



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 someone to edit this for me. You know, or should know by now, that I am dyslexic, I use twice my share of commas, and I have a gift to gab ~ considering I am so shy! Yes, I really am, if you only knew...

What's with all you guys who are telling me you have read KB more than TWICE! Wow! You humble me. Seriously, thank you for the compliment to read it even once. [I love you guys!](#) I have the best fans in any universe.

Kathryn & Co. News Briefs: some of Kathryn's fans want news about "our gal," well here she is...

KATHRYN'S BEACH: The [second edition](#) should be HERE any day now ~ available first through the link on my website. Coming soon to the internet outlets, including the international versions of amazon.

The first edition is history. Outta here! If you have a signed first edition, get out the acid free paper and take care of that priceless collector's item! (What? It could happen!)

The very first KB was published 11/04/05 ~ nearly ONE ago!

What's the deal with Ioseph? Well, despite that some people have trouble with his name, it stays as is. We took a vote. Obviously it isn't the best name I could have selected, but baby, were keeping it. Yeah- I won't do that again.

My favorite lines from the new KB are:

"...I am deep in thought about what I left behind in Los Angeles: my work, my friends and family, my beach, and my comfortable life. Flashes of memories play like a movie trailer in my mind. The scenes hook me, and I want more. I want to experience the story and escape into it, buttered popcorn and all."

Doesn't that just melt in your mouth? I love it! Great writing. Um yes, I wrote that! *blush*

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HIGH TIDE is due to be released later this month.* The galley proof (book) is on its way for a proof reading. Watch for HT's debut on my website first, then at other locations.

* There is a new twist to the Ireland ordeal - so "heads up" HT pre-readers - it ain't the same!

If you haven't found the Santa photo on my website, you need to find it before the end of this book! Hint: go to the site map if you're lost.

A g'zillion thanks to **Ann Zimmerman** for permission to use her song, Absolute Zero® in HT. I wrote Ann into the story line! Ann has her (real) CD #3 out. [AnnZimmerman.com](#)

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Don't even ask about **ATONEMENT** rewrites. Expect to see the book in 2007. If you want to vote on which cover design to use, let me know in January. Tons of fun!

Only [one](#) person has a copy of this ms. At'mt is that secret! Kathryn's fans won't believe this book. Incredible twist for her. No! I'm not telling who dies. [Ck out this song SCARED on Carolyn Sheppard's myspace.com/98749481](#) I'm hearing this song in ATONEMENT as I do rewrites!

What's Next?

Mary asked me to come to her class and talk to her students about being a writer. Oh, so cool! I'm going to have such fun talking about writing. No back-of-the-room sales, just gabbing about being a writer. Yeah, I'm going to get some cool stuff for the kids. This is going to be such fun! *insert a cheezy grin*

Here is where to get "cool" gel READ bracelets for kids: janway.com/gel-bracelet-std-order.asp

We are what we ~~eat~~ write. We are what we write!

Nadine's Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide 06
Atonement 07
Kathryn's Beach: The Director's Cut
Possibly Kathryn #4: Resurrection

Yes, the list was longer last month, but you have a good memory and I need the space, so I cut the list. It's still there, go look...

In the this is really cool department...

My cousin, Charlotte, and I attended a FREE writing workshop, here in Glendale at the main library – sponsored by Arts grant money. I'm not saying this is where they found their \$\$\$. Grant \$\$ links here: agentquery.com/resource_gf.aspx

We aren't talking about the [CD sound track](#) for KB in this edition. Very delicate negotiations occurring in this arena. If you don't know what I'm talking about go look at the Sept newsletter.

Yes, the header on this rag (gossip column for you purists) is the one that was on my first website, but Joyce found something better for the new one. I made it myself from one of my photos taken at Seal Beach, California, USA.

[www \(Wonderful Web Wizard\)](#), Joyce is forever watchful to keep me from screwing up my beautiful website. Ck it out. It is all hand built by Joyce. Ain't she cool! NadineLamanBooks.com

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

Every piece of the book industry makes money on our talent. Some have forgotten that without writers there would be no books. Let us never forget – without readers there would be no need for books. Fearlessly we send our words into the world to be read, criticized, and enjoyed...

Now, back to the regularly scheduled program.

Hold the press, this is BIG:

June Austin, UK author of *Genesis of Man*. Big book events in Oct. Ck June's website for dates & details. If you are in the UK, stop by. This is one very fascinating book. If you like the history that built Da Vinci Code and want more info, this is the book to get. I'm the first in the USA to own her book – mine is signed! Also on amazon USA. JuneAustin.co.uk

Jeannine Garsee, US author of *BEFORE, AFTER* and *Somebody* in *BETWEEN*, Bloomsbury USA, June 07, has her website coming along nicely. jeanninegarsee.com Her blog is a hoot. Jen is sooo funny! If you want to see her blog, go to... onegrapeshy.livejournal.com. Big question emerging: Will this book be banned?

Thomas Brown, US author of *Men Bleed Too*, just sent his sequel, *She Taught Me To Laugh Again* to his publisher! Tom is shopping his children's book, and working on a novel and considering a #2 novel. Just a reminder: Oct is breast cancer awareness month. Go to Tom's website. ThomasBrownBooks.com.

Jerry Simmons, US author of *INSIDE The Business of Publishing – What writers Need to Know*, has a second edition coming soon! This is a must read nonfiction. He worked 20+ years in NY at a BIG time, real-deal publishing house, and I mean he was a VP! His blog is required reading for every author. WritersReaders.com

Jerry has another great marketing seminar coming to the Phoenix area, NOV 4. He and Mark are in Tucson, OCT 21, for a seminar. Get the facts. Details: WritersReaders.com

Ray Derby, US author of Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost is shopping his third ms (I was honored to read this ms – I have both of his books), and Ray is writing #4. Ray writes very interesting government conspiracy/terrorist novels. They are fiction, right? They're great reads. Did I mention, Ray worked for 5 US presidents? So, of course all this conspiracy stuff is fiction! Maybe yes; Maybe no! RayDerby.com

Frederiko Aguilar, US author of The Desert Has No King, is only days away from the release of his debut Los Vegas novel. Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Los Vegas. That's what I hear. TheDesertHasNoKing.com

Philip Harris and Brian Doe, US authors are accused of starting a NEW GENRE! With their book Walking God. New genre? Spiritual Thriller! Philip and Brian are reported to be on to something with this book. A second book is in the works. Think trilogy for these guys! WalkingGod.com

Philip Harris has A Maine Christmas Carol coming out this holiday season. New twist to an old classic. Busy-busy! christmascarol.bravehost.com/

(Judge) Betty Landon, US children books author debuts with The Feather From the Sky Nov 06. Ever watched your boys play with trucks in the backyard? What do you do when you retire? Become a Judge and write children's stories. Link coming!

Aurora Collins, US author expects her debut End Time Thriller Shadow Walk will release at the first of 07. freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm

Krissy Brady, Canadian author's debut collection of poetry in 4 parts Title Wave releases Oct 01, in Canada. rainbooks.com/Shop/product.php?productid=16146&cat=0&page=1

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 stories! Thank God he wasn't my kid! www.andrewrevels.com/

Cathy Marley, US author of Peaking Over the Edge...views from life's middle, is busy signing her new book. Cathy has a Doris Day smile. Rumor has it, Cathy is working on book TWO! CathyMarley.com

There's nothing like the first time to hold your book! juneaustrin.co.uk/grandunveiling.html

In the lovely land of rewrite & edits:

These are the new kids on the block frantically working on their first book. Gotta love their fresh voices. I've been lucky enough to preview bits and pieces of many of these works. We wish you God speed...

Rebekah Vandergriff, US, a former model turned social worker, is on the home stretch of What Day Is It? This is the true story of her recovery from a car wreck that resulted in a coma inducing head trauma. It's packed with info for health care pros who care for and rehab people who sustained a serious brain injury.

Anya Page US, is working on her debut novel. The first draft is done and she is living in rewrite city. I'm sure she told me the title, but do you think I wrote it down, noooo. It is a fantasy.

Cathy Cole, Irish author, promises this is the last polishing and her novel is moving out the door. I want details. How about you? I'll get the scoop for next month...

Leah Collins, US, is working on her debut novel. She visited Nova Scotia to double check a few details, as she goes through her rewrite fun. I can't wait to hear about her trip! I've read an excerpt ~ aren't you jealous!

Jean Marie, US, is nearly finished with the first draft of her novel that is a fictitious under the hair dryer tell all. Jean made this stuff up, right? She cuts my hair ~ wonder if I'm in her book!? Last I knew she was scouting cover artists.

Andy of Beaux-reflets, French author & artist, has several works in progress that are keeping him busy. Not too busy to snap some shots in the French countryside. Check out the spider web photo and more... Beaux-reflets.com

Sandra Lovelace, US, is busy researching a mystery from Arizona's past for her YA historical novel set in an Arizona canyon. Is this the AZ version of the Code? Sounds very interesting. I'm sworn to secrecy on this plot.

Lately I have had the honor of reading several first drafts of works-in-progress both by seasoned wordsmiths and novice writers. While every first draft is just a that, even before rewrites, I see potential in these works. Very creative lit work by Kat, edgy murder mystery by AJ, bubbly chick-lit by Jennifer. Who knows what the NY suits will think, but I am looking forward to these books' release!

Here's a tip from all us old timers: Never ever write "FICTION NOVEL" in a query letter.

Cool Websites: I mean really COOL!

Carrie Sheppard, UK writer is a very good folk singer/musician! I love this song "Scared" ~ see why here. myspace.com/98749481

No list is complete without **Girl-on-Demand**, Miss PODdy Mouth herself. If you want to find out which POD books were foolishly missed by NY suits this is the place to find them, darlin' – don't make me tell you twice. Read this religiously. Period. girlondemand.blogspot.com/

Want to know what's happen' across the pond (Atlantic Ocean)? You should. If you think all you need to do is write or maybe watch the US book industry, you are sooo wrong. Think global. He blogs as the **grumpy old bookman**, but I don't think he is really all that grumpy. Read daily! grumpyoldbookman.blogspot.com

For no particular reason, I have to ck this place daily to get the news on **cover art**...not that I actually know anything about book covers. This is about covers on the NY Times book review page. Some of these big time productions are pure ugly. nytimesbooks.blogspot.com

Totally fun radio, if you have more internet speed than dial-up, listen to **WritersFM**. 24 hours a day and all about writing. Radio by writers, for writers. Comes from the UK! Writersfm.com/writersfm/default.aspx

Website stats. These aren't simply numbers to impress your visitors ya know. Track where your visitors are finding you, where visitors are located, how long they stay or come back to your site, so you know which things you are doing are working. Use the stats to target marketing and plan ahead.

My "official" web counter is statcounter.com. Also, google.com/analytics/ Both are FREE.

I'm using both of these to get two slices of demographics of my site. Lots of good info if you are savvy with raw data – and I am, (I tutored stats at the university.)

Without a doubt **The Feast** is the best looking newsletter I've seen. It's all here: books, film, recipes, everything. See newsletter here: thedreamrider.com/FEAST.html

Now a word for our shameless advertising dept. (That would be me.)

Reading Groups: Infinity Publishing (my pub) gives a 20% discount to reading groups for Kathryn's Beach. Contact me for the discount code and details. Pass this info to your friends.

If you don't have a reading group, get together with reading friends and discuss the Kathryn series anyway. I'll even come via phone!

Ck the reading group page of my web! Joyce, my web designer, says it is a drawing of a reader. I think it looks 'zactly like me!

Look for the new Reading Groups page on my website for more info. Mary Edington showed mercy on me and edited my discussion sheets for reading groups. Thanks, M.E!

Retailers: Infinity Publishing (my pub) gives a 40% discount / wholesale price to retailers. Included is a no hassle, one year return policy. No gimmicks such as a restocking fee either! Contact **MICHELLE SHANE** toll free **1-877-289-2665** Pass this info to your friends.

If you plan to buy KB, consider buying on Nov 4 to celebrate Kathryn's one year anniversary!

2007 Calendar: DeDe and I have the 2007 calendar finished. We are waiting for the proof copy, then it's all yours. Order it at my website gift shop. It will take you to **Lulu.com**, the Co. fulfilling the orders over their secure network.

CafePress: Supplies my other online gifts through their secure website.

I do not keep my books & merchandise on hand for sale since I do not have a retail license ~ so go to the source for gifts.

The quality and the price are competitive, and it is just in time for your holiday shopping!

Books make a nice holiday gift! Pick one from the authors on p. 2-3 on this rag or one of my books!

I get the **LAST WORD!**



Look to the left side of this photo ~ in focus. Look to the right side ~ out of focus? It's the water's movement, this is how it looked at Seal Beach when I took it. This is a photo representation of story telling. You can do this masterful thing...

The lesson here is to trust your "eye" while writing fiction. Fade into the scene and live it, then describe it in words that bring the reader into the scene with you. The best complements I've ever received are when people mistakenly call me Kathryn. Of course, I'm smarter than Kathryn, but...

All the wise cracks aside, there are only two important components in this industry: Writers, and readers. Period. Do not be in awe of the suits...or blue jeans.

Their **ONLY** claim to fame is making money from **THE TWO** (writers/readers). They didn't make us. Understand this, all they did was sell our stories. Write your best book.

Readers: Demand good writing from us.

I've been hanging with novice writers this last year. Listen. Here is what I want you to hear...

There are a lot of scams in this industry. The reason they survive is because writers want to be near **THE SUITS** so much so, they will pay any price, to any person. Be careful out there.

Hone your craft, trust your voice, write. Avoid the naysayers that lurk in the shadows telling the tales of defeat and rejection. I had over 200 rejection letters before I had an agent. If the naysayers were so smart, they would write their own masterpieces, so don't listen to any of the negative people.

As when a person is given an infant to nurture and raise, you are given a story line to develop. Attend to this task, this humbling duty, without distraction. Seek advice perhaps, but stay true to the telling of your story. If you love one word or phrase to the point of being blinded of the needs of the story, it will show. Abandon fear. Abandon the desire to please. Write. Write well.

Embrace the story. Write it the best anyone could write that story. Write your **BEST BOOK**. Find the resources you need, but test them first. Guard your story from the destruction of outside influences, but feed it with your words and all your resources to make it your best book.

Dream the possibilities. I know you can do this...

