

Today marks the beginning of autumn, and I am ready for the change of weather that I hope it will bring. Being an impatient sort, I plan to hurry the experience along by visiting the Northeast, where the leaves are already turning. So off we go, first to Montreal (my French is horrible, but I will say bonjour to everyone in order to earn their good graces,) After that, we will drive through upstate New York and visit friends in Ithaca. I expect a lot of colored leaves and will complain if they are not delivered.

Soon after I return, I will participate in the **Columbia Harvest Festival** on October 12, offering my book **Madam Pantaloons: Gold Rush Pioneer** to the attendees. Columbia, the site of a large mine during the California Gold Rush, is now a state park hosting busloads of fourth-graders studying California history.

I have begun work on the second book in the Timberlands series, which will take place ten years later during World War II. It will differ quite a bit from **Timberlands**, in that it will involve some war-time espionage and romance. (The Kowalsky family has grown up!)

I do hope you will all enjoy reading my latest novel. Be sure to write a review and tell your friends about it!

Cheers,

Jenifer