



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

Welcome! to the director's cut version of my newsletter. You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic*.. Relax. Put away your red pen.

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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:

When I penned the December newsletter, little did I expect the comments I received. Thank you.

First let me say, being dyslexic isn't the end of the world. Worse things could have happened. Almost without exception, dyslexic people are highly organized and very analytical. It has its perks.

I think the thing best about being dyslexic is the early lesson that everything isn't going to come easy, most of the time things aren't handed out for free anyway, so best learn how to manage, prevail, triumph. In the meantime you learn a lot of other things, useful things, so be happy.

About the jet, yes I'm still saying, "I'm going to buy a jet." It reminds me to reach higher, try harder, don't quit...it will come (or something that I really want and rather have will come).

As far as the doodle goes, no, I haven't had art training. Actually, I hated mandatory art class in school. Besides, it is just a doodle.

My mother was an artist. (That isn't what her degree was in.) Children who attended school in a one room school learned quite a few things – like art. They also learned to help each other. I think that is important.

They brought everyone along. They learned to help the little kids – and each other. None of this me, me, me stuff. No sir-eeey. Remember the Golden Rule? It's important.

If this doesn't make sense, read last month's newsletter. It is archived on my website, newsletter page.

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

Many questions and comments have come up as people reread Kathryn's Beach and even High Tide, AND after reading the special edition newsletter with the first chapter of Storm Surge.

One astute comment was about the door lock. It comes in Chapter 1 of KB and SS, and chapter 7 in HT. What is astute is that when a lock shows up, it is a turning point, the end of one thing and the beginning of another.

In KB the lock is cold, sluggish, and Kathryn locks it herself. In SS, Karen takes the key and locks it for Kathryn ~ symbolic of what is to come. (It's not technically foreshadowing, for you writing purists. Simply symbolism. Right, and THAT was alliteration. Okay, I'll quit being cute.)

What else did you notice? Did you make the connection between the door in Karen's office and the closing of the other doors? Mr. Goldstein at her door; her at his door? I thought that was pretty obvious and almost didn't put them all in.

Kathryn's story is complicated in its simplicity, isn't it? Always look deeper into the characters in the books you read, write, or meet on the street.

www (Wonderful Web Wizard):

Joyce had the idea to make graphic ads for Craigslist. The Southern California ads (below) brought the most traffic. It is too early to tell about conversions just yet.

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www.NadineLamanBooks.com



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What's Next? With me, one never knows—do they? (You have no idea how true this is!)

Kathryn's Beach is in the process of another metamorphosis. Soon it will be available on my website for a reduced price. Watch for random discounts to be announced. For a while, it will not be available anywhere else. All copies will be signed copies. There are some old KB out there. I saw a FIRST edition on eBay for \$1.00. There were about 50 of those books printed. That is a huge bargain. At the moment there is one on sale in London, England for \$999.00 (NOT a bargain?).

The new High Tide is not out yet. Looks like there were still some of the original HT available on Amazon and who knows where else. That book was posted on the major booksellers' websites, so it is out and about there, somewhere.

Don't even ask about Storm Surge. It isn't ready yet. I wish I could simply go back to writing as in the old days; no marketing, no publishing. Both are a rub. But if I didn't do this stuff you would have never heard of my books. Kathryn wouldn't have become a person that we discuss as if she was a childhood friend. And I would not have met most of you. Kathryn brought us together – one way or another.

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

December 08 **ReaderViews** Celebrated Its **THIRD** Year Anniversary of providing services to readers and writers. **Congratulations Irene and staff!**
www.ReaderViews.com

In the "this is really cool" department:

Rebekah Vandergriff, US What Day Is It? One day a 22 year old fashion model, the next in a coma – brain dead. This didn't stop headstrong Rebekah. An amazing woman. An amazing story of an "impossible" recovery. She learned to walk again, earned her Master's degree in Social Work, and has three beautiful daughters. True story, cross my heart. www.authorsden.com/wdii

Hold the press, this is really BIG:

Books, Books, Books! by genre...
FICTION:

Adult Action/Adventure:

Frederiko Aguilar, US, The Desert Has No King Think gambling, think mafia, think corruption, think beautiful women and all things Las Vegas. (Fred was cast in CSI Las Vegas) He's working on a sequel and a **new website**.
www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com

Ray Derby, US, Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost and Clouds of Deception. Ray writes the greatest conspiracy action novels! **I love-love 'em**. HIGHLY recommended!
www.RayDerby.com

Zanne Kennedy, US, Silent Discourse and Still, Small Voice. An edgy five book series set in Amish Pennsylvania.
<http://www.zannekennedy.com>

Andrew Revels, US, Belly of the Beast. Incredible story! Available at www.Lulu.com
<http://stores.lulu.com/andrewrevels>
www.PLANET-REVELS.com **New website!**

Mainstream and Literary Fiction:

Magdalena Ball, Australian, 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
Sleep Before Evening:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4

Joy Collins, US, Second Chance, Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? Set in Arizona. **New website.** www.joycollins.com
Second Chance:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8

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

Kathe Gogolewski, US, Flight of the Gryphon a paranormal romance. I've heard good things about this book. Available on Kindle reader from Amazon. www.tri-studio.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, This is the Place If you're half Mormon and half Protestant, how do you fit in? www.carolynhoward-johnson.com
www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emirates, The novel Holm Attofoola ("A childish dream.") An Arabic language book. www.tulipbook.com
<http://amessageoflove.blogspot.com>

Irving Karchmar, US, 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
Available on Kindle reader. See the new cover for the Indonesian translation. Now in second printing. www.masterofthejinn.com/new.html

Mine, Mine, Mine...

Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Storm Surge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwh8DIXKXv8
www.NadineLamanBooks.com

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

Mystery/Thriller:

Erin Collins, US, Shadow Walk: The Gathering and Shadow Rising: The Dark Cometh.
<http://www.freewebs.com/erinacollins/index.htm>
<http://authorofshadowwalkthegathering.blogspot.com>
I've read the first couple of chapters of this ms long, long ago. Scared the bee-jeebies out of me.
Shadow Walk: The Gathering:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAQDfbo6_NU

Karen Dionne, US, Freezing Point. Exceptional Thriller. Global warming gone bad. Karen is the co-founder of Backspace writers' forum.
www.karendionne.net Play with this cool page:
www.freezingpointlaunchparty.com

Also from Karen. I tested this. It's worth the \$\$.
<http://www.bookpromotionnetwork.com/>

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, Body Traffic: A RCMP Crime Novel of human and organ trafficking, short-listed for the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction. (eBook Masquerade); Prometheus: Adventure of New Beginnings, Finalist in the 2004 Eppie Awards, Finalist in the Dream Realm Awards, LIFE Award winner; and The Centurion: Historical Mystery. **2007 EPIE AWARD WINNER!** www.domokos.com Wow!

Nolan C. Lewis, US, Mauled. A victim is found with a nine-pound splitting maul protruding from his head and the only prints on the handle are his! Eeewww! Messy! Oh my gosh, Nolan!
www.pendoreillepress.com

Jeanette McCarthy, UK, Abandoned. When a Leicester detective investigates a shop girl's disappearance, he finds he is hunting a serial killer. She is struggling to survive long enough to escape. I've read bits of this when she was writing. Liked it. Gotta get it. **New Website!**
<http://www.jeanettemccarthy.co.uk>
Abandoned:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP24yty30dE>

Short Story Collections:

Look at what those goofs, ahem, writers on My Writer Circle forum did! All \$\$ go to children's charities. www.MyWritersCircle.com
<http://www.lulu.com/content/4931358>

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, Ten Chocolates From the Box: 10 short stories
www.domokos.com

Ray Grant, US, Don't Be Impatient ... Read a Short Story! Ray is a master at short stories and Flash Fiction. www.tri-studio.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell. www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emirates, Ressalet Hob ("A message of love.") Arabic language book. See her other books in the children's section of this newsletter. www.tulipbook.com

Cathy Jo Marley, US, Peeking Over The Edge. A collection of middle life wisdom about the start of life's best half. Is it just me, or does Cathy really look like Doris Day? www.cathymarley.com
Peeking over the Edge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMgdb9_Q4

Andrew Revels, US, Games Poor Kids Play. A collection of short stories, slices of Americana & hilarious childhood antics. 32 Reasons I Need A Helmet, a second collection of short stories. <http://stores.lulu.com/andrewrevels>
www.PLANET-REVELS.com **New website!**
Games Poor Kids Play:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxveA
32 Reasons I Need a Helmet:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf_68

AUDIO BOOKS:

Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard, GB, The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories. I have a copy—love the stories. They are magically told by the author in her lovely English accent. Website coming. Order audio book here: cjcauston@yahoo.co.uk
<http://ukfolkie.blogspot.com>
www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, The Price of Freedom: An award winning War Memoir, also an eBook. www.domokos.com

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: by age group...

Young Children:

Kip Cossom, US artist & author. WOW! I love this book! Ned Visits New York. Book and children's wear available at: www.KipKids.com New book on the way too.

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emirates, Alnemr almalek means: "Tiger King" this one is published in Arabic & English. www.tulipbook.com

Betty Landon, US, Feather From the Sky. A back yard adventure for every kid to enjoy. (Notice updated link below)
www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~41767.aspx

Andy Kemp, France, artist/author new CD ROM children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly. This is an adorable CD book. I have a copy. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story.
www.beauxreflets.com
Whimsical Will Learns to Fly:
www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlh7R4

Young Adult:

Jeannine Garsee, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!" Watch for Jen's new book, Say The Word 09 by Bloomsbury US. I love it! I'm so proud of you! www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emirates, Series for teen girls Bannoota it an Arabic pet name for "girl." Three books published in this series and the fourth is in the way. www.tulipbook.com

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

Rita Y. Toews, Canadian, The Bully and Why Me? award winning author of adult & children's fiction tackled a tough subject for parents, teens, and younger kids. Good job, Rita! Good job.
<http://domokos.com/bullying.html>

NONFICTION: by category...

Alternate History and Spirituality:

June Austin, UK, Genesis of Man. A book of alternate history, mystic places, ancient spirituality & wisdom. On shelves at English bookstores and libraries. At Amazon in USA. An engaging 'readable' scholarly work.
www.JuneAustin.co.uk

Historical:

Joyce Faulkner, US, In the Shadow of Suribachi, Award winning WWII novel about the battle on Iwo Jima. www.joycefaulkner.com

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

Memoir:

Thomas Brown, US, Men Bleed Too, and She Taught Me To Laugh Again. Tom writes about his wife's (Barbara) breast cancer and about the next life with wife Connie after Barbara's death. www.ThomasBrownBooks.com
Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, The Price of Freedom: An award winning War Memoir e-book, also an audio book. www.domokos.com

Irene Watson, US author The Sitting Swing. Therapist Irene Watson had to face her past and the find courage for her journey to resolution and happiness. An incredible story of resilience of the human spirit. A story of hope. **Brilliantly written.** www.irenewatson.com
Sitting Swing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4

Publishing and Marketing:

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

Jerry Simmons, US author of INSIDE The Business of Publishing – What writers Need to Know. Second book, What Writers Need to Know About Publishing. Jerry worked 25+ years in NY at a BIG time, real-deal publishing house. Founder of NothingBinding.com You should join! I did. www.WritersReaders.com
Jerry talks about NothingBinding.com: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lVb7I>

Poetry:

Magdalena Ball, Australian, Quark Soup, this collection brings together many of her previously published poems.

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

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, and **Magdalena Ball**, Australian, Cherished Pulse I have a copy of this book. Great poetry. Love it. www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm

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

Coming in 2009!

Nothing like anticipation! In alphabetical order...

Jeannine Garsee, US, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. Is scheduled for release March 09 by Bloomsbury too! It is an incredible story. Lots of depth. Totally terrific writing. Love it! Love it! Love it! www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

In the lovely land of rewriters and edits:

These writers have WIPs (works in progress). I've been lucky enough to preview many of these works. **Godspeed to you ... (but hurry up!)**

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

Cathy Cole, Northern Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke. Read it! Loved it! Sending queries...

Kip Cossom, US artist & author. Another kids book about New York City! I'm not sure if I can tell the title of it yet. www.KipKids.com

Nidhi Dhawan, India, Retribution: The Tale of the Returning Soul. I've read this one! Very engaging. Sending queries...
Nidhi's blog: www.incontinentpen.blogspot.com

Jeannine Garsee, US, Love Me Back, plus the sequels to both BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN and Say The Word. (I want to read Love Me Back! Hint, hint, Jen.) And ghost story – the title is a secret! www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Irving Karchmar, US, a sequel Tale of the Jinn
Blog: www.darvish.wordpress.com
website: www.MasteroftheJinn.com

Andrew Revels, US, Brother's Keeper, a novel.
Poetry book coming.
I Know What It's Like:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDzslnSrsHM

Marsha Stewart, US living in England, children's book, Stuck as a Duck. Agent interested. Might be "signed" by now. Her photography company is "La Pêche" and her cards are available in Borders Books in Cambridge. Check out her blog.
http://prairie.typepad.com/my_weblog/2008/12/ernie.html

Russell Waterman, US fiction, untitled novel, about Vietnam War Dogs. Plus short stories – I've read several! Mr. Miller's House will surprise you.

Free signed books drawing
www.readerviews.com/ContestBookGiveaway.html
Yes you read that correctly, free books autographed by the author. Drawing every month. This is a really great deal! Go check it out and enter now.

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

The question has come up again whether Kathryn is me. There are parts of me in Kathryn. Hopefully there are parts of you too, even if you're a guy.

I'm probably more like Ruthie. Yes, the bar owner. I love to decorate for Christmas. As far as I'm concerned leaving the decorations up from the day after Thanksgiving in November to Orthodox Christmas in January makes perfectly good sense.

Kathryn's Beach and the others are NOT a fictionalized autobiography any more than most fiction works are. What I intended to do was write the classical "universal" main character, regardless of gender.

There are many fun things about writing literary fiction. (Go back to page 1 and see alliterations.) I know it isn't the mainstay of the book industry. Perhaps it shouldn't be or needn't be. It is slow and thick with a dollop of cream. It is satisfying. My mom would say (of stew), "It sticks to your ribs." That's how I feel about literary fiction.

I've always had a thing or two to say that didn't fit the status quo. It isn't so much that I want people to think like me, I just want us to think.

I'll respect your different opinion. Might not embrace it, but I'll respect it. After all, I don't mind not being the only Village Idiot on this planet. At least I have an opinion.

Dare to find a voice in your writing. Forget the critics or a particular editor's eye. They may be among those recently laid off in the industry.

It is absolutely insane to write to the market, you'll always be a step behind – yesterday's news – yawn.

Think of the books in the Library of Congress that are never read – or the books in cyberspace also never read. Don't write a book simply to have your name in print. (Then use a pen name, you goof!) Forget the Muse; there isn't one. That is YOU, your inspiration, your creativity.

Write honestly. Write for readers. They surge life into your characters by thinking about them after they lay the book down.

I know you can do this masterful thing. Go on, write your best book. Have a good life. Make your dreams come true. I do love you.

I first heard of this in 1971. It has been the best single piece of advice. **Print it. Read it often.**

*G*o placidly amid the noise and haste. And remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly...

DESIDERATA by Max Ehrmann (1872-1945)
<http://www.tentmaker.org/tracts/Desiderata.html>



I believe in you. You should too. HAPPY 2009!