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

*Welcome!* Great things are happening for me and my writing friends. Share this newsletter link. If quoted, use citations.

You know, or should know by now, I'm dyslexic and this is the director's cut. It's unedited.

Since this is a **monthly** newsletter there is a whole **month's worth** of links and other good stuff in each newsletter. You don't have to read it in one sitting. It's always on my website. It's all there with **you** in mind. Don't ya feel special? Well, you are special to me!

Big thanks to everyone who commented on the very last link in last month's newsletter. Cool, isn't it? And, it is soooo-o true too!

*A wee bit o' luck to you on  
St. Patrick's Day!*

**Kathryn & Co. News Briefs:** The big news in Kathryn's world is the **Trilogy Trailer** went live last month. I tried several things in the past, even asked a budding director to shoot raw footage of Seal Beach to have edited in Phoenix under my watchful eye. When a trip to the coast didn't materialize to shoot my own digital video, I turned to my stock photos of Seal Beach. Then, I talked Tomas, one of our sons, into letting me use one of his original songs.

The story behind the song is he wrote this for a history class when he was 15. It actually has to do with WWI. Betcha didn't know that. The title is, get this, "Land of Death." The lyrics remind me of McCarthy's "Pipes of Peace." Yep, really! Too bad Tomas wasn't born yet when that music video was playing on M-TV. I loved that one.

Tomas wrote several songs for Kathryn's Beach and for Red Planet Revolt; see Sept newsletter for details on Red Planet Revolt. THAT music is for another project in the works. Each piece is at least 15 min long. Ain't you curious now!

I tried to hire our son, Maitiu, to make a video for my book. He dodged that bullet by telling me about **Windows Movie Maker** software that was already on my computer.

Matt told me about the software on Friday evening. I played around with the photos I wanted to use. (It gets wild selecting only a few photos from several hundred!) I figured out how to import the photos and the digital music clip.

Then, it was a matter of adding text. By Tuesday, my genius web designer Joyce had the video up on my website...including creating a new page. Impressed? I was.

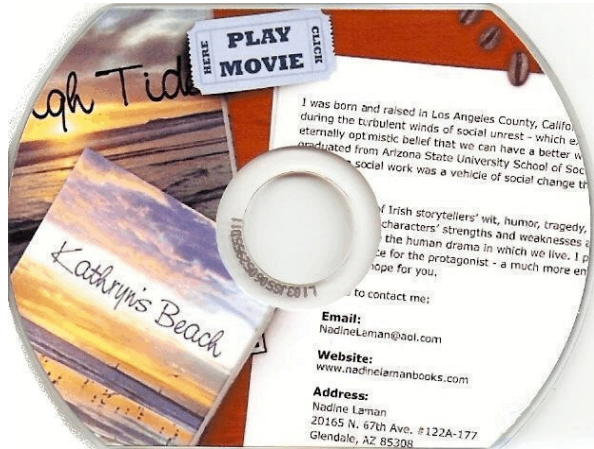
I told Andrew Revels about my video project. He took it to the next step by putting his book video, Games Poor Kids Play, on **YouTube**. Not to be out done I uploaded my trailer to YouTube. Thomas Brown has made a book video for his two books & put it on YouTube. We're on a roll!

Remember about copyright laws. Even really old songs are still protected, if you use them off of a copyrighted CD. Go find some "free use" music or let me know if you need some music. I know several professional musicians that might sell you something original for your video. I haven't asked them yet, but hey....

A couple of people have said they are going to make a video for your book. I won't put them on the spot by listing their names ~ this time! Get with it boys and girls ~ dream the possibilities! **Strut your stuff!** I noticed Harper Collins is doing these too. Our homemade ones were FREE!

"What's she going to think of next?" you ask. You knew I wasn't going to leave it at that, didn't you? Next is to put my book video onto a **digital business card**. Yes! Really!

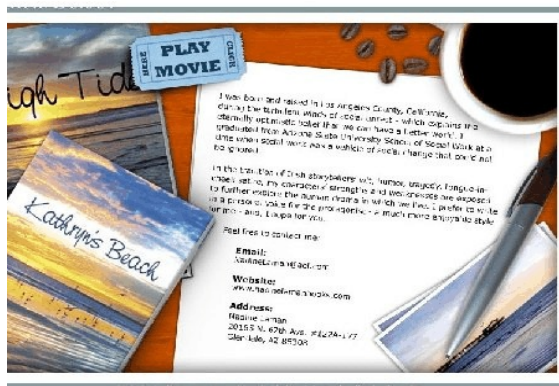
This **Biz Card** is totally cool. It ain't free like the video and YouTube was, but it has mobility, cutting edge marketing applications, and best of all, it is a nice "thank you" gift for readers.



This is as close to scale as I can make it. Print the page and cut out this disc. So totally cool!



Here is the photo we are really going to use on the cover, but **Justin Clegg** put a label on this card, so I would have something in time to put this newsletter to bed on deadline.



The photo we used for a quick mock up of the **Biz Card** is the real intro page. It has active links. To see my book video, a person clicks on the movie ticket. I think he said it was flash or something ...yeah right, why ask me what it is!

Remember, I hire technical wizards to do this stuff for me. Email Justin if you really must know what we did. [jclegg@5pints.net](mailto:jclegg@5pints.net) OR if you want one of these done for your books.

**Marketing:** Unless you're from another planet you know marketing is my very, very, very least favorite thing to do. However, I'm getting all kinds of ideas for applications of the Biz Card. This might actually be fun for a change. I'm going to make a tri-fold brochure to use, in some settings, with my Biz Card.

### More Kathryn & Co. News Briefs:

Last month I joked about the choices Kathryn made in Kathryn's Beach. It's a fun book despite the serious subject. High Tide continues Kathryn's saga. Why are readers angst with High Tide? Isn't it simply more social commentary?

While the topic of child abuse is just as serious and urgent, the topic of toxic relationships seems to be more of a bother. Have I hit close to home? Is it narrow to think that only uneducated women fall for the wrong man? Or that it is only uneducated men who treat women poorly?

Am I tilting windmills or treading on another topic that we would rather ignore? Read High Tide and tell me your opinion.

I am a social worker. Plain and simple, I find it hard to ignore social issues. You think High Tide is disturbing, wait for Atonement!

A good writer can write anything. Want a romance, yep, I can write some very steamy scenes. Want a mystery, ditto, can do that too. SciFi, got one in the works, Red Planet Revolt.

So, why the social commentary? Why not? Mark Twain did it. Why not dial up the issues?

Granted NY may or may not have an interest in the type of books I write or my style, but nonetheless, here they are. Please, feel free to email me regarding any comments about my books, we'll have a nice chat. I love reader comments. I love readers! I love writing!

**NEWS FLASH!** I'm taking names for BETA READERS for Atonement. The test readers will be limited this first go around. Different from test reading for me last time, this will be done a chapter at a time. I'm doing a major rewrite and I have to know if it is working as I go.

The only requirement is that you have read BOTH Kathryn's Beach and High Tide AND you are committed to prompt response to each chapter. Even if you have NEVER been a beta reader for anyone before, you're welcome to sign up. If you can read, you can be a BETA reader for me. If you're interested, send me an email.

*Reviews & Interviews:* Spoiler warning!

Kathryn's Beach:

[www.readerviews.com/ReviewLamanKathryns.html](http://www.readerviews.com/ReviewLamanKathryns.html)

Here's the High Tide review:

[www.nadinelamanbooks.com/pdf/HighTideLamanReview.pdf](http://www.nadinelamanbooks.com/pdf/HighTideLamanReview.pdf)

And, the interview:

[www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html](http://www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html)

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

**FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!**

Free Biz Card to each fan who emails me & says what they like best about one of my books.

**FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!**

Haven't read my books? Contact me for details on how to get one~free!

**www (Wonderful Web Wizard),**

Joyce, the genius behind my website, and I have a new look for my website. Check it out!

Remember to refresh the pages if you've visited before. [www.NadineLamanBooks.com](http://www.NadineLamanBooks.com)

**What's Next?** With me one never knows, do they? Sign up for notice of each edition of this free newsletter at the lower left side of my website home page.

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

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

These books **are available now!** Contact the authors for signed copies of their books. This month there is a new look to the book section. Now the books are arranged by categories and genre to make it easier for readers to find the perfect book. Look at all the time I saved you! Pick a new book from the list and curl up with a great new reading experience. Enjoy!

## Books Featured on YouTube

If you make a video for your book & upload it to You Tube, I'll add yours to the list below.

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=6C09HDXxveA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxveA)

Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk)

## Books for the joy of reading!

Track the amazon ranking of your favorite book or books with [www.titleZ.com](http://www.titleZ.com). If your book is on amazon, you should be doing this by now.

Ladies and Gentlemen, here are da books! Bring them on! Yah! Wouldn't it be cool if I knew how to attach music files to each listing, so you could listen the perfect mood music as you shop? Nope, haven't a clue how to do that.

## FICTION: by genre

### Action/Adventure

**Frederiko Aguilar**, US author of The Desert Has No King. Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. New LOOK to his web [www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com](http://www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com)

**Ray Derby**, US, new release Clouds of Deception. Also from Ray, Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost. I can't put down his great gov conspiracy/terrorist novels! Get all three books from Ray at [www.RayDerby.com](http://www.RayDerby.com) Great new LOOK for his website.

### Mainstream and Literary Fiction

**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)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author of This is the Place. If you're half Mormon and half Protestant, how do you fit in? Check out this novel. [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com) [www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com](http://www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com)

**Irving Karchmar**, US author, Master of the Jinn: A Sufi Novel. This English language book was translated into Russian, Bahasa (Indonesia), and soon in Turkish! An absolutely beautiful book and website! [www.MasteroftheJinn.com](http://www.MasteroftheJinn.com)

Book review:

[www.inspiremagazine.ca/articles/masterjinn.html](http://www.inspiremagazine.ca/articles/masterjinn.html)

### **Nadine's Book List:**

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06

High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06

Atonement (Kathryn #3) 07

**Nolan C. Lewis**, US, Author, Clouds Are Always White on Top, WW2 Air War; World War II history buffs will love this aviator's believable fiction. Complete with historical photos.

[www.pendoreillepress.com](http://www.pendoreillepress.com)

### **Mystery**

**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! And, Nolan seems so nice??? [www.pendoreillepress.com](http://www.pendoreillepress.com)

### **Thriller**

**Philip Harris and Brian Doe**, US authors who started a NEW GENRE **Spiritual Thriller** with their book Waking God. Philip and Brian have a second book in the works. This book is getting great reviews. [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! Kip sold over 1,000 copies of his self-published children's book in one month!

Book and children's wear available at [www.KipKids.com](http://www.KipKids.com)

**Betty Landon**, US children's author, Feather From the Sky. Hot off the press!

[www.featherfromtheskybook.com](http://www.featherfromtheskybook.com)

### **Young Adult**

**Celise Downs**, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Being a teen is never simple, is it? [www.celisedowns.com](http://www.celisedowns.com)  
[www.geminiwisdom.blogspot.com](http://www.geminiwisdom.blogspot.com)

## **NONFICTION:** by category

### **Alternate History; Spirituality**

**June Austin**, UK author of Genesis of Man. If you like alternate history, mystic places, ancient wisdom & spirituality, get this book. Also on amazon USA. [www.JuneAustin.co.uk](http://www.JuneAustin.co.uk)

### **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)

**Nolan C. Lewis**, US, Author, IONE, Circa 1930 Memories of a small town. 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. Great books. Laugh is a beautiful real life love story.

[www.ThomasBrownBooks.com](http://www.ThomasBrownBooks.com) 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)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. The little white lies every family tells are stitched together into this family saga.

[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

[www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com](http://www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com)

**Andrew Revels**, US author of Games Poor Kids Play. (Language warning.) It's a collection of short stories, slices of Americana, & hilarious childhood antics. **Thank God, ANDREW wasn't my kid!** [www.andrewrevels.com](http://www.andrewrevels.com)

**Irene Watson**, US memoir author of The Sitting Swing. Irene Watson's work as a therapist could go no further until she faced her own past; her fearful, highly sheltered years growing up as an only child to Ukrainian immigrants in 1940s Alberta, Canada. [www.irenewatson.com](http://www.irenewatson.com)

## Publishing <sup>and</sup> Marketing

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, The Frugal Book Promoter: How to Do What You Publisher Won't. [www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com](http://www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com)  
[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 author'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, OZ**, authors of Cherished Pulse, an eBook.  
[www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry.  
[www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com](http://www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com)  
[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

**Coming in 2007!** in alphabetical order...

**Aurora Collins**, US author, her debut end time thriller, has turned into a two book deal from Tigress Press. Book One: SHADOW WALK: THE GATHERING; Book Two: SHADOW RISING: THE DARK COMETH.  
[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. [www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
Jen's blog [www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com)

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

**Carleen Brice**, US author is adding fiction to her long list of writing credits: journalist, nonfiction author, editor. Carleen 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. A re-release is coming for Walk Tall. Watch her blog for details.  
[www.pajamagardener.blogspot.com](http://www.pajamagardener.blogspot.com)

**Karen Dionne**, US thriller author, Freezing Point, from Berkley in Oct 08. Cool website. [www.karendionne.net](http://www.karendionne.net) Karen is the co-founder of Backspace writers' forum. [www.bksp.org](http://www.bksp.org) Writing conference in NY this spring. See below.  
[www.backspacewritersconference.com](http://www.backspacewritersconference.com)

The 2007 Backspace Writers Conference brings together best-selling authors, top literary agents, and editors for a two-day, two-track event featuring panel discussions, workshops, and socializing in the heart of the publishing world. Serious writers in all genres are invited to come meet the people who can make a difference in their writing career. Application on the website above. Thanks Karen for the info!!!

## 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. [www.Beaux-reflets.com](http://www.Beaux-reflets.com)

**Karin Carstens**, US novel, Far From Forever.

**Cathy Cole**, North Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke.

**Leah Collins**, US novel, Bay Window.

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author, Say the Word.  
[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)

**Sandra Loveland**, US YA, untitled.

**Jean Marie**, US novel, Under the Dryer.

**Jennifer McDonald**, US novel, Out of Habit.

**Anya Page**, US fantasy, Turn of the Lykoi.

**Andrew Revels**, US novel, Belly of the Beast. Poetry, Breaking the Silence, and co-writing a book with his grandfather! [www.AndrewRevels.com](http://www.AndrewRevels.com)

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

**Rebekah Vandergriff**, US nonfiction, What Day Is It?

**Russell Waterman**, US fiction, untitled, VietNam War Dogs.

**AND ME! (Nadine)** *Red Planet Revolt* (SciFi) 08  
AND a **collaborative work**... release date is  
undetermined. Ain't you curious now!

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

The authors I've listed will sell you a signed copy  
of their book. That is really special. There is a  
huge variety listed, if you can't find something to  
read from this list, you aren't trying.

**KATHRYN'S BEACH & HIGH TIDE** are  
available through my website Amazon shop,  
which is at the bottom of every page, disguised  
as the word (are you ready for this?) **Amazon**.

I get the... **LAST WORD!** (Naturally!)  
You do know this stuff is only my opinion,  
however that doesn't mean I'm wrong.

Michael, The **Grumpy Old Bookman** blogger is  
on sabbatical. That makes this a good time to  
catch up on all the past gems of wisdom or to  
refresh one's memory. I refuse to miss him, since  
I refuse to believe he is really gone for long.  
[www.kingsfieldpublications.co.uk](http://www.kingsfieldpublications.co.uk)  
[www.grumpyoldbookman.blogspot.com](http://www.grumpyoldbookman.blogspot.com)

There is a new web based writers community  
that is MORE than any other I've seen. Jerry  
Simmons, a publishing expert from the heart of  
the NY publishing industry, is spearheading this  
new community of writers. Membership in this  
writer's community is FREE. See his website for  
details. [www.writersreaders.com](http://www.writersreaders.com)

If you have ANY questions, email Jerry at:  
[jerry@writersreaders.com](mailto:jerry@writersreaders.com)

This is project not designed to sell Jerry's  
consulting service to writers, although it is  
certainly available to everyone wanting his  
consulting service, with or without community  
membership. The writing community project is  
Jerry's response to a need he identified through  
his work with authors.

**Writing tip:** You can write anything you want,  
unless it isn't yours in the first place. Brush up on  
copyright. It is for your protection too. Keep in  
mind that **plagiarism is for sissies**.

[www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html](http://www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html)  
[www.copyrightwebsite.com/Info/Law/FairUse.aspx](http://www.copyrightwebsite.com/Info/Law/FairUse.aspx)  
[www.chillingeffects.org/fairuse](http://www.chillingeffects.org/fairuse)

Very, very basic marketing things: (1) If you  
don't have an auto signature set up in your  
email, figure out how to do it. If you're on AOL,  
email me and I'll walk you through it. Add your  
web address (URL), or the link to your blog, or  
where your book can be purchased online. (2)  
Make the link active, that is, make it so it can be  
clicked on. Don't make people copy and paste  
the address into their browser. The easier it is,  
the more likely people will go look, and maybe  
buy. (3) Don't go nuts with so much in your  
signature that it takes an extra piece of paper to  
print an email from you. Remember less is more.  
(4) Make printed business cards. Get the blanks  
at the office supply store. I use Avery brand  
because the code number on them makes it  
simple to use the correct template. If you can't  
figure it out, email me.

Some of this stuff is really just common sense,  
but I have seen a lot of screw-ups lately. No  
writer can afford to get sloppy, but especially  
Indie writers can't be slobbs. We're swimming up  
river. But, if salmon can do it, so can we, right!

Sometimes a book is "different". Often times it is  
an indie book. There may be format issues,  
editing issues (been there; done that), or a really  
hinky cover art, but not all of that is the fault of  
the author.

There has to be a way to get the quality we pay  
for from indie (POD) publishing companies. I  
think that day is coming. One of these companies  
is going to get their game on. One of them is  
going to start looking beyond the sale of the  
printing service. When that day comes, those  
people are going to make a ton of money and  
walk away with a huge chunk of the market.

Sometimes the differences in an indie book aren't  
from ignorance, but from genius. I guess it is all  
about how one looks at life. Not every book has  
to look 'xactly like a NY produced book. Admit it,  
how many of you are getting bored with the  
same old book, over and over again? I've read  
some stuff before it gets to NY and I can say  
without flinching, the problem ain't the writers.

Writing is an art; it is a dance of words. Writing  
delights. Writing moves people to tears, laughter,  
action. It is a powerful thing to be a writer and  
create worlds that others can believe are real.

It is all a matter of seeing the possibilities.  
It's a vast world out there. Dream.  
I know you can do this masterful thing.  
Write your BEST BOOK!