



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

Welcome! Freely share this newsletter link. If quoted, follow the conventions of professional conduct and good manners with proper citations.

This is the unedited director's cut version. TA-DA You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic!*

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

**Writing News Briefs:** My long time friend, Irene Unruh, emailed that she found my poetry notebook from high school and posted it to me.

That notebook was a lifetime ago. Most of the poems were assignments from our text book.

Looking at them now, yellow and brittle pages, I think my good grades were influenced by the fact that I could write on demand. To this day, I still do. I guess that is quite a feat for someone so dyslexic. Maybe it is an accomplishment for anyone, dyslexic or not.

My UK friend, Carrie Sheppard, enticed me to read a few to her while on our webcam conference. I rarely read my work aloud. Not that I can't, but this was rather difficult. I hardly remember those years. But, I'm happy to have outgrow the teen years; Thank God.

Oddly enough, even with the teacher's encouragement and most generous grading, it never occurred to me to be a writer. To me, being a writer is a verb ~ not a noun. I wonder, how did I come to this place of publishing? The story of how is familiar, but the desire is foreign, that I find it unlikely to have people read my books. Yet, it is a wonderfully personal experience to share in that way.

**Kathryn & Co. News:** Do you have questions about Kathryn and friends or the books. I'd like to hear them. (Yes, really.)

There are so many things I think to tell you about Kathryn's Beach. The dilemma is how to tell behind the scene things to those who have read the books without ruining something for those who haven't read the them yet.

Think about what Maggie's brother gives to Kathryn. Some of that is my own \_\_\_\_\_ .

I was on a roll with the story playing out in my head and didn't want to stop writing and take care of that issue, so I borrowed some of my stuff to prime the pump.

If this cryptic stuff makes no sense, and you have read the book, email and ask me what I'm talking about.

### Reviews & Interviews:

Kathryn's Beach interview:

[www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html](http://www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html)

High Tide interview: **Spoiler warning!**

[www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html](http://www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html)

Kathryn's Beach & High Tide reviews are on my home page. [www.nadinelamanbooks.com](http://www.nadinelamanbooks.com)

### In the this is really cool department:

From Andrew Revels, US author and poet: "I was getting a lot done here (with the DVD and the books) but because you had to give me your damn book [High Tide], I seem to be sneaking away from my projects to see what Kathryn is doing. Thanks a lot!" You're welcome, Andrew!

<http://nadinelamanbooks.com/reviews.html>

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

**It is official! I have made the tough call that Atonement will NOT have a 2007 publishing date.** I know some of you were counting on the book for a Christmas gift. All I can say is that I think in the end, you will agree it was worth the wait for this book.

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

**Great News! The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories**, by my dear friend **Carrie Sheppard**, is in a proof edition. Lucky me, she mailed a copy from England, and I have to say right off-.I love the stories. They are even more magical told by the author in her lovely British accent. I'll let everyone know when the CD is available for purchase. She has enough stories to do a second audio book. **I can't wait!** Well done, my friend.

I love this idea!  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI3xHIsvF9o&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI3xHIsvF9o&NR=1)

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

These books **are available now!** Contact the authors for signed copies of their books.

### **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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f_4ab0uk)

Games Poor Kids Play:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxveA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxveA)

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

Phil Harris interview:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38)

Celise Downs interview:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA)

June Austin interview:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1q)

Sitting Swing:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4)

Welcome to Nothing Binding writers' community:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvb7I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvb7I)

Quark Soup:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI)

Sleep Before Evening:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_QPVteM5iK4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4)

Peeking over the Edge:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9\\_Q4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9_Q4)

**For music lover:**

♫Carrie Sheppard:  
[www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard](http://www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard)

♫Miranda Dickinson:  
[www.myspace.com/mirandadickinson](http://www.myspace.com/mirandadickinson)

♫Ann Zimmerman:  
[www.annzimmerman.com/records.html](http://www.annzimmerman.com/records.html)

**Books, Books, Books!** by genre

**FICTION:** [Action/Adventure](#)

**Frederiko Aguilar**, US author of The Desert Has No King. Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. Big celebrity book event in Fred's future. Watch its website. [www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com](http://www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com)

**Ray Derby**, US author, new release Clouds of Deception. Also from Ray, Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost. Great conspiracy, terrorist novels! I love 'em. [www.RayDerby.com](http://www.RayDerby.com)

**Mainstream and Literary Fiction**

**Magdalena Ball**, Australian, author, Sleep Before Evening, affirmative coming-of-age story which follows the descent and redemption of a young woman. [www.compulsivereader.com/html](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html)  
[www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep\\_before\\_evening.htm](http://www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep_before_evening.htm)

**Joyce Faulkner**, US author, In the Shadow of Suribachi, Award winning WWII novel about the battle on *Iwo Jima*. [www.joycefaulkner.com](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

**Joyce Faulkner**, US author, For Shrieking Out Loud! Incredibly funny lady. I seem to remember that this one is available now...or very soon. [www.joycefaulkner.com](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

**Kathe Gogolewski**, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon The Book is available now! Hot off the press! [www.tri-studio.com](http://www.tri-studio.com)

**Ray Grant**, US writer, Don't Be Impatient...Read a Short Story! Just released! A collection of short stories. [www.tri-studio.com](http://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://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? [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)  
[www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com](http://www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The novel "Holm attofoola" means: "A childish dream." Arabic language book. [www.bannoota.com](http://www.bannoota.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The short stories collection "Ressalet hob" means: "A message of love." Arabic language book. [www.bannoota.com](http://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](http://www.MasteroftheJinn.com)  
[www.insanyayinlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468](http://www.insanyayinlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468)  
This is 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

**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 historical photos.  
[www.pendoreillepress.com](http://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! Oh my gosh, Nolan! [www.pendoreillepress.com](http://www.pendoreillepress.com)

**Joyce Faulkner**, US author, Losing Patience, ponders the natural and supernatural aspects of mortality; reveals new perspectives of old realities, ethical conundrums—guilt, forgiveness, fidelity, and retribution. Characters face complex choices about whether to hang on or let go.  
[www.joycefaulkner.com](http://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 a huge hit. Their website and newsletter has tons of research info for their readers. [www.WakingGod.com](http://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](http://www.KipKids.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The children's book "Alnemr almalek" means: "Tiger King" this one is published in both Arabic and English.  
[www.bannoota.com](http://www.bannoota.com)

**Betty Landon**, US children's author, Feather From the Sky. A back yard adventure for every kid to enjoy. Set in Arizona!  
[www.featherfromtheskybook.com](http://www.featherfromtheskybook.com)

**Andy Kemp**, France, artist/author new CD ROM children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly. This is an adorable book. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. Marvelous photos and animation. [www.beauxreflets.com](http://www.beauxreflets.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 books for young adult readers. [www.celisedowns.com](http://www.celisedowns.com)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Bloomsbury USA. This book is getting phenomenal reviews! Way to go, girlfriend! I'm so proud of you! Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!!!!"  
[www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The book series for teen girls "Bannoota" means: "Little girl" or something like that, it's an Arabic pet name for a "girl" and there are three books published from this series, and the fourth is in the way. [www.bannoota.com](http://www.bannoota.com)

## NONFICTION: by category

### Alternate History; Spirituality

**June Austin**, UK author of Genesis of Man. A book of alternate history, mystic places, ancient spirituality & wisdom. On shelves at English bookstores and libraries. On Amazon in USA. This book is rocking the MBS charts! It is a very readable [scholarly work](#). [Visit her re-envisioned website!](#) [www.JuneAustin.co.uk](http://www.JuneAustin.co.uk)

**Philip Harris'** third book, Jesus Taught It, Too: the Early Roots of the Law of Attraction released in the U.S. and Canada mid-summer 07. The Law of Attraction (The Secret) can be easily traced to the teachings of the Master. Phil's blog: <http://philipharris.blogspot.com> [www.avatarpublication.com](http://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. If you have ever toured an old cemetery, you know how fascinating it is to study the various stones. Click below for photos. <http://storiescarvedinstone.com/coppermine/> for book orders. [www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html](http://www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html)

**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. Includes photos. [www.lulu.com/ggarrison](http://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](http://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. Tom is available for speaking engagements (and golf games). [www.ThomasBrownBooks.com](http://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](http://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! [www.andrewrevels.com](http://www.andrewrevels.com)

**Irene Watson**, US memoir The Sitting Swing. This therapist faced her own past; her fearfully abusive, highly sheltered years growing up as an only child to Ukrainian immigrants in 1940s Alberta, Canada. Incredible story of the resilience of the human spirit and the journey to resolution & happiness. [www.irenewatson.com](http://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! [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

### Carolyn Howard-Johnson

US author, The Frugal Editor: Put Your Best Book Forward to Avoid Humiliation and Ensure Success Due out, Oct 07, I think. I have an advance copy! [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.krissybrady.com)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, & Magdalena Ball, Australian**, authors of Cherished Pulse [www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry. [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

**Coming in 2007!** in alphabetical order...

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

**Betty Landon**, US YA Henrietta's Forty Years in a Dresser Drawer. Due out soon, summer 07. In production now. Targeted for 'tween readers.

**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](http://www.karendionne.net) [www.bksp.org](http://www.bksp.org)

**Erin Collins**, US author, debut end time thrillers. Book 1: Shadow Walk: The Gathering; Just went under CONTRACT! Aug 08. Book 2: Shadow Rising: The Dark Cometh. (new pen name!)  
[www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm](http://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!**

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. Finished revisions. Her agent has her ms NOW. Biting nails and sleepless night to begin! Good luck, Jen. She'll love the ms. The part I read was great. I love it!  
[www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapesly.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapesly.livejournal.com)

**Irving Karchmar**, US author, working on his second novel, a sequel Tale of the Jinn  
Blog: [www.darvish.wordpress.com](http://www.darvish.wordpress.com)  
Website: [www.MasteroftheJinn.com](http://www.MasteroftheJinn.com)

**Andrew Revels**, US (novel) Belly of the Beast; (short story collections) Games Poor Kids Play II; and writing a book with his grandfather! See his comments on page one of newsletter. It's my fault he doesn't have these finished! So he says!  
[www.AndrewRevels.com](http://www.AndrewRevels.com)

**Charlotte Saben** (yep, she's my cousin), 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!** Red Planet Revolt (SciFi); Act Like You Mean It (action) AND a **collaborative work...**TBS I sooooo LOVE-love writing this book!

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

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

Everyone is busy and the one thing money can't buy is more minutes in a day. I often say, which I've been told is most annoying, is that we have the same amount of time in each day as Albert Einstein did.

I suspect (and hope) the amount of time you have allotted to reading is spent with a good book.

In the vein of a discussion of hidden treats, I will come clean about my books. I have learned they are something different for each person. Even I look at them differently as time progresses.

Some say the language is too elementary; some say the words are oddly used. I have come to think that the books know more about what you need from the story, than I know. If the odd sentence structure causes you to pause and appreciate the thought, then good. If it reads easily and lightly, then good also.

The point is that I am writing these books for you, not for me. If for myself, I could tell these stories in my head and be perfectly happy because I wouldn't have to do rewrites and edits! It is a labor/labour of love to write stories for those of you who enjoy Kathryn's story.

I know I meander. I pause. I tell secrets. All of it is for you. I want these books to be a marvelous reading experiences; one that doesn't occur every day; one that you remember forever.

Nearly always, the obvious point isn't important at all. Who really cares what the letter says? I didn't and neither did Kathryn. But, if you became angry and frustrated, as did Kathryn, then you were a part of the story in an intimate way that I had hoped for at that point. You see, I need you there for what happens later in the story so you can share in Kathryn's experiences.

Sure, I know there is a place in the book where some people stop reading. Can I repair that? I really don't know. Should I fix it? Probably, but how is it fixed without resorting to the trickery of misdirection? That isn't my style.

Perhaps it is right that some people walk away at that point. Maybe this isn't really their kind of story. For those who continue to read past the letter, bravo! I promise, in the end, you won't expect what happens to Kathryn in Kathryn's Beach or in High Tide.

While I am deeply disappointed that Atonement will not be published in 2007, I have to trust there is a reason for this. No, I don't think a new agent is coming my way. Nor is a big commercial publisher sure to want my works. I don't write the formula mss that are the blockbuster books they want.

What I do write is directed to the type of people who have loved Kathryn. I write to the readers who patiently slow down, actually read the words, and hear her voice in their heads while they go through their day.

I write to the times as I see them; I write to the real people who are more like Kathryn than any of us would comfortably admit.

In what seems to be a superficial, "all about me" time in our history, I've given Kathryn the heart of the many people I see who are genuine and unpretentious. In telling her story, I have told ours. It is a worthy existence.

I think all of us will be surprised with where Atonement takes Kathryn. Although I am still not certain who dies in that book, I suspect someone will die. That seems to be something that happens in this series. I find that odd as I look at it from a detached point of reference. I have never written such a story before and I really don't know what it means.

The revisions and rewrites of Atonement are changing the draft ms quite drastically. I'm not sure what else is coming now, which is not true of this stage with the first two books. As frustrating as it is to be at this stage and yet have things so up in the air, I have a calm about what is happening in the story.



Writing is a great life. I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your best book.