

## 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*. Put away your grease pencil and red pen. It won't get much better than this.

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

<http://nadelamanbooks.com/newsletter.html>

Since this is a **monthly** newsletter there's a **month's worth** of links & other stuff in each issue. I know it takes time clicking 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:** Wow! I might never write a trilogy again. What pressure! The worry is the person who doesn't start at book one, Kathryn's Beach.

I'd like to hear from both readers and writers on this, but it really bugs me. How does one write for someone who jumps in the story on book three? When catching up the rogue who read the books out of order, how do you not bore the fan who has read the books in the proper order?

It is strange enough that I begin each book in the middle of a conversation. That should really confuse the reader who doesn't begin at the beginning with Kathryn's Beach.

BTW, the worst beginning for a book is supposed to be, "It was a dark and stormy night..."

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/It\\_was\\_a\\_dark\\_and\\_stormy\\_night](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/It_was_a_dark_and_stormy_night)

I think the worst beginning is the modified bio. BORING. Don't see many movies start out like that. Oi! Ewww. Cringe.

So, it was a dark and stormy night. If it isn't read at a thundering speed like some readers read nowadays, then think: it was dark. Have you been in the country at night when there are no lights, save the farmhouse in the distance? Or in the city when the power is out? That's dark, unless there is a full moon.

Stormy. Standing in the dark, a gust of wind suddenly stirs. Lightning dances across the sky, pirouetting among the clouds. Thunder rumbles in the distance. The tree row bends to the building wind. Suddenly a bright flash, and a crack so loud it makes you jump. You're almost certain the hair on your arms stood up from the electricity in the dense air. You hear the driving rain seconds before a big drop hits your face, right below your eye. It makes you blink to have it land so close to your eye. Do you turn your face away and down, or look upward for more?

And, it's cold. The rain is cold. The wind is cold. Now you're cold and your coat is no match for the storm. So, now that I've explained it, that opening line sounds perfectly fine. Right?

While writing this, I've decided that the person who starts on book three, Storm Surge, is just going to have to catch up. It isn't like they stop a movie and explain it if someone arrives late. After all, it isn't my fault they came late to the story, right?

And, for Pete's sake, sloooow down and read. Enjoy. Writers spend a great deal of time selecting just the right word to use.

So I'm sticking to it. Read the trilogy in this order: Kathryn's Beach; High Tide; and Storm Surge. Now we are all on the same page. My work is done here. \*smiles\* I just cut another 250 words from Chapter 1 of Storm Surge.

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

I like to Beta read mss. Actually, I'd rather read a ms than a book. I know it makes no sense. The ream of paper is hard to handle compared to a nicely bound book. I can't help it. I love mss.

I've just finished the last two mss I'll read for a while. Both great stories. It's time to concentrate on Storm Surge, full tilt.

And— after months of saying I was leaving, I went to the writing forum where I helped moderate and deleted my profile. I enjoyed moderating and helping new and seasoned writers. One morning a moderator was fussing that us fiction people didn't take poetry seriously enough (probably true). I simply deleted my account. I wasn't angry, it just suddenly seemed silly. I was ready to move on. I had said everything I knew about writing and American publishing. It was all there, somewhere. No need to keep retelling it to the new members.

When my paycheck was four days late, the pay rate was going to be cut nearly in half or we could leave—I left. Turned off my computer, took my coffee cup, and headed straight to the bank to cash that check— unsure if it was good paper.

On top of all that, I've been spring cleaning with a vengeance. I know it is fall, but fall cleaning isn't as serious with me as spring cleaning, and that is what is happening here. All of this activity, changing my beta reading addiction, moderating, changing jobs, cleaning— feels great.

My friend Carrie calls these times, turning points. Well, bring it on, darlin'. I'm having a "Kathryn moment" and ready for change. All of this energy is going into Storm Surge. You won't believe what I've done to Kathryn now (so sorry, Katey).

**www (Wonderful Web Wizard)** for fun:

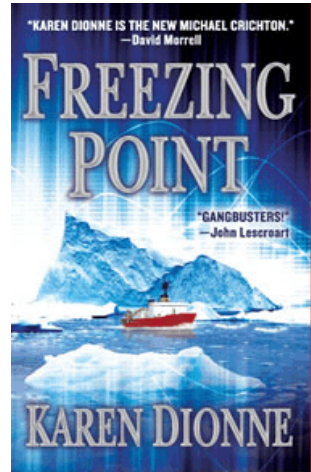
<http://www.echalk.co.uk/amusements/OpticalIllusions/illusions.htm>

<http://www.snopes.com/photos/animals/dolphinrings.asp>

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

Please note the YouTube book videos have been moved with the book featured. Also, it may not look like it at first glance, but I do go through this sections and make changes. Please check.

**In the this is really cool department:**  
Due out this month.



**Freezing Point** by Karen Dionne, Us thriller author. From Berkley Oct 2, 2008.

“Palpably exciting. A scientific thriller about a looming global crisis far more critical than oil. Karen Dionne is the new Michael Crichton.” **David Morrell**

Cool website. [www.karendionne.net](http://www.karendionne.net)

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I remember Karen telling me she received the call from her agent that Berkley accepted her ms while she was in a bookstore shopping. We were both giddy. Isn't that just perfect timing!

Being no stranger to modern devices, Karen is usually on the cutting edge of this industry's technology. Karen is the co-founder of Backspace writers' forum. [www.bksp.org](http://www.bksp.org)

She is also the brain behind the development of a resource for writers looking for how this industry works or want to take a shot at making it work to their advantage. [www.bookpromonetwork.com](http://www.bookpromonetwork.com)

It is no wonder Karen is pulling out the stops for her book launch party. She has invited all my newsletter readers to join her **October 1-3**.

You have to check this out. Click through the numbered "squares" on the left side of this page. [www.freezingpointlaunchparty.com/secpa/01.html](http://www.freezingpointlaunchparty.com/secpa/01.html)

See the chilling video (#12) and check out the reading from Freezing Point (#15).

Start on any numbered square, but be sure to catch them all and order Freezing Point! (#13)

Everyone is invited to the party! Thanks Karen for the early heads-up so I could get this in my newsletter in time. Best wishes with your debut book, Freezing Point. Got the next ms started?

Hold the press, this is really **BIG**:  
**Books, Books, Books!** by genre...  
**FICTION:**

**Action/Adventure**

**Frederiko Aguilar**, US actor/author of The Desert Has No King Think gambling, think mafia, think corruption, think beautiful women and all things Las Vegas. He's working on a sequel. [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. Ray writes the greatest conspiracy, terrorist novels! I love-love 'em. [www.RayDerby.com](http://www.RayDerby.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](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html)  
[www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep\\_before\\_evening.htm](http://www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep_before_evening.htm)  
Sleep Before Evening:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_QPVteM5iK4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4)

**Joy Collins**, US author, Second Chance. Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? Set in Arizona. I was just in her neighborhood the other day...how's that for cool? [www.joycollins.com](http://www.joycollins.com) [www.secondchancenovel.com](http://www.secondchancenovel.com)  
Second Chance:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8)

**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—guilt, fidelity, forgiveness, retribution. [www.joycefaulkner.com](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

**Kathe Gogolewski**, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon I've heard good things about this book. Now also available on Kindle reader from Amazon. [www.tri-studio.com](http://www.tri-studio.com)

**Philip Harris**, US author, A Maine Christmas Carol. 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)  
<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? 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**, United Arab Emerise, The novel Holm Attofoola ("A childish dream.") An Arabic language book. See her other books in the children's section of this newsletter. [www.tulipbook.com](http://www.tulipbook.com) <http://amessageoflove.blogspot.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)  
Available on Kindle reader.

**My Book List:**

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06  
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06  
Storm Surge (Kathryn #3) coming in '08  
Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Storm Surge:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwh8DIXKXv8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwh8DIXKXv8)

**Whoo-Hoo** this revised video YouTube® had 1,300 views in six months!!!

**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](http://www.pendoreillepress.com)

**Mystery/Thriller**

**Alex Domokos** and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, Body Traffic: A RCMP Crime Novel of both human trafficking and organ trafficking, short-listed for the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction. (eBook version is Masquerade); Prometheus: Adventure of New Beginnings (future fiction), 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](http://www.domokos.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 research info for their readers. Philip and Brian have a second book in the works, WAKING GOD: THE SACRED ROTA. [www.WakingGod.com](http://www.WakingGod.com)

Phil Harris interview:

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

**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)

**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. Website coming.

<http://stores.lulu.com/jeanettemccarthy>

### Short Story Collections

**Alex Domokos** and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, Ten Chocolates From the Box: 10 short stories  
[www.domokos.com](http://www.domokos.com)

**Ray Grant**, US author, Don't Be Impatient ... Read a Short Story! Ray is a master at short stories and Flash Fiction. [www.tri-studio.com](http://www.tri-studio.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](http://www.tulipbook.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 without laughing, there's something seriously wrong! Better read it again! It cracked me up! **NEW RELEASES** 32 Reasons I Need A Helmet, a second collection of short stories. AND a novel, Belly of the Beast. Incredible story! Books available at [www.Lulu.com](http://www.Lulu.com)

Games Poor Kids Play:

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

32 Reasons I Need a Helmet:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf\\_68](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf_68)

I Know What It's Like:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDzslnSrsHM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDzslnSrsHM)

**Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard**, GB, The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories. I have a copy—I love the stories. They are more magical when told by the author in her lovely British accent. Website coming. Order audio book here:

[cjcauston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cjcauston@yahoo.co.uk) <http://ukfolkie.blogspot.com>

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

## 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 Arabic & English. [www.tulipbook.com](http://www.tulipbook.com)

**Betty Landon**, US children's author, Feather From the Sky. A back yard adventure for every kid to enjoy. [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 CD book. I have a copy. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. Marvelous photos and animation.

[www.beauxreflets.com](http://www.beauxreflets.com)

Whimsical Will Learns to Fly:

[www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlhd7R4](http://www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlhd7R4)

### Young Adult

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, (07) Bloomsbury USA. **Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!"** Jen's new book, Say The Word has been optioned by Bloomsbury US (08). I'm so proud of you! [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 it an Arabic pet name for "girl." There are three books published in this series and the fourth is in the way. [www.tulipbook.com](http://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](http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~46463.aspx)

## 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. At Amazon in USA. An engaging scholarly work. [www.JuneAustin.co.uk](http://www.JuneAustin.co.uk)

<http://juneaustin.blogspot.com>

June Austin interview:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1g)

**Philip Harris'** third book, 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 traced to the teachings of the Master. <http://philipharris.blogspot.com>

New from **Philip Harris** the Messages in a Bottle series. Messages in a Bottle: An Era of Transformation; Messages in a Bottle 2: The Revolution Within. Both released Feb 2008.

[www.avatarpublication.com](http://www.avatarpublication.com)

Messages in a Bottle series:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeJuEXrLV9Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeJuEXrLV9Y)

## 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](http://www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html)

**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)

**Gene K. Garrison**, US, Author, There's Something About CAVE CREEK; It's The People. Glimpses of the 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 his wife's breast cancer and about the next life after Barbara's death.

[www.ThomasBrownBooks.com](http://www.ThomasBrownBooks.com)

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

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell.

[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

**Cathy Jo Marley**, US, Peeking Over The Edge. A collection of middle life wisdom about the start of life's best half. [www.cathymarley.com](http://www.cathymarley.com)

Peeking over the Edge:

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

**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](http://www.irenewatson.com)

Interview:

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

Sitting Swing:

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

## Publishing and Marketing

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, The Frugal Book Promoter: How to Do What Your Publisher Won't. She teaches at UCLA!

The Frugal Editor: Put Your Best Book Forward to Avoid Humiliation and Ensure Success This book is out. I have an advance copy!

[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

Interview of Carolyn Howard-Johnson:

[www.howtodoitfrugally.com](http://www.howtodoitfrugally.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 20+ years in NY at a BIG time, real-deal publishing house.

[www.WritersReaders.com](http://www.WritersReaders.com)

Jerry talks about NothingBinding.com:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lv1b7I>

## POETRY:

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

Quark Soup:

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

**Krissy Brady**, Canadian poet'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, 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](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm)

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

**Coming in 2008!** in alphabetical order...  
Nothing like anticipation!

**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>

**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)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. This was picked up by Bloomsbury too! It is an incredible story. Lots of depth. Totally terrific writing. Love it! Love it!  
[www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com)

**Rebekah Vandergriff**, US nonfiction, 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. Book out soon.  
[www.authorsden.com/wdii](http://www.authorsden.com/wdii)

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!)**  
I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your best book. I love you guys!

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

**Cathy Cole**, Northern Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke. Cathy is an absolutely incredible writer! I've read this one.

**Nidhi Dhawan**, India, fiction, Retribution: The Tale of the Returning Soul I've read this one.  
[www.incontinentpen.blogspot.com](http://www.incontinentpen.blogspot.com)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author, 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.)  
[www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.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)

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

Now a word from our shameless advertising dept: (That would be me.) You can buy books anywhere ... internet, bookstore, wherever. The listed writers have signed copies of their book available. There is a huge variety listed, if you can't find something to read from this list, you simply aren't trying.

**KATHRYN'S BEACH & HIGH TIDE** are still available through the link at the bottom of every page of my website. My books were NOT affected by the changes at Amazon.

### Free signed books drawing

[www.readerviews.com/ContestBookGiveaway.html](http://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!)  
You do know this stuff is only my opinion, however that doesn't mean I'm wrong. Does it?

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BOOK Signing! Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Fountain Hills, AZ. As part of the Art Walk celebration, **The Octagon Café** is sponsoring a book signing. Books will be sold through the café to handle sales tax and credit card purchases. Tables and chairs are provided. If you're interested in participating in the Book SIGNING, contact Joy Collins for more information. [www.joycollins.com](http://www.joycollins.com)  
**Second Chance** - a novel about love the second time around! [www.secondchancenovel.com](http://www.secondchancenovel.com)

Asmaa really caught me off guard with this:  
<http://www.tulipbook.com/resources/tuliplink-1.pdf>  
(Scroll down, you'll see what surprised me)

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Writers get lots of email. I love fan mail. It's fun to hear what people think was done correctly and what should be changed (right NOW). However, this is the best of the bunch. An email from Sean, my oldest son, ended with this: **P.S. And #1 fan!**

It doesn't get much better than that. Go kiss your kids! I'll wait. (Insert elevator music.)

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I've gone past my usual six page newsletter, but ya know— it is my newsletter and it isn't like it will cost you extra if I add a page now and again.

I'm not saying more is better, and that certainly isn't the case of mss. It is just, well...there is a lot going on and like everyone else, I'm thinking about it. Granted, it isn't like anyone can hide from the economy, even if the media wasn't on it every minute of the day.

Times are tough for everyone, probably even the rich (but I don't travel that circle, so I don't know for sure). What I do know is that most of us will do okay through this and everything else that comes our way.

My "pick" of quotes from Kathryn's Beach is "It isn't how long one lives, it is how wide that really matters." In real life, I said that when my friend Julia Marques died (age 30 something) just weeks after we had put our heads together for a trip so she could meet my firstborn. For 21 years not a day goes by that I don't think about what a good friend and mentor she was to me.

My "fav" quote from High Tide is "...chase after life with the drive of an eight year old chasing an ice cream truck!" I'm not a big fan of ice cream, but there is something to be said for watching the neighborhood kids chase that ice cream truck. It's hard sometimes to remember to seize the day, or the moment.

We get busy. I am never quite sure what I've been busy with. All the while, what really matters is our enthusiasm for life. This is something that Wall Street can't take from us. Let them have their virtual world. I want real stuff (but I won't complain if my Ford Motor Co. stock recovers when they roll out the 2010 Mustang— oh what a ride that car is going to be!).

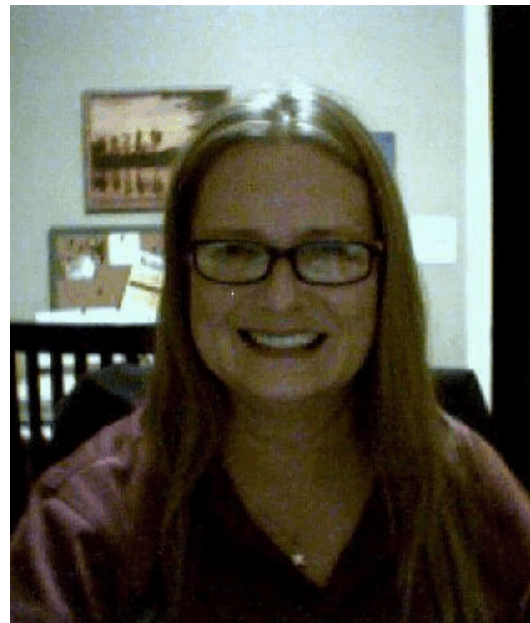
I've been pondering the quote of the book for Storm Surge. The thing I've repeated over and over the last few months— most of this year is, "You are the person you are when you think no one is watching." It fits the book and it fits a lot of situations this year.

When my kids were little I came up with a list of rules to live by. Number One is: Mom is always right. It is our version of "I told you so." But more than that, It made me better because I did stop when they asked a question, and I looked up the answer if I didn't know. I think everyone deserves at least one person in their life who they can count on to get stuff right.

Number Two is a no brainer: "Be very careful who you marry." No explanation needed there.

Number Three is: "Integrity counts." With that I'm adding the Storm Surge quote. Whatever happened in the economy, you know, the big players who seem to have stacked the deck, it is who we are when we are alone that defines us. This honesty has to come out in our life and in our writing. And there you have it. Write well. Read good books. Live an honest life.

I know you can do this masterful thing. Follow your dreams. I love you. Write your best book.



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