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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.

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Writing News Briefs:

Delete a couple thousand words and add a few new ones and you have the new High Tide.

If you thought Kathryn's Beach was too tame with all that introspection – which you know is really true stuff – then you will get more bang for your buck with High Tide. The emotions are off the dial. Nothing tame about this baby!

There are a couple of places I laugh out loud every time I read (edited) High Tide. One is the John Deere incident. I won't go into details since I know not everyone has read HT. But if you've read it and ever had something like that happen to you, you know exactly what I'm talking about with that tractor ordeal. Betcha you laughed too.

If you read that scene and don't laugh, you have a serious problem. Goodness! All I can say is be very careful who you lend your car keys to...

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

Question: You are irreverent about the lives of the nuns at Spirit of Hope. Are you anti-Catholic?

Answer: Nope.

I'll admit there is a great deal of poking fun at the nuns in High Tide. That's Kathryn for you, cradle Catholic that she is. I think Karen said it best, if the Church can weather the Spanish Inquisition, it can weather my humor. Okay, Karen didn't exactly say that, but she said the first part.

I'm certainly not anti-Catholic. I'm not anti any religion, though there are some I can't see myself practicing. But that is neither here or there.

For the record, I asked a few of my nun friends from different communities to read High Tide. They thought it was funny. Pretty big of them to laugh at the antics I wrote. Father Al read it too and did not summons me immediately to confession, so that is good enough for me.

I honestly do not intend for my writing to tear down things that make this a better world. I do mean to take a shot over the bow of things like politicians pay less attention to homeless issues (I think) because most homeless people are not eligible to vote without a fixed address. Same goes for child abuse. Kids don't vote.

I have friends who are farmers and have no issues in particular with farm assistance programs, but I wanted to point out that feeding the poor was not the reason Food Stamps were created. For goodness sake people, it is out of the Dept of Ag, not Health and Welfare. Think people! Think!

Eleanore Roosevelt said we have the life we have because we have agreed to it. I couldn't agree more. Yep, you guessed it. Someone is named Eleanor in the trilogy. Go look. Ooops, you can't. She is in Storm Surge. Figures, don't it?

www (Wonderful Web Wizard):

Joyce designed the new graphic on the lower part of my website homepage. I love it. She is so good at this stuff. Oh! Go look.

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

It is no secret that I don't like writing advertising copy. Kathe Gogolewski asked me to write an ad for her quarterly newsletter, the Fiction Flyer. Find out more about Kathe and the Fiction Flyer here:

www.tri-studio.com

She is being very nice to give me free ad space so I'm racking my brain to come up with something that isn't as dry as the Arizona desert and not too smart mouth (as I can get sometimes).

So, I'm typing away with all the particulars and I call Kathryn's Beach a **Faux Memoir**. I have to say after giving it some thought, that is what Kathryn's story is. It certainly isn't my story nor anyone else I know or have heard of. Since it is fiction made to sound like a memoir, I decided I liked the term.

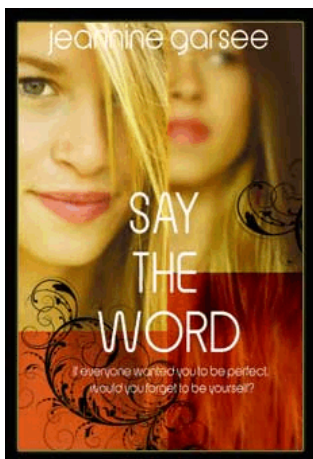
I thought I was pretty smart to come up with that original tag. A quick search on Google® shows I wasn't the first person with the great idea: **Faux Memoir**. Still, I like the sound of it. How about making it a new genre?

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

Say The Word by Jeannine Garsee, US author. From Bloomsbury USA. Jen is "a **BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE**"
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Who is the "real" Shawna Gallagher?

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OhMyGosh! It is a YA book, but I couldn't put it down. What an incredible story. Realistic drama. Shawna figures out she hasn't been told the whole truth about her mom... and a lot of other stuff. Her BFF calls her, "Chicka" and I went around for a whole year with that stuck in my head. (Explains a lot, doesn't it?)

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