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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://nadelamanbooks.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: I have another idea for a replacement title for *Atonement*. (Yeah, you think you're tired of this....) How about...drum roll... (~~deleted, I already hate it~~). Honestly, I'm not totally crazy in love with it, but I think I could live with it. (~~Guess not, didn't last a month!~~) This is probably the best book of the three and I'm having the worst time with the title. Go figure?

Maybe I'll do something like the Beatles' White Album. Can I do that? Just cover art and no title? Probably not. Bummer. What to do? What to do?

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

There is a maxim in the industry about book length that goes: "It should be as long as it needs to be." Sounds nice, but there are actual guidelines per genre. Look them up, if you'd like to know. It's kind of interesting.

Applying that philosophy to characters, I've broken the rules about the number of characters for a book. Some are cameo appearances in one book, then developed in another. Or not – they appear, do their duty, and are gone.

For example, the bar owner is only in the first chapter of *Kathryn's Beach*, but don't you love the Christmas light gig?

Race, like so many people, seems to be clearly readable. You know the type. At best, he is to be avoided; certainly not engaged. But, then that moment comes when you just want to hug him. (Well, I wanted to hug him.) You know the moment I mean, the one in *High Tide*.

There is Sister Theresa, Monica, Shasta, Mr. Goldstein, and Reverend Mother to consider. Is Karen and Keith an item, or not? What about Maggie? Did you see that coming? Can you believe that would happen? Me neither. I was totally shocked. It wasn't what I had planned.

There are others I can't remember their names without looking back to find them. That's sort of like life, isn't it? People come and go in your life. Give 'em a hug. Might be important.

Who is your favorite character? Tell me who you like best. What kind of character moves you? What glues you to the page?

Fiction wonderfully lets us explore the world... and ourselves.

Reviews & Interviews:

Kathryn's Beach interview:
www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html

High Tide interview: **Spoiler warning!**
www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html

Kathryn's Beach & High Tide reviews are on my home page. www.nadelamanbooks.com

In the [this is really cool department](#):

Did you see Charley's, my husband, reflection in the Jeep in the picture of Carrie and me on our road trip in last month's newsletter? Cool, eh?

What's Next? With me, one never knows, do they? (You have no idea how true this is!) Just wondering. Would you like a romantic scene in one of my books? The kind, done without lust, but that will make you catch your breath?

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

Great News! The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories, by my friend **Carolyn Sheppard**, aka Carrie Sheppard. I have a copy and I have to say right off—I love the stories. They are more magical when told by the author in her lovely British accent. **Less than 15 early release CDs are available. Email me for order information.**

You can also hear Carrie's music between segments on www.WritersFM.com ? Karlos Moore hosts writers on his 24hr internet radio~ check it out! **Yes, she is THAT good!**

Hold the press, this is really BIG:

Books Featured on YouTube®

Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Atonement:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f_4ab0uk

Games Poor Kids Play:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA

Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk

Phil Harris interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38

Celise Downs interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA

June Austin interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1g

Sitting Swing:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4

Welcome to Nothing Binding writers' community:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvb7I

Quark Soup:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI

Sleep Before Evening:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4

Peeking over the Edge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9_Q4

Interview of Carolyn Howard-Johnson:
www.howtodoitfrugally.com

Second Chance:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8

32 Reasons I Need a Helmet:
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

🎵 Ann Zimmerman:
www.annzimmerman.com/records.html

🎵 Bryan Causton:
www.myspace.com/bryancauston
His band, STRANGEWORLD, has a new CD out.
www.myspace.com/strangeworldmusic
www.strangeworldmusic.com/id5.html

Books, Books, Books! by genre...

FICTIOŃ:

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

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

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
www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep_before_evening.htm

Joy Collins, US *Second Chance* Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? Set in Arizona. Things get pretty hot!
<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—guilt, fidelity, forgiveness, retribution. www.joycefaulkner.com

Kathe Gogolewski, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon I've heard good things about this book. www.tri-studio.com

Ray Grant, US author, Don't Be Impatient ... Read a Short Story! Ray is a master at short stories and Flash Fiction. www.tri-studio.com

Philip Harris, US author, A Maine Christmas Carol. 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://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? Prejudice is complicated, isn't it? www.carolynhoward-johnson.com
www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emerise, The novel Holm Attofoola ("A childish dream.") AND the short story collection Ressalet Hob ("A message of love.") both are Arabic language book. (Homeland Security must be reading the copy she sent 6 months ago. The package never arrived. Remember the movie, Three Days of the Condor? I wonder?) 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
www.insanyayinlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468
Irving has a spiritually and artistically beautiful book and website! This is a wonderful read. Check it out.

My Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
McKenzie's Tsunami (Kathryn #3) coming in 08

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

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

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

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

Asmaa Kadry, UAE, The children's book "Alnemr almalek" means: "Tiger King" this one is published in Arabic & English. 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

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

Young Adult

Celise Downs, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Two great books for YA readers. 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!**" www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE, The book series for teen girls "Bannoota" it's an Arabic pet name for a "girl." There are three books published in this series, and the fourth is in the way. www.bannoota.com

Betty Landon, US Henrietta's Forty Years in a Dresser Drawer. For 'tween readers and doll collectors. Cool story. 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 alternate history, mystic places, ancient spirituality & wisdom. On shelves at English bookstores and libraries. At Amazon in USA. **This book is rocking the MBS charts!** A engaging scholarly work. 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

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

Joyce Faulkner, US author, In the Shadow of Suribachi, Award winning WWII novel about the battle on *Iwo Jima*. 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

Nolan C. Lewis, US, Author, IONE, Circa 1930 Memories of a small town in Washington (state). Cool photos! 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 man's perspective, and about life after the death of a spouse. Both books are a beautiful "real life" love stories. 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

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! **NEW RELEASES:** 32 Reasons I Need A Helmet, a second collection of short stories. AND a novel, Belly of the Beast. Incredible story! Books available at www.Lulu.com New website. <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

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

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

POETRY:

Krissy Brady, Canadian poet's debut poetry collection, Title Wave, from a Canadian small press. Contact Krissy at 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

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author and poet, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry.
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Coming in 2008! in alphabetical order...
Nothing like anticipation!

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://authorofshadowwalkthegathering.blogspot.com>

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

Jeannine Garsee, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. This was picked up by Bloomsbury too! **It is an incredible story. Lots of depth. Totally terrific writing. Love it! Love it!**
www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshe.livejournal.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!)
I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your best book. **I love you guys!**

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!**

Irving Karchmar, US author, working on his second novel, a sequel Tale of the Jinn
Blog: www.darvish.wordpress.com
Website: www.MasteroftheJinn.com

Charlotte Saben US mystery, Taylor's Point. Tapping fingers, still waiting Charlotte...

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

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

The end of February, I concluded five weeks of the strangest working experience of my life. I won't go into details about the bad parts. The good parts are what matters. My life was turned on ear by men and women who are absolutely awesome.

It is no secret that I've written very little the last twelve months, but these guys had me inspired and at the keyboard banging out a short story.

The reason this newsletter wasn't out on March 1st is that morning was spent at the Phoenix Special Olympics. It was an awesome experience. There were hundreds of incredible athletes, Sparta had none finer. My number one hero is Denny. Dude, I didn't know you could run so fast. You are awesome.

I know you've been training. I know you've worked hard and it wasn't easy. But, gosh, that was incredible. You are a winner. You are my hero. I'm very proud of you and very proud when you sign to me that I am your friend. What a wonderful gift your friendship is.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=a41ZWF8eB4o

Parting thought:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-rhhVWP_y4