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I 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**.
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Writing News Briefs:

One of the most enjoyable parts of being an author is the comments from readers. I'm not talking about the usual, "Atta boy" we get from polite friends and family - God love them for their support in our darkest hours.

What I find most rewarding, and certainly an incentive greater than money, is to hear what resonated with a reader.

I like hearing the personal connection made between reader and character, or a particular scene that touched someone in a profound way.

I like the discussion that follows when a reader contacts me. I like the connection we develop, even short lived, as more than author and reader, as people.

Each book has its own personality, in addition to its own story. Kathryn's Beach comments are largely based on the internal dialogue in the book. Some of the comments are posted on my website, but there were some too personal to post. I'm not one to expose people who have trusted me and risked telling me who they are on the inside.

High Tide is probably the underappreciated book of the three. What I like about that segment of the trilogy is the way Kathryn finds her inner strength and she isn't dependent on someone else for that strength. I find it powerful that we carry within us such strength, and sadly, so many look to others rather than within themselves for the strength and will to face life squarely.

Those who have read Storm Surge find a change in the writing style, and see a significant change in Kathryn. She moves from accepting the hand she is dealt, to coming to the table of life with her own deck of cards.

For that connectivity with readers that the trilogy has provided, I appreciate Kathryn's books and it feels right that was the prize for me in being their author.

To those who have asked, yes there will be more books from me – hopefully, in 2011. To those who know why I haven't written this year, I acknowledge and appreciate the support you sent my direction. Perhaps, that will be another book in the future.

For now, I plan to work on the books I've started: Act Like You Mean It; Red Planet Revolt; Raven's Song; and maybe – just maybe, One Sunny Day, and an untitled work.

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

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

There are 24 hours in a day, what we do with them defines us.

I believe that premise strongly. I'm the absolute worst person to give excuses to after stating a dream or goal. Excuses don't cut it with me.

We make the time for the priorities in our life. But more than time for the sake of time spent, it has to be quality time.

The older I get, the less generous I am with people who waste my time and energy. That is a huge factor in how I run Cactus Rain Publishing. Regardless how great the story is, if the author is going to be time consuming with lots of whining heaped on for good measure, I'll pass on the book.

The vetting process includes story line, character development, writing style, as well as, writer's temperament and commitment. Even writers with whom I have longstanding friendships are not immune to the standards set for Cactus Rain. I believe the readers deserve nothing less than the best books available.

If we look at the people we admire throughout history and around us today, they have the same 24-hour day allocated that we have.

I realize I'm in my preach-on-a-soapbox mode, however, as the midnight hour approaches for the birth of my publishing company, this is the mood life finds me.

If you have my books, you know there is a line in the front of each. The last one I wrote, of course, is Storm Surge: You are the person you are when you think no one is watching.

While it is quite fun, at a party, to mention or announce one's writing hobby, it is a totally different thing to actually write a professional, industry standard level work. People who talk about writing a book, or start and never finish this great American classic, are a dime a dozen. I admire people who accomplish the things they say they dream of doing, especially those who finish writing a novel.

Cactus Rain Publishing News Briefs:



A boutique publisher of fine fiction from around the world.

Soon the press release will come out announcing the debut book for Cactus Rain Publishing, officially launching the boutique publishing company. (I'll post the link on my blog.)

The Doctor, The Plutocrat, and The Mendacious Minister by **Glyn Pope** is getting favorable early reviews. The publishing date for this gem is November 1, 2010.

DOCTOR LATYMER ARRIVES on a council estate in Leicester, England, full of hope and the innocence of youth. He quickly becomes the local miracle worker. But without a grasp of the realities of life, he sets out to right injustices that he doesn't fully understand. In the process, he unravels the delicate balance between rich and poor, and the struggling post-WWII economy still reliant on rationing and the black market.

Be sure to order this book and have the first edition of the debut novel, because I assure you, we are going places with this company.

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Quick on the heels of 'Doc' is the second project from Cactus Rain: **Banyan Tree Brothers** by **Nidhi Dhawan** from India. Early reviews of this little gem liken the writing style to Ayn Rand. You be the judge. Coming soon!

To read more about these books and their authors – and to see the unique cover concepts, visit the official publisher's website:

www.CactusRainPublishing.com

Live your dreams, it is your 24-hour day.

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