



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

*Welcome!* to the director's cut version of my newsletter. TA-DA! You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic!* No need to expect this to be letter perfect.

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<http://nadinelamanbooks.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 for 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:

Kathryn's Beach is going digital in 2008. I will be working on this project with a fellow named Carl Walker. Most writers saw the handwriting on the wall, but I held out until I came up with the right version for my books. It will be downloadable, but not printable and will be copy protected.

This is an opportunity to make a few edits. Test readers are stalling around pages in the low 80's in Kathryn's Beach. The main stall is the letter. If you have suggestions for changing the letter, please, by all means email them to me.

The only restriction is that the basic story line can't change because of a new letter. I can make small tweaks, but not go be-zerk with major deleted scenes or characters or huge twists.

So, have at it. I'll even credit you with the change. How's that for bragging rights?

Also on the horizon late in 2008 or 09 is a new biz card. I'll be working again with Justin Clegg and his fantastic crew over at Pint5.com. Anyone interested in making a biz card with Pint5, they have two offices: Phoenix, Arizona USA and London, England UK.

**Kathryn & Co. News:** Do you have questions about Kathryn and friends? I'd love to hear them. (Yes, really.) [NadineLaman@aol.com](mailto:NadineLaman@aol.com)  
Do you have questions about Kathryn and friends or the books? I'd love to hear them.

Why doesn't Kathryn's last name appear in Kathryn's Beach? It isn't like I didn't know what her name was. It is more a matter of fit. I really didn't see anywhere it fit to use her last name.

Several of the early pre-readers wanted a brief bio. First of all, I think those are (often) the most boring writing ever done. The only function they really serve is to slow the story to a crawl.

Writing is pretty cool behind the scenes. Most authors know all of the details about their characters before a word is written. Not me. I write on the fly. Once I mention a characteristic I keep things straight (like eye color) by writing a note to myself. Believe me, YES, someone will notice if I get it wrong. I calculated her birth date and never used it. Same with her last name.

As it turned out, the reason the name never came up was that it didn't fit Kathryn's character in that book. Let's face it, Kathryn was reclusive at the opening of the story. She wasn't larger than life, so she really didn't need two names.

What Kathryn did have was nick names. If you watch, they are a huge clue to the relationship between Kathryn and the person calling her by a nick name. This of course is the reason I gave her a name that lent itself to so many variations. Betcha didn't know that was planned, did ya?

What does Kathryn look like? Actually, she is the one character I don't have an image for in my mind. Odd? I've always thought of her as the female version of a writer's "every man."

This is who Andrew Revels thinks of when he thinks of Kathryn; Kate Wubsket.  
[http://images.eonline.com/eol\\_images/Profiles/20060925/244.winslet.kate.092506.jpg](http://images.eonline.com/eol_images/Profiles/20060925/244.winslet.kate.092506.jpg)

### 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:

I pleased to announce a new song by UK's Carolyn Sheppard, "Indian School." **Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard** is one of the greatest song writers, musicians, and singers in recent times. Carrie is one half of the band, Tu. She is also among the founding members of Shave the Monkey, a fantastic band from the UK.

Last month, Carrie and I took a week long holiday thanks to her husband, fellow Shave founder, Bryan Causton. Bryan is the force behind a new band called, Strangeworld.

Of course, we took a few days to visit Seal Beach, the setting of a work in progress we have along with Northern Ireland's **Cathy Cole**. Now we have to get Cathy to America.

Carrie and I also took in the beauties and culture of Arizona. Along with the Grand Canyon, Papago Hills, Desert Botanical Garden, dinner at Garcia's, we visited the world famous Heard Indian Museum, here in Phoenix.

Their most impressive exhibit at the Heard is the one regarding the Indian Schools endeavor. For those not familiar with the history of the US Government's Indian School project, it was meant to defeat or contain the Native American populations by taking their children and Anglicizing them in boarding schools. (Sheesh!)

It was one of the many cruel things conquering cultures do throughout history to the world's indigenous peoples. (When will we learn to live together? In my lifetime?)

The children from every Indian Nation and tribe were removed from their families and brought together in regional boarding schools to suffer abuses that literally beat the "Indian" out of them if they spoke their native languages.

Hearing the story told by former students is both chilling and humbling. What I think is impressive is the lack of hatred in their voices, although the sadness is not hidden. **I dare anyone to walk through this exhibit and not be changed.**

The one item I think is missing from the exhibit is the unexpected ending to this story. Through this process, the children gained an insight into the people who had brutally taken their land. From that insight came a rising Phoenix in the Native American peoples that is now giving them the edge to prosper and, through legal means, often to regain their sovereignty. The story isn't finished yet, and I hope we continue to see the righting of our ancestor's horrible deeds.

[www.cjonline.com/stories/042799/kan\\_kickapoo.shtml](http://www.cjonline.com/stories/042799/kan_kickapoo.shtml)

Former Indian Schools like Haskell in Lawrence, Kansas, are now universities and many tribes have reintroduced native curriculums to their grade school systems and community centers. They are returning to the full richness of both their cultural heritage as well as understanding the "white man's" ways in the most empowering revolution this country has seen since the first ship of explores landed on our shores.

In her and Bryan's studio, Carrie has made a rough cut of her song, Indian School. In only a few day's time, Carrie captured the essence of this Heard exhibit. And, for me at least, she has began to heal a sadness I have for what was done to a most incredible people.

Listen to **Indian School** on Carrie's music MySpace at [www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard](http://www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard)

Carrie blogged about the experience that inspired the song, Indian School.  
<http://ukfolkie.blogspot.com/2008/01/indian-school.html>

You can hear Carrie's music between segments on [www.WritersFM.com](http://www.WritersFM.com) ? Karlos Moore hosts writers on his 24hr internet radio. Yes, Carrie is that incredible! I'm happy to be a fan.



**What's Next?** With me, one never knows, do they? (You have no idea how true this is!) If you expect me to do things in the traditional way, then you really don't know me at all.

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

**Great News! The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories**, by **Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard**. Right off—I love the stories. They are magically told by the author in her lovely British voice. **A few early release CDs are still available. Email me quickly if you want pre-order information from Carrie.**

**Hold the press, this is really BIG: Books Featured on YouTube** ®

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=6C09HDXxeA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA)

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

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=pJsMgdb9\\_Q4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMgdb9_Q4)

It's not YouTube, but check out this interview with Carolyn Howard-Johnson:  
[www.howtodoitfrugally.com](http://www.howtodoitfrugally.com)

Second Chance:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8)

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

🎵 **For music lovers ♥**

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

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

🎵 Bryan Causton:  
[www.myspace.com/bryancauston](http://www.myspace.com/bryancauston)  
**His band, STRANGEWORLD, has a new CD out.**  
[www.myspace.com/strangeworldmusic](http://www.myspace.com/strangeworldmusic)  
[www.strangeworldmusic.com/id5.html](http://www.strangeworldmusic.com/id5.html)

**Books, Books, Books!** by genre...  
**FICTION:**

**Action/Adventure**

**Frederiko Aguilar**, US actor/author of *The Desert Has No King* Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. [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)

**Joy Collins**, US *Second Chance* Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? (Is that a loaded question or what?)  
<http://members.cox.net/joymcollins/index.html>

**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, ethical conundrums – guilt, forgiveness, fidelity, and retribution. [www.joycefaulkner.com](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

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

**Ray Grant**, US author, 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)  
<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? 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**, United Arab Emirates, The novel Holm Attofoola (means: "A childish dream.") An Arabic language book. AND The short story 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)  
Irving has a spiritually and artistically beautiful book and website!

#### **My Book List:**

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06  
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06  
McKenzie's Tsunami (Kathryn #3) coming in 08  
(Not many comments about the new title for book 3, better speak now or forever....)

**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

**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)

**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. Brian is doing rewrites and edits. Are you okay, Brian? When is visiting day? You guys are too funny. [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 is published in Arabic & 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. [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. I have a copy. 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. Two great books for YA 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! I'm so proud of you! **Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!"** See news about Jen's other book on page 6. [www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapesy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapesy.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)

**Betty Landon**, US Henrietta's Forty Years in a Dresser Drawer. For 'tween readers and doll collectors. Cool real-life 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 mystic places, ancient spirituality and wisdom. On shelves at English bookstores and libraries. At Amazon in USA. **This book is rocking the MBS charts!** A readable scholarly work. [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. **Amazon.com Sales Rank: 10,014; Popular in this category: #4 Books (Nov. 2007)** <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. 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 (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. Both books are a beautiful "real life" love stories. [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! **New website. Way cool Flash intro!** <http://www.planetrevels.com/> and <http://www.zazzle.com/planetrevels> (Cool stuff)

**Irene Watson**, US author The Sitting Swing. As a therapist, she had to face her own past; her fearfully abusive, highly sheltered years growing up as an only child to Ukrainian immigrants in Alberta, Canada. An incredible story of the resilience of the human spirit and the journey to resolution and 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!

**USA Book News** named The Frugal Editor its best in Business: Writing and Publishing category.

The Frugal Editor: Put Your Best Book Forward to Avoid Humiliation and Ensure Success This book is 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 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!

**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 "Jen" Garsee**, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel had been optioned by Bloomsbury and is scheduled for release in 2009. Biting nails and sleepless night to begin! **I read this entire ms. It is an incredible story. Lots of depth. Totally terrific writing. Love it!** [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)

**\*\*Andrew Revels**, US (novel) Belly of the Beast; (short story collections) 32 Reasons I Need a Helmet **JUST RELEASED THIS WEEK!** <http://stores.lulu.com/andrewrevels> ; and writing a book with his grandfather! **Notice new website link.** <http://www.planetrevels.com/>

**Charlotte Saben** (yep, she's my cousin), US mystery, Taylor's Point (she is also a poet)

**Rebekah Vandergriff**, US nonfiction, What Day Is It? This one is very, very close to finished!

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

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

What is it that makes saying "I love you" so scary? And why is it so hard to believe when someone says it to us? The other night BB King said "I love you" to the audience at the Newport Beach Jazz Festival. I knew exactly how he felt.



**I really do love you!**

♥♥♥ Happy ♥♥♥♥  
Valentine's Day!

Play this for your special someone. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h\\_m-BjrxmgI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_m-BjrxmgI)