



Hello out there,

Happy New Year to all of you! I love, love, love New Year. (Weird but true, I like taking the Christmas tree down almost as much as I like putting it up ...) I'm the Queen of New Year's Resolutions. I write them down. I break them, of course (some of them immediately, some stagger on as far as ... ooh, February ...) But that is so not the point. It's the making them that's fun.

The usual top 3? Lose weight, get fitter, watch less rubbish TV. Hint - come May, when I'm back in the UK to publicise my new novel, *The Way We Were* - I'll still be chubby, still get puffed going upstairs, and still be hoping I can squeeze in a few episodes of EastEnders (which is pointless - after 4 years in America, I barely recognize anyone on it ...). But the whole thing about New Year's Resolutions is that this year might just be the one ... watch this space ...

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We were just the five of us - me, David, the girls, and David's son William (he's 28) who came down for a lovely week with his dog Miika. We watched *It's A Wonderful Life* (it isn't Christmas for me unless we do). Definitely one of my favourite films of all time. And now we're having a week in the sun to celebrate the New Year (don't hate me - it is, in fact, raining hard here - don't you love it when the locals say 'this normally never happens'? I have 32 bug bites, stripy sunburn from before it started raining, and a daughter with swimmer's ear ...).

2010 is going to be a great year for me, and I'm excited. I have a new hardback - *The Way We Were* - out in May. And two of my other novels - ***The Reading Group*** and ***Alphabet Weekends*** - are coming out during the year with new covers. To celebrate these new editions, I've written some fun extras for the back



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pages, which I hope you'll enjoy reading.

I also have five copies of *The Reading Group* to give away - just email elizabethnoble@penguin.co.uk with 'The Reading Group' in the subject heading to be in with a chance of winning. (Don't forget to check the terms and conditions, below.)

And I hope 2010 is a great year for you too. Watch this space for updates ... on the books, on events through the year, and ... maybe this will help me stick to 'em ... the New Year's Resolutions ...

Lots of love,

Elizabeth x

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