



On the road ...

One of the things that can really start to get you down when you do this whole author gig thing is being on the road. Don't get me wrong, traveling is fun and I enjoy getting to meet new and interesting folks--however, being away from my family for long stretches is never fun.

The truth is, I'm a bit of a homebody, and I like to spend time around my house, and more importantly with my family and

friends. One of the things that makes the frequent stints away from home more tolerable is when you get to spend it with your extended family, and even better, when you get to pop in at home with them and use your house as a "base of operations."

As some of you may be aware I was recently on tour with a pair of lovely authors who are not only very good friends, but extended family as well. We spent our time visiting stores in Omaha, NE; western Missouri; here in Saint Louis; and wound up the jaunt at [Heartland Pagan Festival](#) in McClouth Kansas. The photo above was taken during a relaxing morning several hours before we were due at a bookstore here in STL. Pictured are [Kristin Madden](#) (left) and [Dorothy Morrison](#) (right), lounging and chatting on the back deck of the Sellars abode. (The orange cat near Morrison is "MeatLump," (AKA Jasper--one of our many feline rescues.)