



I don't blog: I brag, celebrate, and shamelessly advertise!!!

WELCOME TO MY WORLD: Great things are happening in my world. Not only for me, but great things are happening for my writing friends! Share this link as you wish, if quoted, follow the rules of conduct and good manners.

I'm not waiting for this to be edited for me. You know or should know by now, I am dyslexic. I use twice my share of commas, and I have a gift to gab ~ considering I am so shy! Yes, I really am, if you only knew...

Thanks to the blogger SqueakingNoodle, UK, I won the book Age Ain't Nothing but a Number from Carleen Brice, US, who blogs as the PajamaGardener. I love this book! Thanks! <http://Pajamagardener.blogspot.com/>

SqueakingNoodle invited me to guest blog in Oct. <http://squeakingnoodle.blogspot.com/>

A moment of pause. In the US, Thanksgiving Day is the day set aside to be thankful. I'm a bit slow, but I've never understood why it's only one day. Sounds like something that might be good to do a bit more often, like, um, once or twice a day? Ya think?

It is a long running joke that I, like Captain Janeway in Star Trek Voyager (©® etc), always have an opinion. What isn't so funny is that is totally true, especially on matters of child abuse.

I believe a person should stand for something, or sit down and shut up. Harsh? Perhaps. Today was one of those days. Don't get me started... about politicians making excuses why they abuse pages. You know, folks, child abuse is just plain wrong. There is no excuse... not even for the Catholic Church. Enough.

*Moving on...*What's the deal with the reviews on my website? Professional reviews are important in the big picture, nevertheless I enjoy the comments of "real readers." I am in awe of Kathryn's power to generate identification between readers and herself. Thank you everyone. I love you guys! I have the best fans in any universe!

Speaking of fans, in October, I met Lawrence and Shirley Edington from Florida. We had a great visit about books and the book industry. Nice people! Come back soon!

Kathryn & Co. News Briefs:

Never in my wildest dreams did I expect Kathryn's Beach to be so popular. My plan was to write a "strong, invincible woman" story. You know, the quintessential woman.

Kathryn, and perhaps Maggie, had different ideas for this story. There are more flaws than I planned, more desire for romance, and twists I had never imagined. In a way, this is more their book than mine. While I would love to take credit for this Kathryn phenomena, I feel (at times) simply their scrivener. Thank you Kathryn & friends for this wonderful experience. I'm loving every minute of it.

KATHRYN'S BEACH: The new and improved second edition is **HERE!!!** and available

through my website link to amazon, or other internet outlets ~ including the international versions of amazon. Refresh the book page on my website to see the info you need to order it from your local bookstore. They can order it, even if they say they can't. Take them the info from my books page and make their job easier!

Kathryn's Beach was first published 11/04/05 ~ one ago! If you have a signed first edition, get out the acid free paper and take care of that priceless collector's item! Oh, quit laughing. I saw KB on eBay! That has to mean something, right? No idea what it means... Get your copy of the second edition of KB today.

"Life is good; not always easy, but good." KB

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HIGH TIDE is due to be released SOMETIME this month. There were technical difficulties. I'm sadly expecting delays, Sorry! Watch my website for when High Tide is released!

Ann's music is up for an award!! A b'zillion thanks to **Ann Zimmerman** for permission to use her song, Absolute Zero[©] in HT. Ann was written into the story line! Listen to the song on Ann's website! Ann has her (real) CD #3 out. Ck her website. <http://AnnZimmerman.com>

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ATONEMENT Expect to see the book in 2007. Judith, don't even ask about rewrites. Yes, you are on the pre-reader list! I'd never forget you.

Kathryn's fans won't believe this book. There are incredible twists for her. Shots are fired. New characters join old favorites. Kathryn has a new job. The setting expands up the coast and to Europe. That's all I'm telling for now...

Nadine's Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
Atonement (Kathryn #3) 07
Kathryn's Beach: The Director's Cut
Possibly a Kathryn #4: Resurrection ??

In the this is really cool department...

In keeping with my social worker mentality, I have to say this is my favorite independent bookstore: **Fulton Books in Gloversville, NY.**

Pam Flint over at Fulton's independent bookstore has her act together when it comes to banned books. Extra discount on them. Buying a banned book for yourself or as a gift? Consider supporting this store! If I ever get to NY state, I'm visiting Fulton's. <http://Fultonbooks.com>

Let's look at some of these banned books. Well, **J.K. Rowling** is in good company on this list that includes **Maya Angelou, Mark Twain, John Steinbeck, J.D. Salinger, Alice Walker, Toni Morrison, Harper Lee, Kurt Vonnegut, and...** Doesn't this kind of read like a list of who's who on a college required reading list? I should be so lucky. Wow!

Weren't a lot of these books made into movies? Go look at the list on Fulton's site and buy one of these classics! While you're at it, tell your reading friends about Fulton's list and discount. Why not buy all your books at Fulton? (No, Pam doesn't know I wrote this.)

www (Wonderful Web Wizard), Joyce is always improving my website. Ck it out. Refresh the pages if you are a returning visitor 'cuz we've been busy. Homepage "sign up" for this newsletter. <http://NadineLamanBooks.com>

What's Next? Surely everyone knows that not all writing contests are legitimate. Right? Winning is good PR. Losing is expensive. Personally, I'm leery about literary "agent" sponsored contests. Here's two that are legit.

2007 IPPY Award:
<http://independentpublisher.com/ipland'IPAward s.php>

ForeWord Book of the year:
<http://forewordmagazine.com/awards/>

In the that's enough about me department...let's celebrate each other!!!

Fearlessly we send our words into the world to be read, criticized, and enjoyed...

Hold the press, this is BIG:

Kip Cossom, US artist debuts his beautiful children's book, Nov. 1, **Ned Visits New York**. I love his artistic style and am going to use his book as a travel guide if I ever go to NY.

Kip is rapidly becoming one of the most famous NY street vendors. Book and children's wear available at <http://KipKids.com>

Jeannine Garsee, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Bloomsbury USA, June 07, has a new cover for her book (look on her blog). I loved the first two, and this one is great too! The galleys have arrived and she's dancing in delight to finally see her galley. Jen is writing her next book, Say the Word. <http://jeanninegarsee.com> See her blog... <http://onegrapeshy.livejournal.com>.

June Austin, UK author of Genesis of Man is busy, watch her site. This is a very fascinating book. If you like the alternate history of Da Vinci Code and want more, this is the book to get. Also on amazon USA. <http://JuneAustin.co.uk>

Thomas Brown, US author of Men Bleed Too, and She Taught Me To Laugh Again is shopping his children's book, and working on a novel. Tom has been asked to write articles regarding breast cancer from the husband's perspective! <http://ThomasBrownBooks.com>.

Carleen Brice, US author is stepping into the wild side by writing fiction! Carleen journalist, author, editor has sold her first work of fiction, Orange Mint and Honey Ballantine Books 08. Congrats Carleen! Her books to date are Lead me Home, Age Ain't Nothing but a Number, and Walk Tall. Something is coming for Walk Tall, watch Carleen's blog. <http://pajamagardener.blogspot.com/>

Krissy Brady, Canadian author's debut poetry collection in 4 parts Title Wave released Oct 01. Title Wave is from a Canadian small press. Krissy at <http://krissybrady.com/>

Jerry Simmons, US author of INSIDE The Business of Publishing – What writers Need to Know. Second book coming any day now, What Writers Need to Know About Publishing. Jerry worked 20+ years in NY at a BIG time, real-deal publishing house. <http://WritersReaders.com>

Ray Derby, US author of Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost. Coming soon is Clouds of Deception. I have read and enjoyed the ms. Ray is working on book #4. Ray writes very good government conspiracy/terrorist novels. Ray is an expert in homeland security. This conspiracy stuff is fiction. Right?! <http://RayDerby.com>

Frederiko Aguilar, US author of The Desert Has No King, his debut Las Vegas novel. Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. It will be out any day. <http://TheDesertHasNoKing.com>

Fred's friends and family have asked that I correctly spell "Las Vegas" – I didn't in previous newsletters. Consider it done, mi amigos!

Philip Harris US author has A Maine Christmas Carol coming this holiday season. New twist to a well known classic. Get info from Phil's website. <http://christmascarol.bravehost.com/>

Philip Harris and Brian Doe, US authors are accused of starting a NEW GENRE with their book Walking God. New genre? **Spiritual Thriller!** Philip and Brian have a second book in the works. Trilogy time! <http://WalkingGod.com>

Betty Landon, US children books author debuts with The Feather From the Sky Nov 06. What did she do when she retired? Become a Judge and write children's stories.

Aurora Collins, US author expects her small press debut end time thriller, Shadow Walk releases the first of 07. <http://freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm>

Andrew Revels, US author of Games Poor Kids Play, a collection of short stories is his debut offering! I've read a few of these slices of Americana! Thank God he wasn't my kid! He has a novel in the works, Belly of the Beast. Andy is a bright young writer. <http://andrewrevels.com/>

In the lovely land of rewrite & edits:

These new kids on the block are frantically working on their first book. Just gotta love their fresh voices. I've been lucky enough to preview bits and pieces of many of these works.

We wish each of you God's speed with your writing projects...

Anya Page US, fantasy writer is working on her debut novel, Turn of the Lykoj. The first draft is done and she is living in rewrite city. Early comments from pre-readers are very good! That has to delight Anya! Good work!

Rebekah Vandergriff, US, a former model turned social worker, author of What Day Is It? The true story of her recovery from a car wreck that resulted in a coma inducing head trauma. Packed with info about care and rehab for people who sustained a serious brain injury.

Cathy Cole, North Ireland mystery author, promises this is the last polishing of her novel, Where There's Smoke. Hold it, she just made a major change in this ms, something about... (I don't think I am supposed to tell.) It's murder not telling...

Leah Collins, US, is working on her debut novel, Bay Window. She is having fun! Back to work, Leah, fun's over! Hehehe...

Jean Marie, US, is nearly finished with the first draft of her novel, Under the Dryer, a fictitious under the hair dryer tell all. Jean made this stuff up, right? Last I knew she was scouting cover artists. Time to get a haircut & an update.

Andy of Beaux-reflets, French author & freelance artist, has several works in progress that are keeping him busy. Need a freelance artist? <http://Beaux-reflets.com>

Karin Carstens, US author reports Far From Forever is headed to the editor in preparation to be shopped to agents. It shouldn't be long now before query letters crowd her other WIPs.

Jennifer McDonald, US, is working on her fiction project, Out of Habit. She is making up for lost time while she had her eyes patched.

Side bar: I don't want to hear any whining about how hard writing is. Jennifer is legally blind and she is writing one heck of a great book. Her work in progress is making a lot more progress than a whole bunch of sighted authors. Get your game on people! Jennifer is leaving lots of writers in the dust. I love this story and salute Jennifer's spirit!

Cool Websites: Know a website address you want to share ~ send them to me.

Library Thing. It's hard to describe why I think this is cool. You just have to take a look at it. <http://librarything.com/>

Title-z is offering free use of their beta program. Beta? Test version. Track amazon ranking for any book on amazon. <http://titlez.com>

Blogs worth visiting:

<http://girlondemand.blogspot.com/>

<http://grumpyoldbookman.blogspot.com/>

<http://pubrants.blogspot.com/>

<http://squeakingnoodle.blogspot.com/>

<http://pajamagardener.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.mywritingblog.com/writer/>

Now a word from our [shameless advertising dept.](#) (That would be me.)

If you plan to buy Kathryn's Beach, consider buying on **Nov 4** to celebrate Kathryn's 1 year anniversary! Available from amazon and international versions of Amazon.

2007 Calendar: Still working out a few bugs. The problems are on this end, not Lulu.

Just in time for your holiday shopping! Pick a book from the authors listed or one of mine!

I get...the LAST WORD!

Every "piece" of the book industry makes money on our talent. Think about this a moment. Name one part of the industry that would continue without writers.

They need us, but some act as if we are a dime a dozen ~ simply because there are a lot of us. Some of those people have forgotten that without writers there would be no books.

Let us never forget – without readers there would be no need for books.

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There are a lot of scams in this industry. The reason they survive is because writers want to be PUBLISHED so much so, they will pay any price, to any person. Be careful out there. Things aren't always as they appear.

READ real-deal lit agent Kristin Nelson's blog about this. <http://pubrants.blogspot.com/>

Please, please, check agents before you query. This is very important. Don't skip this step.

PREDATORS & EDITORS from the Magazine of speculative Fiction, Anotherealm.
<http://anotherealm.com/prededitors>

WRITER BEWARE from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc.
<http://Sfwa.org/beware>

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I joke with my writing friends, traditionally and *otherwise* published, whether they will answer my email when they are famous.

It sometimes happens that once people find success, they forget most of their old friends. Sad commentary for their character. However, it isn't always the case. Nor does it HAVE to be the way things are among us.

While it does serve some short term purpose for authors not to support each other, it is in the best interest of the craft that we do just that, support each other as fellow writers.

The most successful campaign of division is to focus on who published the book. While this is clearly a junior high school mentality, it is a very real issue in the industry. The fact is that readers do not purchase a book based on who the publisher is. Ask them if you don't believe me on this. Go ahead, ask...

Reality is some publishing contracts are better than others, some with larger advances, and that is a good thing. We should celebrate for our colleagues! Good for them! Celebrate the possibilities for all of us.

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Thomas Brown, US author, and I are the ultimate writing buddies. Tom & I openly share ideas regarding marketing, promotion, and our current writing projects. We talk of frustrations and joys; our ideas and leads.

Tom and I have a pact between us. When one of us figures out this crazy and exciting industry, **we will leave the light on** for the other. We aren't competitive with each other. We are a team. We help each other.

Another case on point is that **Jeannine Garsee** who is with Bloomsbury (a "real" publisher) and I laugh that it is easier it is to write a book than jacket copy. Go ahead and laugh, you try writing a decent bio and blurb for your book.

The point is that we share our experiences in this industry, even though we are in different parts of the industry. Our writing brings us together, as should be the case.

Jerry Simmons is another writer with totally different experience in the industry than mine, yet we find common ground.

While the publisher does matter in some regards, it doesn't have to be a dividing factor.

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Continue to learn the craft; continue to dream. Don't be mechanical about the process. There is no magic number of word count in a ms, or pages in a chapter. Inspired writing inspires readers' imagination.

Look at the university catalogue, writing is a fine art. Books trigger our imagination, books inspire, books challenge, books educate and enlighten. Write your best book.

I love this craft! I am having a grand time and I wish the same for every writer.

Dream the possibilities. I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your BEST BOOK.



Kathryn's Beach is REAL!

Seal Beach, California

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