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

Welcome! to the director's cut version of my newsletter. Ta-Da! You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic*! No need to expect this to be letter perfect.

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Since this is a **monthly** newsletter there's a **month's worth** of links & other stuff in each issue. I know it takes time to click all the links, but seriously, they're all there with you in mind. Don't ya feel special? You ARE special! Very special!

Writing News Briefs:

Finally a title option to consider for Atonement's replacement. Mind you, early comments aren't loving it. Here goes: **McKenzie's Tsunami**.

Here is why I like it: It is ocean related. The first book has her first name in the title, Kathryn's Beach. Her last name doesn't appear at all in the book. This one, the last book, has her last name in the title. Being a McKenzie is a big deal in this book. Keep in mind, there is more than one McKenzie in this family.

Tsunami fits, oh boy does it fit the story line! The first page of the next story is included at the end of High Tide. That is the least "bad" thing to happen to Kathryn in this book.

The title doesn't roll off the tongue. It isn't certain this is the new title, but I'm loving it. Plus, it's a two word title like the other books in the series, so it works better than Atonement did.

If you have a better idea for a title, by all means, submit it to me. How many authors do you know who let you have input into their work? It will be a while before I change Atonement EVERYwhere: new biz card, YouTube, my website...

Kathryn & Co. News: Questions about Kathryn and friends? I'd love to hear them. (Yes, really.) NadineLaman@aol.com

Settings. If there is a Nebraska town with the exact population I mentioned in Kathryn's Beach, it is a mere coincidence. I didn't even look at a map of Nebraska when I made up the town. It is hypothetically not that far from Kansas City, since Ruthie flies out of KCI airport. I don't know why she didn't fly out of Lincoln or Omaha; I don't care either because it doesn't matter.

The beach, I've said before, is adapted from Seal Beach, California. Seal Beach is on the northern corner of Orange County. The photos I use are from the real Seal Beach.

However, Kathryn's beach is 5 miles long and Seal Beach is 0.8 miles long. I think it is sort of "cool" that Catalina Island is visible from Seal Beach. Get it? Catalina/Kathryn?

Father's beach is actually Saint Leo's Beach in the southern corner of Ventura County. There really is a cave passageway in the rocky cliffs.

As for where Grandfather McKenzie lives, no real place in mind. It is "movie magic" but I suspect it is north of Father's beach since it would make more sense that way.

There is no office building in L.A. (I'm aware of) that matches the office where Kathryn, Maggie, and Karen worked. For that matter, there is no convent and school named Saint Mark near the factious welfare office.

This is fiction. The important thing is that I can get you to believe these places exist. To do that, it helps for me to believe it too, and I do. It might be all in my head, but it works for now.

Reviews & Interviews:

Kathryn's Beach interview:

www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html

High Tide interview: **Spoiler warning!**

www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html

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

In the this is really cool department:

Joyce, my website designer, has a keen eye for talent. Check out this link she sent to me...
www.birdloversonly.blogspot.com/2007/09/may-i-have-this-dance.html

www (Wonderful Web Wizard)

Everyone knows in sales it is traffic that makes the difference. There's this guy I know from work who told me how to increase my website traffic. If you consider **my site had 6,000+ hits in two years vs the 3,000 additional hits in a week's time**, I'd have to say he knows something!

It is too soon to tell if that traffic will translate into book sales, but it certainly increases the likelihood of sales. **Check out this!**
<http://carlsmoneycorner.net/hitterms.html>

What's Next? With me, one never knows, do they? (You have no idea how true this is!) If you expect me to do things in the traditional way, then you really don't know me at all.

I am incredibly cool. More fact than fiction. But, I am not a computer geek. Again, more fact than fiction. These guys at Stanford University, California USA, are doing research on the causes of some pretty nasty diseases. If you'd like to see what they are doing, read this:

<http://www.phpbb88.com/folding/viewtopic.php?t=258&mforum=folding>

Stanford is Sister Rosemary Rader's favorite university and because California is my home state, this is just waaaay cool that these guys are working on these health issues. Check 'em out.

In the that's enough about me department: Let's celebrate each other!!!

Hold the press, this is really **BIG:** **Books Featured on YouTube®**

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=F8vtVHIic1g

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

Welcome to Nothing Binding writers' community:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvb7I

Quark Soup:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI

Sleep Before Evening:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPvteM5iK4

Peeking over the Edge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9_Q4

Interview of Carolyn Howard-Johnson:
www.howtodoitfrugally.com

Second Chance:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8

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🎵 **Carolyn Sheppard:**
www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard
You can sometimes hear Carolyn's music between segments on www.WritersFM.com.
Karlos Moore hosts writers on his 24hr internet radio ~ check it out! **Yes, she is THAT good!**

🎵 **Ann Zimmerman:**
www.annzimmerman.com/records.html

♪ **Bryan Causton:**

www.myspace.com/bryancauston

His band, STRANGEWORLD, has a new CD out.

www.myspace.com/strangeworldmusic

www.strangeworldmusic.com/id5.html

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Action/Adventure

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Ray Derby, US author, new release Clouds of Deception. Also from Ray, Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost. Ray writes the greatest conspiracy/terrorist novels! I love-love 'em. www.RayDerby.com

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canadian authors, The Centurion (Historical mystery set in the Roman Empire) **EPPIE AWARD WINNER!** And, Body Traffic which deals with the crimes of both human trafficking and organ trafficking. Body Traffic was short-listed for the **Margaret Laurence Award** for Fiction! www.domokos.com

Mainstream and Literary Fiction

Magdalena Ball, Australian author, Sleep Before Evening, affirming coming-of-age story which follows the descent and redemption of a young woman. www.compulsivereader.com/html
www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep_before_evening.htm

Joy Collins, US author Second Chance. Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? (Doesn't this sound familiar?) www.members.cox.net/joycollins/index.html

Joyce Faulkner, US author, For Shrieking Out Loud! AND Losing Patience, ponders the natural and supernatural aspects of mortality; reveals new perspectives of old realities, ethical conundrums – guilt, forgiveness, fidelity, and retribution. www.joycefaulkner.com

Kathe Gogolewski, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon The Book is available now! Hot, hot, hot off the press! www.tri-studio.com

Ray Grant, US author, Don't Be Impatient ... Read a Short Story! Just released! A collection of short stories. www.tri-studio.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
<http://dickens111.tripod.com/theliteraryworksofphilipharris/id15.html>

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? www.carolynhoward-johnson.com
www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emerise, The novel Holm Attofoola (means: "A childish dream.") An Arabic language book. AND The short story collection Ressalet Hob (means: "A message of love.") Arabic language book. www.bannoota.com

Irving Karchmar, US author, Master of the Jinn: A Sufi Novel. This English language book was translated into Russian, Bahasa (Indonesia), and Turkish! www.MasteroftheJinn.com
www.insanyayinlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468
Irving has a spiritually and artistically beautiful book and website!

My Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
Atonement (Kathryn #3) coming in 08 ??? Note this is planned for a title change.

Nolan C. Lewis, US Author, Clouds Are Always White on Top, WW2 Air War; WWII history buffs will love this veteran aviator's believable fiction. Includes really cool historical photos. www.pendoreillepress.com

Mystery/Thriller

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! Oh my gosh, Nolan! www.pendoreillepress.com

Philip Harris and Brian Doe, US authors who started a NEW GENRE **Spiritual Thriller** with their book Waking God. This book is a huge hit. Their website and newsletter have tons of info. Second book in the works, WAKING GOD: THE SACRED ROTA. www.WakingGod.com

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: by age group...

Young Children

Kip Cossom, US artist/author, Ned Visits New York. WOW! In second printing now! Book and children's wear available at www.KipKids.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE author, The children's book Alnemr almalek means: "Tiger King" this one is published in Arabic & English. www.bannoota.com

Andy Kemp, France, artist/author new CD ROM children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly. This is an adorable book. I have a copy. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. www.beauxreflets.com

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

Karen Treanor, Australian author of Scout, Scout Bandicoot, The Big Red Bucket, and Pounce's Special Friend Beautiful illustrations. www.bandicoot-books.com/bandicoot_books.html

Young Adult

Celise Downs, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Two great books for YA readers. www.celisedowns.com

Jeannine Garsee, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Bloomsbury USA. This book is getting phenomenal reviews! I'm so proud of you! **Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!"** AND Say the Word. Jen's second YA novel (**whoo-hoo!**) **Has been acquired by Bloomsbury USA!!!** Coming winter 09. It's an incredible story. I love it! www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE author, The book series for teen girls Bannoota (means: "Little girl") it's an Arabic pet name for a "girl" and there are three books published from this series, and the fourth is on the way. www.bannoota.com

Betty Landon, US author Henrietta's Forty Years in a Dresser Drawer. For 'tween readers and doll collectors. Very cool story. www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~46463.aspx

Parent and Teacher BOOKS:

Rita Toews, Canadian author The Bully: A discussion and activity book. Bullying: A Parent's Primer. Why Me? **Excellent resource for teachers and parents**. www.thebullybook.com

NONFICTION: by category...

Alternate History and Spirituality

June Austin, UK author Genesis of Man. Alternate history, mystic places, ancient spirituality & wisdom. In UK bookstores and libraries. At Amazon in USA. A scholarly work. www.JuneAustin.co.uk **new blog**
<http://www.conversationswithpod.blogspot.com/2007/10/genesis-of-man-by-june-austin.html>

Philip Harris US author, Jesus Taught It, Too: the Early Roots of the Law of Attraction released in the U.S. and Canada. The Law of Attraction (The Secret) can be easily traced to the teachings of the Master. **Amazon.com Sales Rank: 10,014; Popular in this category: #4 Books (Nov. 2007)** <http://philipharris.blogspot.com>
www.avatarpublication.com

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

Joyce Faulkner, US author, In the Shadow of Suribachi. WWII novel about the battle on IWO Jima won the 5-Star **Gold Medal for Historical Fiction** from the Military Writers Society of America. www.joycefaulkner.com

Gene K. Garrison, US Author, There's Something About CAVE CREEK; It's The People. Glimpses of the (interesting bunch of) characters who lived in Cave Creek, Arizona. Photos too. 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. Both books are a beautiful "real life" love stories. www.ThomasBrownBooks.com

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? I promise not to tell anyone... www.carolynhoward-johnson.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! Cracked me up! **New website. Way cool Flash intro!** <http://www.planetrevels.com> and <http://www.zazzle.com/planetrevels>

Irene Watson, US author The Sitting Swing. As a therapist, Irene had to face her own past; her fearfully abusive, highly sheltered years growing up as an only child to Ukrainian immigrants in Alberta, Canada. An incredible story of the resilience of the human spirit and the journey to resolution and happiness. www.irenewatson.com

Publishing and Marketing

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, The Frugal Book Promoter: How to Do What Your Publisher Won't. She teaches at UCLA! **USA Book News named The Frugal Editor its best in Business: Writing and Publishing category.** The Frugal Editor: Put Your Best Book Forward to Avoid Humiliation and Ensure Success I have an advance copy! www.carolynhoward-johnson.com



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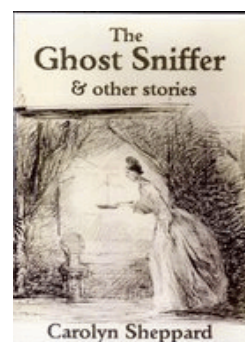
Krissy Brady, Canadian poet's debut poetry collection, Title Wave, from a Canadian small press. Contact Krissy at www.krissybrady.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, and **Magdalena Ball**, Australian, poets, Cherished Pulse (featured in my Feb 07 newsletter!) I have a copy of this book. Great poetry. Love it. www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm

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

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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

Erin Collins US author end-time thriller. Book 1: Shadow Walk: The Gathering; Under CONTRACT! Aug 08. Book 2: Shadow Rising: The Dark Cometh. www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm
<http://authorofshadowwalkthegathering.blogspot.com>

In the lovely land of rewrite & edits:

These writers have works in progress. I've been lucky enough to preview many of these works.
We wish each of you God's speed... (hurry up!)

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

Cathy Cole, North Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke. New twist in crime. Cathy is an absolutely **incredible writer!**

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

Andrew Revels, US (novel) Belly of the Beast; (short story collections) Games Poor Kids Play II: Helmet; and writing a book with his grandfather!
Notice new website link. www.planetrevels.com

Charlotte Saben (yep, she's my cousin), US mystery, Taylor's Point (she is also a poet)

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

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

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