



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.

Writing News Briefs:

Totally Indy. Yes, I know I spelled it like the Indy 500®. Stands to reason I'd like Indy cars, doesn't it? Here is the real Indy scoop. I am totally on my own on this writing gig now. I know Henry David and all that no man is an island stuff, this is like Roosevelt's the "buck stops here." This is a quality control item.

Kathryn's Beach is now available for sale ONLY on my website—Safe with PayPal®. **Notice the cover price of the new Kathryn's Beach is (reduced to) \$12.95 USD. Use the discount code **NLF9Vi** at check out to get \$2.00 off and Kathryn's Beach is \$10.95. Now that's a bargain! It's a very affordable gift for yourself or friends and family. Every copy is signed.** Limited time offer.

In keeping with the wisdom of the Roman Empire, **All roads lead to Rome. I AM ROME!**
www.NadineLamanBooks.com

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

The funny thing about writing fiction is a lot of effort is put into giving the reader the ability to dispense with disbelief.

The town in the opening chapter of KB could be anywhere. I didn't research it, I made it up. Los Angeles is, of course, a real place. I have no knowledge of where the welfare office or police

department is located in real life. The beach town where Kathryn lives is strongly influenced by Seal Beach, California. I love that town.

The people in the story are made up. Plausible? Yes, I hope so. Real? No. (Remember, this is fiction.)

When I wrote KB and made the governor's wife a movie star, it was a 'wink' to the many Hollywood celebrities who entered politics: Darla Hood, Sonny Bono, Clint Eastwood, and Ronald Reagan to name a few. Arnold Schwarzenegger was not Governor of California at the time Kathryn's Beach was written. I thought it was funny that fiction mirrored real world politics – almost.

Ann Zimmerman, in High Tide, is a real life singer, songwriter, musician. Like Kathryn, there are some of Ann's songs I listen to over and over. Ann allowed me to include one song in High Tide. (Check out her CD's!) www.annzimmerman.com/records.html

Remember back when Storm Surge was Atonement? I'm embarrassed to say that ms began in 2000. You know that financial mess that is happening right now? Well the financial stuff in Storm Surge was written way before today's news. Fiction does mirror life and if writers are lucky, life mirrors fiction too.

Question: Is Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, and Storm Surge real? **Answer:** It is as real as you want it to be, as you need it to be.

www (Wonderful Web Wizard):

Joyce added PayPal® and piggy-backed software that allows me to offer discounts via the use of discount codes. I think that is pretty cool. It means that we (not really me) won't have to change the paypal values every time I run a marketing campaign that includes a special discount. My web designer: [Joyce\[at\]designbyjoyce\[dot\]com](mailto:Joyce[at]designbyjoyce[dot]com)

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

Item One: Carolyn Howard-Johnson asked my opinion on scams targeting writers for her newsletter. You know me, I always have an opinion. See who Carolyn is at this link:

www.carolynhowardjohnson.redenginepress.com

Item Two: While in some instances I am a publisher, I'm not looking for mss to publish – don't send them to me, please. I'm a distributor and retailer, though that does not impress me.

In the industry, once a book is published, writers are called authors. Well, all this name calling is a bit of necessary silliness to get my books to readers. As far as I'm concerned, I am a writer. A writer who has her works printed by a Phoenix Print Shop.

I'm a writer who wants to skip every silliness and go directly to readers. Readers make the industry wheels turn. Without readers there would be no point in printing books (or digitalizing them). Writers would write and the story would end there. IMO.

Item Three: A new look for my newsletter.

In the **"this is really cool"** department:

One thing I like about YouTube® is I can pop in and check on the view count without my visits counted. I noticed there was a Facebook® link, so I checked it out. Two clicks and my YouTube® video was added to my Facebook® profile page. Easy.

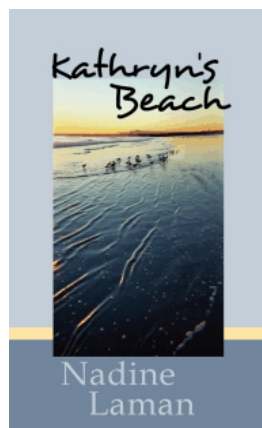
I don't have a working grasp of Facebook®. Everyone who asked me to be friends has my email address, and most have my phone number. So what's the point of one more place to post-marketing? Do people really go to social networks to look for books to buy? I don't know, but I thought it was cool to add my video.

I'm listed on Facebook® by my name, Nadine Laman. Check it out and invite me to be your Facebook® friend!

I ♥ my YouTube® Video!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwh8DIXKXv8>

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And from our **shameless advertising dept.**

What do you think of the new cover for Kathryn's Beach? **Word of mouth is what sells books. I need everyone to buzz**

Kathryn's Beach. Make it into a challenge to see how many people you can tell about Kathryn's Beach. This is a good time to get out your copy of KB and fall in love with Kathryn all over again.

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

It seems most people couldn't wait to be out of 2008. Even when good things happened, they happened in a hard way. Ordinary things seemed to implode with little or no warning. The uncertainties of 2008 made many of us cautious, me included.

There is a fine line between fear and vigilance, Kathryn says in Storm Surge. 2009 has potential, I can just feel it. The thing is though, it requires us to be bold; To take risks again; To dare to have the life we really want. It may be different from how things have been. This is the time to decide what we really want. Today is the turning point.

This isn't rocket science, we can achieve great and wonderful things this year. Remember how you imagined your life would be. Tweak the things you need to tweak to be where you want to be.

If you're blissfully happy, make sure everyone around you is too. It's easy to get wrapped up in what we're doing and forget about others. That's part of what brought us to the year we had in 2008. Now is the time to adjust attitudes and make the changes needed to have a stellar year in 2009.

I know people have fallen on hard times not of their making. This is not the time to hunker down. I think most of us have hunkered all we can. Stand up, dust off, and take the bold step. Quit screwing around chasing tails. Go do the thing you planned to do with your life.

Find the toe holds and finger grips. Pull yourself up. It's okay to rest, but not to quit. Plot a course and dare to follow it. I believe in you. You should too. I love you guys!