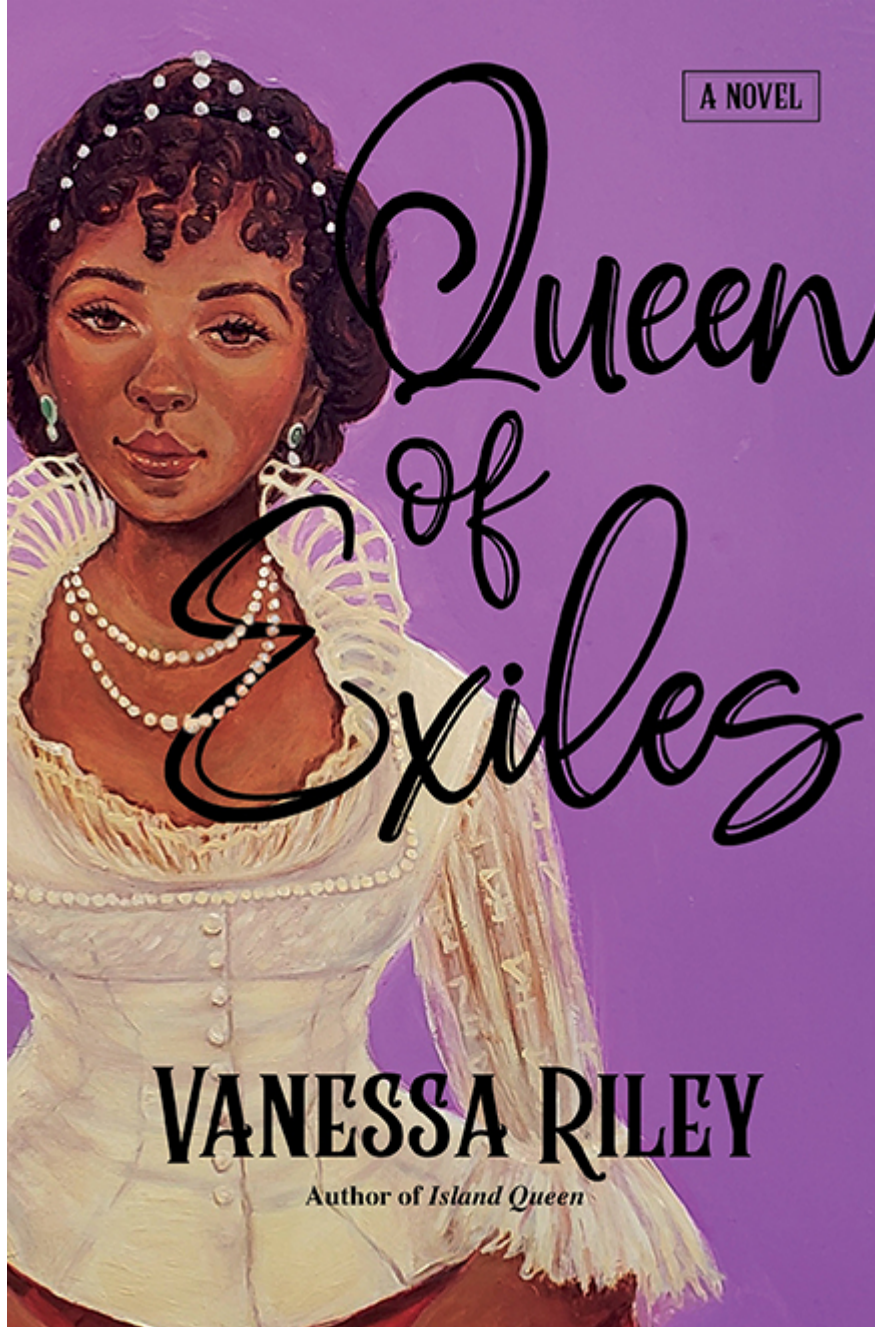
Mix well.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve over toasted sourdough bread, but it is delish eating with crackers or out of a small bowl.

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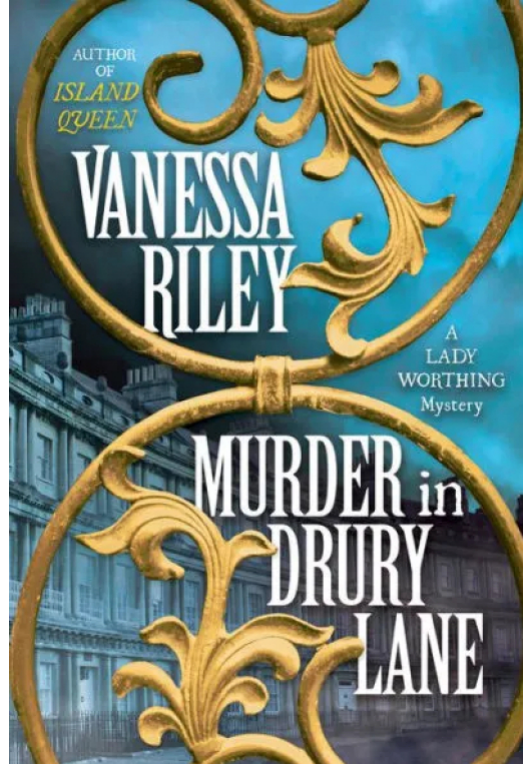
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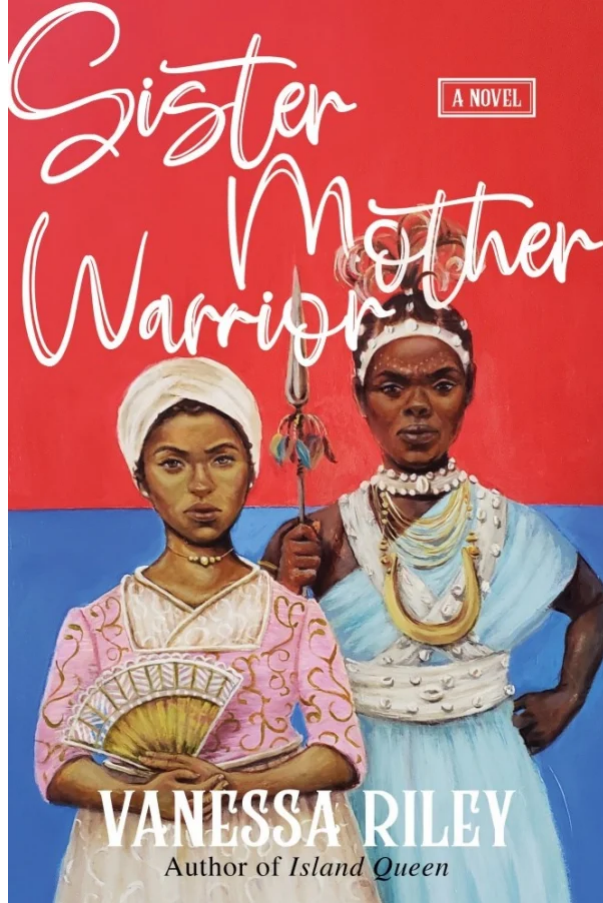
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