



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

**WELCOME TO MY WORLD:** Great things are happening in my world. Not only for me, but great things are happening for my writing friends! Share this link as you wish, if quoted, follow the rules of conduct and good manners.

I'm not waiting for this to be edited for me. You know, or should know by now, I am dyslexic and I have a gift to gab ~ considering I am so shy! Yes, I really am, if you only knew...

*Happy Holidays!* There are plenty of holidays to go around this time of year. So pick the one you like and know that I wish you the best during this festive season. Maybe we can't have peace on Earth (I still hope for this), but I wish you personal peace and joy ~ enough to share in your world. Good writing! **Happy Holidays!**

### **Kathryn & Co. News Briefs:**

Kathryn debuted in England, N. Ireland, and France last month. This kid gets around. She's been to BEA 06, the Benedictine Priory library in St. Paul, MN, on the campus of U of Conn., and in a kitchen in Penn. She's quite the little traveler, she is.

*More reviews:* Email is still saying that Kathryn's Beach makes readers cry at that "you know where" point in the story. It's okay. I misted up when I was writing it. I didn't know what was going to happen either!

That's the problem with being an organic writer. There is no outline to tell me what is happening next and spoil things. I am just as surprised as you. Talk about a thrill.

The only difference between us is that I am typing as the story unfolds and there you are, comfy chair, favorite drink, soft music... Do you want trade places? Nah, me neither!

Spoiler warning! Here's the newest KB review: [www.readerviews.com/ReviewLamanKathryns.html](http://www.readerviews.com/ReviewLamanKathryns.html)

**KATHRYN'S BEACH & HIGH TIDE** are now available through my website link to Infinity.

The book page on my website has the info needed to order from local bookstores. They can order it, even if they say they can't. Take them the info and make it easy for them... [www.NadineLamanBooks.com/books](http://www.NadineLamanBooks.com/books)

It would be handy if bookstores would carry books by indie writers. You do understand how that system works, right? No!?! Simply, this: The major purchasers for some chains are asked by the big time NY publishers to comment on the story AND the cover art BEFORE the book is published. It's a fact that their vote weighs heavily on which cover is selected. Thought the author had the deciding vote? You crack me up!

Let's continue. The bookstore sells shelf space, well, it's called coop (co-op). You thought the bookstore owner put those books on the table by the front door because they LOVED that book, nope the table was "rented" by the publisher. It goes on from there, the end caps ~ the display at the end of the shelf rows ~ face out on a shelf or spine out is decided by the amount of incentives that change hands.

As Jerry Simmons says, about 100 people decide what readers have available to read. That can't be true! What does Jerry know anyway, right? Um, he spent 25 yrs in NY as VP of sales for a big-time-fall-to-your-knees-and-hope-they-love-your-ms publisher. (Should that have been hyphenated?) So, anyway, Jerry actually does know a thing or two, but don't tell him I said that. [www.writersreaders.com](http://www.writersreaders.com)

Think indie bookstores are the solution? Some belong to a "confederation" that cuts deals with publishers the indie store couldn't cut on their own. That's good. I like Indie bookstores.

Some will take indie books on consignment, but get this, the deal is so sweet that I actually lose \$\$ to do this. Wow! Count me in on this deal, paying to have my book read!

I may not be a big time fancy pants author, but I have my standards. The whole willingness to be a stigmatized indie author was to give my readers the best book, the authentic story as it was written. I think readers deserve choices in books. That is the beauty of an indie book, choices.

I am not saying the book industry quirks are bad. They have worked fairly well since WWII ~ well, as long as you want to read what 100 people decide what you can read.

So what makes bookstores so special? Got me! I love them too, even if they won't stock my great American novel (just had to call it that once in my life). Seriously, I love to shop in bookstores. I'm pretty sure it has nothing to do with the aroma of brewing coffee, though that is nice too. I love buying books, in bookstores or online. I am hopeless. There is something about a book that I can't resist. Maybe that is part of why I love to write them.

**By the way, HIGH TIDE** has been released and you can get it here, at this looong link! [www.bbotw.com/author.asp?FirstName=Nadine&LastName=Laman](http://www.bbotw.com/author.asp?FirstName=Nadine&LastName=Laman) The link will improve as High Tide gets listed on amazon and the international versions of amazon, et al. **It's on amazon as High Tided ??? Spell Check!!!**

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**ATONEMENT** Expect to see the book in 2007. The first draft is 90,698 words. A couple of scenes that have to be added, they are, well they are brilliant. I know you'll love them. Stuff will be cut and polished. Can't wait!

Kathryn's fans won't believe this book. There are incredible twists for our Katey. Shots are fired. New characters join old favorites. Kathryn has a new job. The setting expands up the coast and to Europe. That's all I'm telling for now...

## Nadine's Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06  
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06  
Atonement (Kathryn #3) 07  
Kathryn's Beach: The Director's Cut  
Possibly a Kathryn #4: Resurrection ??

## In the this is really cool department...

If you are paying attention, you know I am a huge fan of Ann Zimmerman's music. Ann debuts in fiction with the publishing of High Tide. Next stop? The movies! I can hope, can't I? Ann is good. Ck out her music at [www.AnnZimmerman.com](http://www.AnnZimmerman.com)

My trip 47.4 miles across the Phoenix metroplex was rewarded with a room full of 5, 6, 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Gilbert, AZ, Destiny School. The kids were absolutely incredible! They know a lot about writing. They were very engaging little darlin's.

One student plans to buy my books for his grandmother for Christmas. How sweet is that! A very enterprising young man wanted to buy the copy of the ms I showed them. I suspect he wanted it signed and would put it on eBay when I'm famous. The handouts were okay.

The real excitement came with the gel bracelets that had "read" in 8 languages. To get these future authors started, I gave them ink pens with my website on them. Take note and rethink getting pens that click open and shut.

It was lots of fun. I had way too much info ready, but I had no idea I could engage them in conversations about writing. Thanks Mary Edington for inviting me to Destiny School!

## www (Wonderful Web Wizard),

Joyce is the person who told me active links are possible on these pdf newsletters. Cool! Who knew? [www.NadineLamanBooks.com](http://www.NadineLamanBooks.com)

**What's Next?** If for some twisted reason you want to continue to receive this newsletter, please sign up at the bottom of my website home page for the "free" mailing of it. One thing for sure, you never know what will be in the newsletter. [www.NadineLamanBooks.com](http://www.NadineLamanBooks.com)

In the [that's enough about me](#) department...let's celebrate each other!!!

Fearlessly we send our words into the world to be read, criticized, and enjoyed...

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

These books **debuted in November**. Ha! I was the first one to buy each of them!

**Kip Cossom**, US artist debuts his beautiful children's book, Nov. 1, [Ned Visits New York](#). I love his artistic style. I have my copy of Kip's book & it is marvelous!

Kip is rapidly becoming one of the most famous NY street vendors. **Kip will be at the Union Square Holiday Market 11/24 – 12/24 in NYC**. You're not in NY? Book and children's wear available at [www.KipKids.com](http://www.KipKids.com)

**Andrew Revels**, US author of [Games Poor Kids Play](#), a collection of short stories is his debut offering! I've read a few of these slices of Americana! Thank God he wasn't my kid! He has an incredible novel in the works, [Belly of the Beast](#). Andy is a bright young writer. [www.andrewrevels.com](http://www.andrewrevels.com)

Get [Games Poor Kids Play](#) here (pub. 11/20/06) [www.lulu.com/content/526418](http://www.lulu.com/content/526418) I've ordered my copy of Andrew's book.

...and another shameless pitch for [High Tide](#), released 11/10/06, by, um...ME!

**Coming in December 2006!**

**Ray Derby**, US author of [Clouds of Deception](#) expects to have copies on hand by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. I have read and enjoyed the ms and have seen the cover art. I love Ray's books. Ray also wrote [Shadow Government](#) and [Bradley's Ghost](#) and is working on book #4. Ray writes great government conspiracy/terrorist novels. Ray is an expert in homeland security. Get signed copies here: [www.RayDerby.com](http://www.RayDerby.com)

**Philip Harris** US author has [A Maine Christmas Carol](#) coming this holiday season ~ Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. It's a New twist to a well known classic. Get info from Phil's website...and buy his book. [www.christmascarol.bravehost.com](http://www.christmascarol.bravehost.com)

**Coming in 2007!**

**Frederiko Aguilar**, US author of [The Desert Has No King](#), his debut Las Vegas novel. Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. Fred sent a peek of the cover art. Great looking! Thanks Fred! [www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com](http://www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com)

Fred's friends and family have asked that I correctly spell "Las Vegas" – I didn't in previous newsletters. Consider it done. Via con Dios, mi amigos!

**Thomas Brown**, US author of [Men Bleed Too](#), and [She Taught Me To Laugh Again](#) expects Laugh out in Feb. Tom has been asked to write articles regarding breast cancer from the husband's perspective! Tom's website [www.ThomasBrownBooks.com](http://www.ThomasBrownBooks.com) Spoiler alert! Here's the REVIEW of [Men Bleed Too](#). [www.readerviews.com/ReviewBrownMenBleedToo](http://www.readerviews.com/ReviewBrownMenBleedToo) Interview with Tom, get the backstory here [www.readerviews.com/InterviewBrownThomas](http://www.readerviews.com/InterviewBrownThomas)

**Aurora Collins**, US author, her debut end time thriller, [Shadow Walk](#) releases in 07 from the small press, Tiger Press. Good news from her editor, they want to make this a two book deal! [www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author of [BEFORE](#), [AFTER](#) and [Somebody in BETWEEN](#), Bloomsbury USA, June 07. Galleys review is completed and back to Bloomsbury! A bag full of ARCs has arrived!! Jen is writing her next book, [Say the Word](#). Jeannine's website is finished. [www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com) See Jen's blog at...Jen, you are sooo funny! [www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com).

**Betty Landon**, US children books author debuts with [The Feather From the Sky](#). The interior illustration artwork is being approved! Waiting for a book's release is sooo hard ~ especially the first book you write...

**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)

**Coming in 2008!** Nothing like looking ahead with anticipation!

**Carleen Brice**, US author is adding fiction to her long list of writing talents! Carleen (journalist, author, editor) has sold her first work of fiction, Orange Mint and Honey Ballantine Books 08. Congrats Carleen! Her books to date are Lead me Home, Age Ain't Nothing but a Number, and Walk Tall. Something is coming for Walk Tall, watch Carleen's blog for the up to the minute news. [www.pajamagardener.blogspot.com](http://www.pajamagardener.blogspot.com)

### **All ready out and about...and ready for purchase!**

**June Austin**, UK author of Genesis of Man June is busy, watch her site for her upcoming appearances in local bookstores including Borders UK. This is a very fascinating book. If you like alternate history, ancient wisdom and spirituality, get this book. Also on amazon USA. [www.JuneAustin.co.uk](http://www.JuneAustin.co.uk)

**Krissy Brady**, Canadian author's debut poetry collection in 4 parts Title Wave released Oct 01. Title Wave is from a Canadian small press. Watch for book signings and other appearances. Krissy at [www.krissybrady.com](http://www.krissybrady.com)

**Philip Harris and Brian Doe**, US authors are accused of starting a NEW GENRE with their book Waking God. New genre? **Spiritual Thriller!** Philip and Brian have a second book in the works. My apologies for misspelling your title last month. [www.WakingGod.com](http://www.WakingGod.com)

**In the lovely land of rewrite & edits:**  
These new kids on the block are working on their first book. Just gotta love their fresh voices. I've been lucky enough to preview bits and pieces of many of these works.

We wish each of you God's speed with your writing projects...

**Andy of Beaux-reflets**, French author & freelance artist, has several works in progress that keep him busy. Do you need a freelance artist for your book cover art? Contact Andy... [www.Beaux-reflets.com](http://www.Beaux-reflets.com)

**Karin Carstens**, US author reports Far From Forever is at the editor in preparation to be shopped to agents. It shouldn't be long now before query letters crowd her other WIPs.

**Cathy Cole**, North Ireland mystery author. Her debut novel is, Where There's Smoke. Cathy made a major change in this ms, something about... (I don't think I am supposed to tell.) Her last update has me dying for more details! It's murder not telling what I know...

**Leah Collins**, US, is working on her debut novel, Bay Window. I'm needing details, Leah.

**Jean Marie**, US, is nearly finished with the first draft of her novel, Under the Dryer, a fictitious under the hair dryer tell all. Last I knew she was scouting cover artists. Jean carries Kathryn's Beach in her shop, isn't she sweet?!

**Jennifer McDonald**, US, is working on her fiction project, Out of Habit. She is making up for lost time while she had her eyes patched.

Side bar: I don't want to hear any whining about how hard writing is. Jennifer is legally blind and she is writing one heck of a great book. Her work in progress is making a lot more progress than a whole bunch of sighted authors. I love this story and salute Jennifer's spirit!

**Anya Page** US, fantasy writer is working on her debut novel, Turn of the Lykoi. The first draft is done. Early comments from pre-readers are very good! That has to delight Anya! Good work! How's your website coming along?

**Rebekah Vandergriff**, US, a former model turned social worker, author of What Day Is It? The true story of her recovery from a car wreck that resulted in a coma inducing head trauma. Packed with info about care and rehab for people who sustained a serious brain injury.

**Cool Websites:** Know a website address you want to share ~ send them to me. [www.operationpaperback.org](http://www.operationpaperback.org)

RE: Website content pirates. You can go to [www.copyscape.com](http://www.copyscape.com) and put in any of your page URLs to see if anything comes back matching them. Joyce

Now a word from our [shameless advertising dept.](#) (That would be me.) Just in time for your [holiday shopping!](#) Pick a book from the authors listed or one of mine!

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

You know this stuff is just my opinion, however that doesn't mean I'm wrong.

Every "piece" of the book industry makes money from our talent. Think about this a moment. Name one part of the industry that would continue without writers. Well? Can't can you? They need us, but some act as if we are a dime a dozen ~ simply because there are a lot of us. Some of those people have forgotten that without writers there would be no books.

Let us never forget – without readers there would be no need for books.

The [spirit of free speech](#) isn't in the publishing of a book, but in the existence of creative writers, of artisans of the writing craft.

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There are a lot of scams in this industry. The reason they survive is because writers want to be PUBLISHED so much so, they will pay any price, to any person. [Be careful out there.](#) Things aren't always as they appear.

Please, please, check agents before you query. This is very important. Don't skip this step.

PREDATORS & EDITORS from the Magazine of speculative Fiction, Anotherrealm. [www.anotherealm.com/prededitors](http://www.anotherealm.com/prededitors)

WRITER BEWARE from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. [www.sfw.org/beware](http://www.sfw.org/beware)

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The most successful campaign of division is to focus on who published the book. While this is clearly a junior high school mentality, it is a very real issue in the industry. The fact is: readers do NOT purchase a book based on the publisher. Ask them if you don't believe me on this. Go ahead, ask...I dare you.

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You may recall that I won the book, [Age Ain't Nothing but a Number](#), edited by Carleen Brice.

When [Age](#) arrived, I flipped through the pages stopping when a word or phrase caught my attention. I'd read a while, and begin again to flip the pages. Then I read every word of the cover, and every word of every page (including the copyright page) from the beginning to end, not quickly, mind you. Remember, I'm dyslexic.

Have you ever heard a Rod McKuen LPs? I hear they are on CD now. Well, if you know who I'm talking about, you will understand this:

Reading [Age](#), I hear the music and the words read aloud; sometimes whispered softly. It is "Chocolat" in book form...magical. I have read pages 8 & 9 so many times, they are nearly memorized. Excerpt used with permission:

From page 18, "The Affirmation" by Patricia Raybon: "I can change lives, resolve injustice, reverse poverty, inspire hearts and minds, connect kindred souls. I can make laughter and inspire singing, persuade lovers to find each other, strangers to make friends, and enemies to make peace. I can move mountains."

Thank you, Carleen, for this marvelous book.

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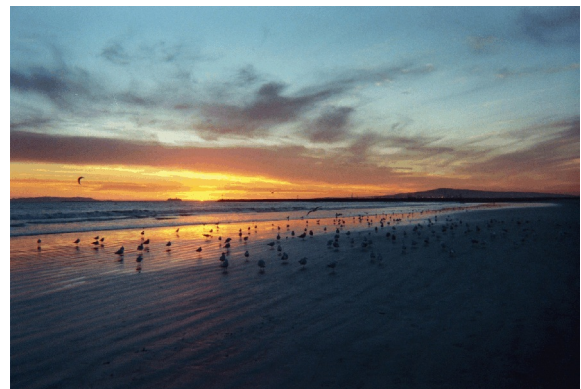
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Indie authors wanted! Want to pool collective energy and experience? Contact Phil Harris to get up to speed on this pilot project's formation. [Sundiskhermit@yahoo.com](mailto:Sundiskhermit@yahoo.com)

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Cottos Baked Deli Sandwiches is a great shop in downtown Glendale, AZ 623-842-8449 Mmmm!



Dream the possibilities my writing friends. I know you can do this masterful thing. Write [your BEST BOOK!](#) **Happy Holidays!**