

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

Welcome! to the director's cut of my newsletter. You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic*. Relax. Put away your red pen. Sit a bit, let's chat and spend a few minutes together.

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Writing News Briefs:

I long for the days when I could write with abandon and not attend to the 'business' of being a writer. Alas, those days are gone.

It does not mean that the tasks of the business side of being a writer are bad. They simply consume so much time and leave so little for writing.

Item 1: I've finally figured out how to set up my Amazon Author page. I found the instructions to be confusing and put it off in frustration. Then I found a link that took me to a page that simply wanted input of items I knew how to do. In the end, it was quite simple and took only minutes.

The last thing I need to do before it is finished is get the tech guys at Amazon to add the new Kathryn's Beach and High Tide. They are soooooo hard to find that it is comical to look for them. Best of luck if you don't know the ISBN. However if you are looking for Storm Surge...no problem there. That book is easy-peasy to find.

Overall, the Author Page is a pretty cool. Go look at mine and see picture of me you don't usually see.
<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00329LQ40>

Item 2: In my ongoing quest for techy enlightenment, I've set up the RSS feed on my blog, I think. It is sort of there, anyway. I'm sure I didn't get that far without help from Joyce, my web designer. I can't imagine doing it on my own and getting it to work.

Now my 'awesome' blog feeds onto my filedby.com page. I think my page is pretty cool. To my friends at the FTC, I'll mention that [filedby](http://filedby.com) gave me an upgrade for free. Let's face it, if I can figure out a website, then the site is truly user friendly. [Filedby](http://filedby.com) didn't ask for anything, not even testing, though how could they think I wouldn't play with it?

Go look at my [filedby](http://filedby.com) page. Leave a note on the wall if you want to see if I'm paying attention. See what it looks like and play with the features.
http://www.filedby.com/author/nadine_laman/2238025/ or just go to www.filedby.com and type my name into the author search.

Yes-yes, I even figured out how to feed my blog onto my Amazon Author page. Did you see that?
www.amazon.com/Nadine-Laman/e/B00329LQ40/ref=sr_tc_2_0

Item 3: I'm back on facebook. Long story. I look at that site and might as well be reading a tech manual in another language. I have a friend invitation from a cousin that I've looked all over to find where to accept, nada. It instantly began nagging me to upgrade my IE to v8. (I'm already frustrated with it, in case you need me to spell it out.) If you send me a friend request, be patient. I'll try to do it right. I'd hate for any of my real friends to think I didn't want to be friends or socialize.

I just don't feel very social when I'm on these social networks. So how is this going to help sell books? When it gets right down to it my friends who blog about selling via social networks admit that it doesn't work that well for them. So why did I go back to facebook? Keep reading...

I ♥ my blog: First Draft
<http://nadelaman.blogspot.com>

Kathryn gets skinned with SkinIt!!!

Microsoft's first ever retail store opened in Scottsdale's Fashion Square [much more than a 'mall' last October.

Seems the folks over at the MS store have invited local authors to add their book covers to SkinIt skins through something going on involving Facebook. (Ah! Now you know why I'm back on Facebook!)

Joy Collins, my friend on the other side of town, forwarded an invitation to local authors to participate in the MicroSoft Store/SkinIt/Facebook project.

Deanna is the store contact person. She offered to help me do the prep stuff (you knew I'd need help, didn't you?) this Thursday. I'll blog about what went on when I met with Deanna. Should be cool.

I like tech stuff, I'm just a bit slow on the uptake on some of this stuff.

For the three-day event in the store (Jan 22, 23, & 24) my time to be there (and do what???) is Friday, January 22, from 5-6 PM. If you are in Phoenix, stop by and check out the skins from my books.

The Scottsdale MicroSoft Store:

http://www.outlookseries.com/N2/Infrastructure/3507_Microsoft_Opens_1st_Retail_Store_Scottsdale_Fashion_Square.htm

What is SkinIt? <http://www.skinit.com/faq.php>

Joy Collins: <http://www.joycollins.com/>

Well, ain't that cool! I played with the 'design your own skin' feature on the SkinIt site. They have the template to skin my laptop. Interesting process.

What do you think about all of this? Post your comments on my blog.

And from our shameless advertising dept.

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For those of you who asked for my books to be available on Amazon, here you go! Good luck finding the new Kathryn's Beach and High Tide. We are working to resolve that issue – I think. If you want the thrill of the chase, search for them by ISBN, which you can find on my website.

Storm Surge is a walk in the park to find. It comes up with you search by title, author, or ISBN.

My web designer made it easy for you by adding them to the Amazon store on my website. So if you really want to shop through Amazon, use the easy link on my website. Go look. Nice, eh?

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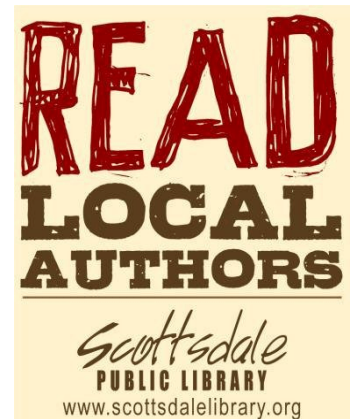
I get...the LAST WORD! (Naturally!)

COMING in the Spring the Scottsdale Arizona Library is piloting a new READ Local - Arizona Author

Collection in order to showcase the emerging literary efforts of our community, introduce readers to unique hometown talent that is not yet nationally known, and give local authors a tangible way to connect with Arizona readers.

This special circulating collection will be housed at the Civic Center

Library and will feature youth, teen and adult fiction and nonfiction materials. For more information, contact Dana at DBraccia@scottsdaleaz.gov (Reprinted with permission)



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