



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

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You know, or should know by now, I'm dyslexic. This is the unedited director's cut. Cool, eh?

Since this is a **monthly** newsletter there is a **month's worth** of links and other stuff in each newsletter. It's all there with you in mind. Don't ya feel special? **You ARE!**

Memorial: On May 5th, a tornado leveled 95% of the Midwestern town of Greensburg, Kansas, including my former office. This is a photo from the first tornado. It was a F-5 tornado. It was hit again the following day.



Chances are this link won't exist by the time my newsletter comes out, so I pasted the photo. Here's the link:

news.aol.com/topnews/articles/_a/tornadoes-rake-midwest-level-kansas-town/20070505031309990001?ncid=NWS00010000000001

In Greensburg, I regularly appeared in Judge Pauline Schwarm's court. A finer Jurist doesn't exist. I never lived in this town of 1,400, but drove there to work 5 days a week.

Kathryn & Co. News Briefs: Last month I talked with another Judge, whose court I appeared in, Judge Carter. In my memory her name is Katherine. However, she reminded me that the spelling is KATHRYN. I'm sure I knew that. Is my Kathryn named after Judge Carter? It wasn't my intention. I like the spelling though.

As a side line, with a large family it is hard not to use a family name or two in my writing. Eventually, I did give up on that idea and named my characters any name I thought suited them.

My cousin David named the character "Nick" and we made Nick a bit of David's alter ego. With her permission, Ilene is very much like my cousin Ilene. She helped me immensely to convert Kathryn's Beach from an email rambling to a ms. Karen in KB isn't my cousin Karen, but I've always liked the name (and my cousin).

So it goes with naming. My middle son's middle name is Ioseph. I needed a Gaelic spelled name, but I wouldn't have used his if I had known that Ioseph would have stayed in the story longer than at the dinner party. Sorry son. It is no reflection on you, I promise. KB is not a fictionalized biography. The characters ARE simply fiction. (Got that, Fred?)

And, so goes the life of a writer. My friend Terrie Berg was out of new books to read, so I wrote a very long email (short story) to her. The idea was to give her something to read until she made it through the ice storm and to the library.

After Terrie wouldn't let the short story be enough, I emailed a chapter or two to her every night for three weeks. That is how KB and HT were written. Thanks Terrie, it has been fun.

Little did I know then that I was setting in motion the basis of a trilogy. One never knows what "possibilities" a Midwestern ice storm will bring into a one's life, do they?

I imagine most writers know what their main character looks like, right? Would you be surprised to learn that I don't have a visual on Kathryn? Nope. Nothing. Nada. Most everyone else in the trilogy, no problemo. If you have in mind an image of Kathryn, pick an actress, living or dead, and send me the link to the person who looks like your idea of Kathryn.

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Thanks to Russ, Jeannie-Honey (my kids gave her that name when they were little), and Regan for sending me suggestions for new titles for *Atonement*. I'm sure other people have ideas. Don't be shy, send them ~ I'd love to see them.

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Pre-reader comments on *Atonement*: (Keep in mind they ARE fans, so they are happy to have a peek at the next story ~ even with the typos).

"I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE IT; Wow! It started off with a BANG!; There was no way to stop reading, send more; Okay, so you got me hooked again; Mum loves your writing."

Everyone agrees Kathryn acted out of character in the beginning. (Whoops! Gotta fix that!) The list of comments of things needing fixing is a wee bit long. I'm on it though! Yep, Shasta should have been at the going away party! Duh...

Writing a novel is a process. Banging out the first draft is the easy part.

In addition to the optional line proofing, the Beta readers are making great content editing remarks. This should be good when we're finished with the rewrites. Then, the ms goes to the real editor.

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Like videos? The best view of my book video is on my website where the screen is nice and big. It seems that I haven't made it clear that the video is on the FREE mini CD. It plays in your PC. Just put it in your CD tray, wait a minute, and it brings up an interactive flash screen. Click your mouse on the admission ticket and the video plays. How cool is that? Ask for one or two or...

Please don't hesitate to ask for a CD, if you want one. There are plenty and I can get more. Don't be shy. Nothing will load on or off of your PC. Honest, I want you to have one. It's a gift.

Passed 1,000 hits on my YouTube! Yeah!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f_4ab0uk

Reviews & *Interviews*: Juanita Watson from Reader Views interviewed me for both *Kathryn's Beach* and *High Tide*. She is a great interviewer.

High Tide interview: **Spoiler warning!**
www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html

Kathryn's Beach interview:
www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html

Kathryn's Beach & High Tide reviews are on my home page. www.nadelamanbooks.com

We have added more reader comments to the review page of my website. Ck them out. www.nadelamanbooks.com/reviews.html Send your comments, I love reading them. AJ wanted to know where my hate mail page is. What? Are you kidding? I don't get hate mail. Sorry, kid!

In the this is really cool department: Scriptwriting your bag? Correct format is a must for scripts. I think this is the best scriptwriting book around: *The Complete Book of Scriptwriting* by J. Michael Straczynski. Big fat book for \$20! Written by a genuine pro. Life doesn't get any better than that! <http://nadelamanbooks.com/astore.html>

www(Wonderful Web Wizard) Pushing 5,000 hits on my website. Cool. Thanks for visiting.

What's Next? With me, one never knows, do they? That is half of the fun of it, isn't it? Keep watching my website and newsletter.

Here is one bit of news. Summer hours have begun. School is out and I'm glad to have my boys home again. I have two major writing projects, and a third lesser project, that I will give my full (work time) attention this summer. I will continue to answer email, but maybe not as promptly as during the school year.

I am not going away. I'm not quitting the business. I just won't be out and about walking the marketing tight rope as much. Marketing is important, but it isn't quality time for me. I loathe it. The more readers put the word on the street about my books, the more of my time will be freed for writing new books for you. It's a win/win, if you ask me. Let me know if you want CDs of my video to give your friends. Help spread "the word" so I can have more time to write more books.

In the [that's enough about me department...](#) let's celebrate each other!!!

Hold the press, this is really BIG:

These books **are available now!** Contact the authors for signed copies of their books. Pick a new book from the list and curl up with a great summer reading experience. Have fun!

Books Featured on YouTube

If you make a book video and upload it to YouTube, I'll add yours to the list below.

Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Atonement:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f_4ab0uk

Games Poor Kids Play:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA

Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk

Phil Harris interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38

Celise Downs interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA

June Austin interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbS8AHWyc4s

Sitting Swing:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4

Welcome to Nothing Binding writers' community:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lv1b7I

What's the buzz about YouTube?
www.infocomgroup.net/falkow/?p=66

Need help to make a video for your book?

Readerviews.com is launching a new service called "Pre-Views." See samples of the videos here www.readerviews.com/PreViewsServices.html Ask questions here Cynthia@readerviews.com

Free signed books drawing every month.
[Kathryn's Beach](#) will be on the list for June.
www.readerviews.com/ContestBookGiveaway.html

If you want a flash video designed for CD use, let Justin Clegg know. Jclegg@5pints.net Justin and his team converted my video to flash. I love it! For all your design needs, www.5pints.net

Nothing Binding: Here is where you'll find new reading adventures and meet new authors. www.NothingBinding.com Upcoming Internet Radio program where Nothing Binding will be discussed, Monday, July 2nd, at 7:30 EST. www.internetvoicesradio.com.

Books: FICTION: by genre

Action/Adventure

Frederiko Aguilar, US author of [The Desert Has No King](#). Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. **New LOOK to his web** www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com

Ray Derby, US author, new release [Clouds of Deception](#). Also from Ray, [Shadow Government](#) and [Bradley's Ghost](#). I can't put down his great gov conspiracy/terrorist novels! Ray's books always make me in the mood to watch the Bobby Blue Eyes movie, [Three Days of the Condor](#). Get all three books from Ray at www.RayDerby.com **Great new LOOK for his website.**

Mainstream and Literary Fiction

Joyce Faulkner, US author, [In the Shadow of Suribachi](#), WWII novel about the battle on *Iwo Jima*. Read Joyce's book, then rent Clint's two movies and make it a full historical experience! www.joycefaulkner.com

Philip Harris, US author, [A Maine Christmas Carol](#). It's a New twist to a well known classic. TJ is visited by his father who was killed in the Iraq war. Will the three spirits penetrate TJ's drug clouded life? www.christmascarol.bravehost.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author of [This is the Place](#). If you're half Mormon and half Protestant, how do you fit in? Fitting in, that is always a big question. Prejudice is complicated, isn't it? We think we were rid of it, but are we? Sadly it is still a part of each of us. See what Carolyn wrote. **New LOOK to her website** www.carolynhoward-johnson.com www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com

Irving Karchmar, US author, [Master of the Jinn: A Sufi Novel](#). This English language book was translated into Russian, Bahasa (Indonesia), and soon in Turkish! This is a spiritually and artistically beautiful book and website! Book review: www.inspiremagazine.ca/articles/masterjinn.html Website: www.MasteroftheJinn.com

for Jen: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrzUttl6RT0

Nadine's Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
Atonement (Kathryn #3) late 07
Contemporary women's lit set in Los Angeles and Orange County, California.

Nolan C. Lewis, US, Author, Clouds Are Always White on Top, WW2 Air War; World War II history buffs will love this aviator's believable fiction. Complete with historical photos.
www.pendoreillepress.com

Mystery

Nolan C. Lewis, US, mystery author, Mauled. A victim is found with a nine-pound splitting maul protruding from his head and the only prints on the handle is his! Ewww! Messy! And, Nolan seems so nice???

www.pendoreillepress.com

Joyce Faulkner, US author, Losing Patience, ponders the natural and supernatural aspects of mortality; twists a philosophical Rubik's Cube to reveal new perspectives of old realities. A focus on ethical conundrums—guilt, forgiveness, fidelity and retribution. Her characters face complex choices about whether to hang on or let go. Their struggles are both bizarre and familiar—life as we know it turned upside down.
www.joycefaulkner.com

Thriller

Philip Harris and Brian Doe, US authors who started a NEW GENRE **Spiritual Thriller** with their book Waking God. Philip and Brian have a second book in the works. This book is getting great reviews. www.WakingGod.com

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: by age group

Young Children

Kip Cossom, US artist/author, Ned Visits New York. WOW! Kip sold over 1,000 copies of his self-published children's book in one month! Book and children's wear available at www.KipKids.com

Betty Landon, US children's author, Feather From the Sky. Hot off the press! A back yard adventure for every little kid to enjoy.
www.featherfromtheskybook.com

Young Adult

Celise Downs, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Being a teen is never simple, is it? Two great stories for young adult readers. With more books coming.
www.celisedowns.com

Jeannine Garsee, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Bloomsbury USA, June 07. Yep! This book is here, hot off the press! Yeah! **Book Launch Party** June 26th at 7PM at Strongsville, Ohio, Borders Bookstore. Jen's blog <http://onegrapeshy.livejournal.com>
www.jeanninegarsee.com

NONFICTION: by category

Alternate History; Spirituality

June Austin, UK author of Genesis of Man. A book of alternate history, mystic places, ancient wisdom & spirituality. Watch for new cover art and new format to be released soon. Also on amazon USA. Euro readers contact June via her website and watch for her local appearances.
www.JuneAustin.co.uk

Historical

Rusty Clark, US, historian/artist/author of Stories Carved in Stone. Graveyard Series: Agawam, ME; Holyoke, ME; and Enfield CT. This is history and folk art. Click below for photos. <http://storiescarvedinstone.com/coppermine/> for book orders. www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html

Gene K. Garrison, US, Author, There's Something About CAVE CREEK; It's The People. Glimpses of the characters who live in Cave Creek, Arizona. www.lulu.com/ggarrison

Nolan C. Lewis, US, Author, IONE, Circa 1930 Memories of a small town in Washington (state). Cool photos! www.pendoreillepress.com

Memoir

Thomas Brown, US author, Men Bleed Too, and She Taught Me To Laugh Again. Tom writes about breast cancer from the husband's perspective, and about a second life after the death of a spouse. Great books. She Taught Me To Laugh Again is a beautiful real life love story.
www.ThomasBrownBooks.com

The REVIEW of Men Bleed Too:
www.readerviews.com/ReviewBrownMenBleedToo
Interview with Tom:
www.readerviews.com/InterviewBrownThomas

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell. What are your family's secrets?
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com
www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com

Andrew Revels, US author of Games Poor Kids Play. (Language warning.) A collection of short stories, slices of Americana, & hilarious childhood antics. If you can read this book and not laugh, there's something seriously wrong! Better read it again! www.andrewrevels.com

Irene Watson, US author of The Sitting Swing. Irene Watson, therapist, had to face her own past; her fearful, highly abusive years growing up as an only child to Ukrainian immigrants in 1940s, Alberta, Canada. Incredible story of the resilience of the human spirit.
www.irenewatson.com

Publishing and Marketing

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, The Frugal Book Promoter: How to Do What You Publisher Won't. www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

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

POETRY:

Krissy Brady, Canadian author's debut poetry collection Title Wave from a Canadian small press. Contact Krissy at www.krissybrady.com
New look... www.brady magazine.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, & Magdalena Ball, OZ, authors of Cherished Pulse, an eBook.
www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry.
www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Coming in 2007! in alphabetical order...

Aurora Collins, US author, debut end time thrillers: Book One: SHADOW WALK: THE GATHERING; Book Two: SHADOW RISING: THE DARK COMETH.
www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm

Joyce Faulkner, US author, For Shrieking Out Loud! Incredibly funny lady.
www.joycefaulkner.com

Kathe Gogolewski, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon www.tri-studio.com/

Ray Grant, US writer, Don't Be Impatient...Read a Short Story! www.tri-studio.com/

Coming in 2008! Nothing like anticipation!

Karen Dionne, US thriller author, Freezing Point, from Berkley Oct 08. **Cool website**. Karen is the co-founder of Backspace writers' forum.
www.karendionne.net www.bksp.org

In the lovely land of rewrite & edits:

These writers have works in progress (WIP). I've been lucky to preview bits and pieces of many of these works. **We wish each of you God's speed with your writing projects...**

Karin Carstens, US novel, Far From Forever and Beyond The Shadow. Sending out queries...

Cathy Cole, North Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke. New twist in crime...

Jeannine Garsee, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. Working on revisions.
www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Irving Karchmar, US author, working on his second novel, a sequel Tale of the Jinn.
Blog: www.darvish.wordpress.com
Website: www.MasteroftheJinn.com

Sandra Loveland, US YA, historical fiction. Untitled. Arizona setting.

Jean Marie, US novel, Under the Dryer.

Jennifer McDonald, US novel, Out of Habit.

Anya Page, US fantasy, Turn of the Lykoi.

Andrew Revels, US novel, Belly of the Beast; Poetry, Breaking the Silence; and co-writing a book with his grandfather! www.AndrewRevels.com

Charlotte Saben (she's one of my 27 cousins), US mystery, Taylor's Point

Rebekah Vandergriff, US nonfiction, What Day Is It? This one is very close to finished!

Russell Waterman, US fiction, untitled novel, about VietNam War Dogs. Plus short stories.

AND ME! (Nadine) Red Planet Revolt (SciFi); Act Like You Mean It AND a **collaborative work...** release date is undetermined. Ain't you curious?

NOTE: Authors must stay in touch with me to remain in this newsletter.

Now a word from our **shameless advertising dept.** (That would be me.)

You can buy books anywhere ... internet, bookstore, whatever. All the writers listed will sell you a **signed copy** of their book. Now that is really special. There is a huge variety of books listed, if you can't find something to read from this list, you simply aren't trying.

KATHRYN'S BEACH & HIGH TIDE are available through my website. Link at the bottom of every page.

I get...the LAST WORD! (Naturally!)

You do know this stuff is only my opinion, however that doesn't mean I'm wrong.

Time for a little tough love this month.

It doesn't take Einstein to figure the Amazon rank is relative to the number of books sold at the same time. Ranking is in essence an "imaginary" number that **we all watch closely.**

This came from www.TitleZ.com, a site that tracks book rankings on Amazon.

Less than 100 Amazon rank: Best-seller. Author, publisher, agent are all getting rich.

101-1000: Extremely good performer. Any publisher/author would be thrilled.

1001-10,000: Very successful book. A few of these can sustain a small publishing company.

10,001-50,000: A successful book by most industry standards.

50,001-100,000: Not bad.

100,000 - 500,000: Not good.

500,000 or more: Poor.

www.help.titlez.com/PermaLink,guid,6d39b118-e b7a-472b-b74a-2552d359b7c5.aspx

"Of course, the book could be selling well through non-bookstore channels such as trade shows, speaking events, etc...." (TitleZ) and other non-Amazon internet locations. (Me)

There are several book marketing professionals that profess to have Amazon's highly secretive ranking formula figured out. (Yeah, right!) They will gladly sell you a book or two explaining it. Beware of sucker punches and wooden nickels.

Going it alone. There could be worse things than being on one's own. I just spent two hours researching indie books represented by a BIG literary marketing service. They take a ms through design and indie publishing, then do marketing. I found this company as a link on a well known marketing firm's website.

I decided to see how my two books compared in sales to the 30 books listed on the service's website. I have never heard of any of these books (and I'm sure they haven't heard of mine, either). ONLY two of their books had better Amazon ranking than my books. Go figure. Wonder what the service cost those authors?

Regardless of what genre one writes, it takes time to be an **overnight success**. It takes tenacity in the face of what feels like adversity. And, it takes a whole lot of luck. Luck that the right person, at the right time sees your ms or book. Quitting is not an option. What did you expect? Of course this is hard. Most things worthwhile take work. **Oprah** doesn't owe you a segment on her show. The way this works is that YOU owe your readers the best book you can write. Period. Anything else is blowing smoke...

Do I really need to say more about **watching the industry?** **Pay attention.** This is just one example of how important it is to pay attention.

The Sobal Award never really took wings. Lots of criticism for the fee that looked a lot like paying an agent to read the ms. Agents' first job is to read mss. The AAR, Association of Authors Representatives, expects it to be done with no fee as part of agenting.

www.sobolaward.com/WAFHelp.aspx?_act=Display&_con=contestrules

Start at the Dec 6th note and read forward: www.girlondemand.blogspot.com/search?q=sobol

Then came this: www.gather.com/viewArticle.jsp?articleId=281474976881664

I was the lone voice saying, "Wait a minute, don't agree to sign any publishing contract that isn't available for your review BEFORE you agree to sign it." (Scroll down until you see my name.) <http://grumpyoldbookman.blogspot.com/2007/01/tuesday-tootlings.html>

Now look:

www.biz.yahoo.com/bw/070517/20070517005865.html?v=1

www.forums.booktrade.info/booktrade.php?&o=d&do=news&bit=All&newsitem=10331

Oh, and by the way...this happened too:

www.forbes.com/businesswire/feeds/businesswire/2007/03/05/businesswire20070305005484r1.html

The latest:

<http://forums.booktrade.info/booktrade.php?&o=d&do=news&bit=All&newsitem=10387> AND this <http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6447028.html>

Connect the dots. Know how things work. Are you paying an agent to read your ms? Listen to industry reactions, then think for yourself. Pub contract added to the prize. Contest cancelled, then reinvented the next day. Entering contest (according to the rules) means you agree to sign the pub contract within 5 days of notification you won. No contract posted. What have you agreed to sign? Publisher updates digital technology for storing books. "Standard" publishing contract wording change regarding when or if rights revert to author. Conflicting info re: how negotiable is new clause. (I hope you get a huge advance if your contract is one of these.) Are other pubs going to follow suit and change their "standard" contract? Read the small print please.

Next question: What's with the agents who are selling WORLD RIGHTS to ONE ENTITY? I don't think that is a good idea.

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Kari Kahle, says: "Even if 40 million people believe in a dumb idea, it is STILL a dumb idea."
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There has been a lot of noise about major newspapers downsizing their book review section. I understand, really I do. Everyone is looking to trim the fat from their budgets with the weak showing of the US dollar in Europe. Not to mention how things are in the US economy. Here is my prediction of the book review status.

When people get their book reviews from blogs or other online reviews, like ReaderViews, it makes sense that they will go ahead and purchase the books online. A few might go to a standing bookstore, but most will stay on the

internet and follow through on the purchase where they are. It makes sense. It is psychology 101 and probably marketing 101.

If I owned a bookstore, I'd be figuring out how I could help keep book reviews in print. I'd take some of the co-op dollars that publishers pay for shelf and table placement, book events, and other perks given to bookstore as a matter of routine and figure a way to fund newspaper book reviews. Not only that, I'd get other local bookstores to join in sponsoring the pages in the local paper. That'll never happen; money flows to the bookstores in only one direction.

Enough of the industry stuff. I'm just saying that you have to learn how it works and figure out what is happening, the implications, and how it affects you and your writing.

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Writers are alchemists. They are the reason we love books. With mere mortal ability, they transform pages of paper into places we've never been, thoughts we have yet to think, and people who are as real as we are.

*There are 24 hours in a day.
What we do with each hour
...defines us.*

*Writers have the ability to suspend time,
to transport others to another world or reality,
to make characters more than
a figment of our imaginations.*



We really need to stick together...

It is all a matter of seeing the possibilities... Dream. I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your BEST BOOK! Just do your honest best ... your readers will notice and love you for it.

Have I told you today that I love you guys?
www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhaF34Pyt9w