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

MY WORLD: Great things are happening in my world. Not only for me, but great things are happening for my writing friends! Feel free to share this as you wish.

I am not waiting for someone to edit this for me. You know, or should know by now, that 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...

Kathryn & Co. News Briefs:

KATHRYN'S BEACH: The first edition is history. Outta here! There are two versions of the first edition. One with the last half page of the last chapter missing. Believe me, I really have to be more careful. There are only a few of these. If you have one of either first edition, hang on to it! If you have a signed first edition, get out the acid free paper and take care of that priceless collector's item! (It could happen!)

The second edition of KB is due out this month. There are a few changes in this edition...you know me, I get ideas!

HIGH TIDE is due to be released in October, 2006! Thanks to everyone who helped select the cover for HT. This book has been a ton of fun! I'm having the time of my life!

If you haven't found the "Santa" photo on my website, you need to find it before the end of this book!

A zillion thanks to **Ann Zimmerman** for permission to use her song, Absolute Zero® in HT. I wrote Ann into the story line and put her at the Hollywood Bowl! Ann has CD #3 out. AnnZimmerman.com

Yes, of course, I will get to work on the rewrites for **ATONEMENT**. The discussion guide is all ready written! Does that count? Expect to see the book in 2007. If you want to vote on which cover design to use, let me know in November.

What's Next?

Mary asked me to come to her class and talk to her students about being a writer. Oh, so cool! I'm going to have such fun talking about writing. No back-of-the-room sales, just gabbing about writing. Yeah, I'm going to get some cool stuff for the kids. This is going to be such fun and I have an idea for Mary that I haven't told her yet! *insert a cheezy grin*

Nadine's Book List:

Kathryn's Beach
High Tide
Atonement
Kathryn's Beach: Director's Cut
Act Like You Mean It
Red Planet Revolt
Raven's Song
Possibly Kathryn #4: Resurrection

What!? You didn't know about the **Director's Cut?** It is the companion book to Kathryn's trilogy. (First I have to decide one way or another if there will be a fourth book for Kathryn & Company.) This is THE BOOK on all things Kathryn: Complete with behind the scene info about the book, the characters' backstory & bio, trivia, the imaginary cast of a Kathryn movie, the publishing process (the kiss and tell part) that I don't usually tell. If there is a question about Kathryn & Co. you are dying to ask, now, is good.

Resurrection: I am not telling anything about my idea for this one, because I know some of you won't leave me alone if I don't write it. YOU know who you are!

Act Like You Mean It is a direct departure from Kathryn. There are no intimate diary pages in ACT. This is much more espionage than you would expect from me.

There are two main characters: Leigh, a worn out actress that is a serious pain to work with on the stage or movie set; and Sandy, a marine biologist, who works for an elite foundation which responds to global disasters that threaten the ecosystem ~ in her case, marine ecosystems north of the equator.

The two women were classmates in high school, happily traveled in separate circles in school, and just as happily haven't seen each other for twenty years – until one of them unwittingly gets involved with the wrong people. Who's ultimately the heroine? I'm not telling! Did I mention there is a dreamy Russian man in this story? This stage is set for mystery!

Red Planet Revolt is another departure from Kathryn & Co. It is set in 2953 and is galactic SciFi. Considering my love of SciFi movies and series, it was only a matter of time before I started to write a SciFi story.

Victoria (Tory) Rader is a 40 something, newly retired Greco-Roman history professor who is much more at home in her world of (very) ancient history, than in the modern technological world where she lives in (very) modern Greece. She travels to a distant galaxy (not comfortably, since she has never before left Earth's atmosphere) to visit her terra-forming alien husband who is on assignment to head the rebuilding of the Red Planet after its civil war.

The only problem is that it wasn't a lasting peace and the civil war is back in full force by the time she arrives. I'd like to make her the unintended hero, but I can't tell you whether or not that is actually how this one turned out.

Yes, I did steal Sister Rosemary Rader's last name, just like I did with Judy Craig for a last name for Karen in Kathryn's Beach.

Raven's Song: Only into a few chapters on this one. It is set in a contemporary New Mexico Pueblo. It involves an Anglo up-and-coming big city bank president that doesn't exactly fit the Pueblo life. Not telling the rest...since it isn't completely written, I might change the ending.

In the **this is really cool department**, two authors I greatly admire have each asked me to consider co-authoring a book. Unless they were both kidding, the answer is YES!!! & YES!!!

What is happening with the **CD sound track** for KB? That's a good question. Tomas, my 15 year old, composed a 20 minute piano score for KB, plus the Thanksgiving song (untitled as of yet), and three songs for Red Planet Revolt. Other songs are being negotiated for each book.

This kid is good. Noooo kidding! The only problem is that I want to use the taped version of Kathryn's Theme with a few odd notes.

Somebody isn't liking the idea. No names will be mentioned, but his initials may be revealed soon, if I don't get my way.

So, why do I want that version? Think about how perfect it is for KB. It totally fits Kathryn at that place in her life. Are you with me on this?

www Wonderful Web Wizard, better known as Joyce. A couple of weekends ago, Joyce had my website moved and up running before my old web people figured out their server, or whatever, had been down for 30+ hours. Oh yeah, it's true! The old guys called later in the week, after Joyce had NLB running somewhere else. She is my hero!

Reading Groups: I just learned that Infinity Publishing (my pub) gives a 20% discount to reading groups for Kathryn's Beach. Contact me for the discount code and details. Pass this info to your friends.

If you don't have a reading group, you can get together with reading friends and discuss the Kathryn series. Look for the new Reading Groups page on my website for more info.

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

Hold the press, this is **BIG**:

Jeannine Garsee, author of BEFORE, AFTER and *Somebody* in BETWEEN, saw the cover art for her book for the first time today! This is a great cover for her YA book. Someone at Bloomsbury USA is a genius! Her book is due out Spring 07, and I can't wait. Smart agent and editor for not missing this book! Her website is being built. If you want to see her blog, go to onegrapeshy.livejournal.com.

Thomas Brown, author of Men Bleed Too, just sent his sequel, She Taught Me To Laugh Again to his publisher! This summer Tom wrote a children's book that he is shopping, and is well underway with a novel this time around! Oh yeah! Tom is on a roll!
ThomasBrownBooks.com.

Ray Derby, author of Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost is shopping his third ms, and writing #4. Ray writes very interesting government conspiracy / terrorist acts novels, they are fiction, aren't they? Or is it real?
RayDerby.com

Jerry Simmons, author of INSIDE The Business of Publishing – What writers Need to Know, has a second edition coming soon! Very soon! Did I mention the first edition is nearly sold out? This is a must read nonfiction.
WritersReaders.com

Cathy Marley, author of Peaking Over the Edge...views from life's middle, is busy signing her new book. Cathy has a Doris Day smile. Ask about her book and she smiles even more!
CathyMarley.com

June Austin, UK author of Genesis of Man, has had her book out about a month and it is getting great reception in UK bookstores! Way to go, June! This is a fascinating book.
JuneAustin.co.uk

Frederiko Aguilar, author of The Desert Has No King, is only days away from the release of his debut Los Vegas novel. Think gambling,

mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Los Vegas. That's what I hear.
TheDesertHasNoKing.com

In the lovely land of rewrite & edits:

Rebekah Vandergriff, a former model turned social worker, is on the home stretch of What Day Is It? This is the true story of her recovery from a car wreck that resulted in a coma inducing head trauma. It's packed with info for health care pros who care for and rehab people who sustained a serious brain injury.

Anya Page is working on her debut novel. The first draft is done and she is living in rewrite city. I'm sure she told me the title, but do you think I wrote it down, noooo. It is a fantasy.

Cathy Cole, Irish author, promises this is the last polishing and her novel is moving out the door. I want details. How about you?

Leah Collins, is working on her debut novel. She visited Vancouver to double check a few details, as she goes through her rewrite fun. I can't wait to hear about her trip! I've read an excerpt ~ aren't you jealous!

Jean Marie is nearly finished with the first draft of her novel that is a fictitious under the hair dryer tell all. Jean made this stuff up, right? She cuts my hair ~ wonder if I'm in her book!?

Andy of Beaux-reflets, French author & artist, has several works in progress that are keeping him busy. Not too busy to snap some shots in the French countryside. Check out the spider web photo and more...
Beaux-reflets.com

Sandra Lovelace is researching Arizona's past for her YA novel set in an Arizona canyon. She is headed to the location one of these days. Sounds very interesting. Kids will love it.

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

2007 Calendar: DeDe is helping select the beach photos for the 2007 calendar that will be available soon through my website gift shop.