

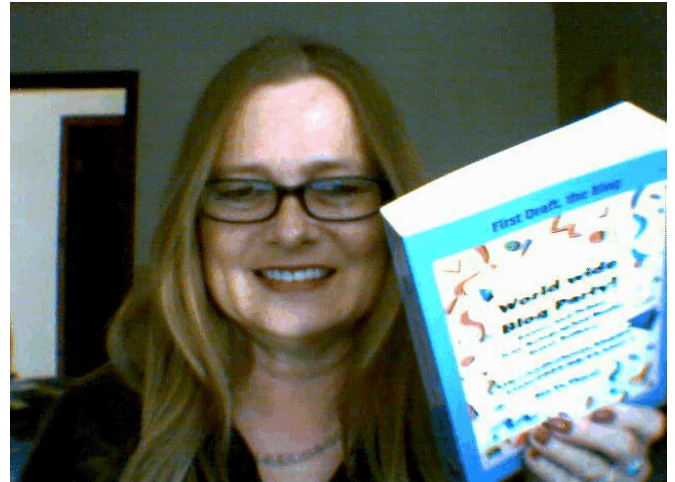
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I ~~don't~~ blog: I brag, celebrate, and shamelessly advertise!!!

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.

Kathryn's Beach and High Tide and Storm Surge are available **NOW**.
www.NadineLamanBooks.com



Writing News Briefs:



The only writing that I have done this summer has been faux biographies of writers I know during the blog party.

I can't imagine anyone unaware that a blog party went on at First Draft, my

blog. I told about writers I know, from my perspective, and introduced their works. They gave away autographed copies of one of their books.

Many of the winners wrote book reviews on their blogs as a thank you to the authors, which was a really cool thing for them to do.

Because I like the convenience of paper books, I've put the blog party into a printed book. I formatted it, but left it unedited – the real deal. After the proof copy, the final will be sent to the authors who participated in the blog party. Cool, eh? The book will be for sale on my website, list price \$19.95 with a special introductory price at \$15.95.

<http://nadelamanbooks.com/books.html> LOOK at how thick the blog party book is in the picture of me holding it!

Ghost Stories for HALLOWEEN!

Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard has an audio book of Ghost Stories, **Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories**. These are "proper English" ghost's stories, read by Carrie in her proper English accent.



I have a copy of Ghost Sniffer and love it. The cover art is a drawing by Carrie's grandfather, isn't that cool?

These are magical short stories that leave you wondering if ghosts do exist. The audio book is perfect for Halloween Parties and hostess gifts, even appropriate for young audiences. It comes as a CD.

Email Carolyn for ordering instructions, be sure to tell her I sent you. I have a few copies I can post for her to US buyers. How is that for great service!
Carolyn@TheCompleteTrainer.com

In the "this is really cool" department:

My website, www.NadineLamanBooks.com is hosted by www.iPower.com in Phoenix, Arizona. Recently they went **GREEN**. They boast: **Our offices and our data centers are all 100% powered by wind energy.**

One of the things I like about being hosted by iPower is the location. In Phoenix it is unlikely that a bad winter storm will knock out power and take my website down. Besides, they are really good with customer service. Check them out.

<http://www.ipower.com/green/index.html>

And from our **shameless advertising dept.**

Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, and Storm Surge are **ONLY** available here: www.NadineLamanBooks.com



ORDER NOW!

Order the complete trilogy and receive a **FREE** matching journal.

ORDER HERE!

Kathryn's Beach
High Tide
Storm Surge

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

For months now I've been researching the possibility of starting a boutique publishing house. I've bounced the idea around with industry friends and my banker.

I began with a test using my own books, Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, and the first edition of Storm Surge. I think everyone will agree the quality of the printing is superb.

It is a big decision because my writing goes on the back burner, if I do this. However, I've seen mss with potential that are poorly published. I've decided to launch *Cactus Rain Publishing*.

The documents have been drafted to create a Limited Liability Company, and they went in the mail today to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

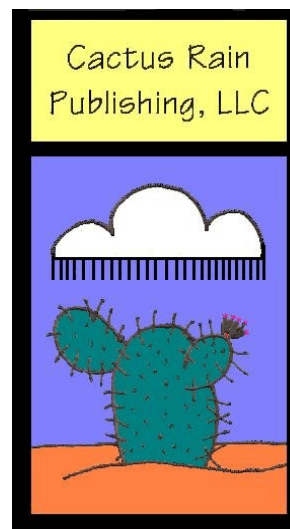
It will be a while before the website is launched. www.CactusRainPublishing.com. Don't get excited, the url links back to www.NadineLamanBooks.com for the time being. Not only will there be useful information, submission guidelines, and the catalogue, it will showcase the spirit of the desert southwest.

Cactus Rain Publishing is different from most small presses. It is a new publishing model because I believe it is time for a change; it is time for authors to make real money. In most cases in the Indie corner of the publishing industry, everyone but the author make money. It is time for change. Where would the industry, or readers, be if we didn't write? So why aren't we adequately compensated?

Cactus Rain Publishing is NOT a POD service. It won't publish every genre or submitted ms. The whole idea of boutique is that it is specialized.

Quality is paramount. The mss will be vetted. So will the authors. I won't work with divas. I'm not giving up my writing time for arrogant writers who will not take direction.

I'm not in any hurry to build the CRP catalogue. I've rejected one writer. But I am working with two writers on projects and with two publishers on several of their projects.



Here is a peek at the draft logo I drew. It hasn't gone to a graphic designer for clean-up yet, but the main thing is the colors and the theme is from the desert southwest of the US. It represents the influence of Native American peoples in my life.

So what do you think about that? Email your comments to NadineLaman@aol.com

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