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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. Sit a bit, let's chat and spend a few minutes together.

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Writing News Briefs:

There have been several questions about how to get my books and when they will be in bookstores.

For now, the **ONLY** place anyone can get my books is from me. Use the shopping cart with PayPal on my website. I never see your personal information.

Simply, go to www.NadineLamanBooks.com to purchased a signed copy of my books. Sales tax (VAT) only applies to Arizona residents. I will ship anywhere in the world, usually by first class mail.

Why only on my website? Because as I said a few months ago, I'm totally **INDIE** now. That means I can shop for the best prices and **QUALITY** for printing and pass that savings on to my readers.

It is way too complicated to explain this industry in a few hundred [thousand] words. Let me just say, there is no middleman in what I'm doing. The buck stops here. If you love or hate my book, point your finger at ME. Better yet, tell me. NadineLaman@aol.com

I'm not doing everything myself. I have a fantastic web designer, printer, and terrific editors and beta readers. **AND** the world's best fans. Interestingly, my biggest fan base is outside the US.

That is not to say that the middleman system is bad. It simply is not what I'm doing right now. In the future there will be alternative distributing arrangements outside the US and several other things I'm not telling anyone yet.

As for the eBook and Kindle and other eBook reader questions, I'm not doing eBooks at this time. I have my reasons and you'll have to trust that I have your interest in consideration as well as what is best for my business, so that I can continue to write novels.

So what are my priorities? Simple. Getting the trilogy finished: Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, and Storm Surge. Then finishing Red Planet Revolt, Act Like You Mean It, Raven's Song, Pacific Coast, One Sunny Day, untitled mss 1, 2, and three; two scripts for stage, a nonfiction work, **AND** R&D for ?????, which includes the pesky task of patenting and a trademark. That doesn't even cover the marketing campaigns in progress and planned for the future.

Oh yeah, and I started a blog titled **FIRST DRAFT**. As long as it has traffic, I will blog. We (Joyce, not really me) added Google Analytics codes to measure traffic and the comments will indicate interest.

I have never wanted to blog; truthfully, I strongly did **NOT** want to blog. With dyslexia it is much more difficult to crank out a fairly polished piece, than you can imagine.

The **BLOG** link is www.nadinelaman.blogspot.com

So, that's what is going on. It is probably way more information than anyone wanted, unless you are one of the people who likes to see the behind the scene workings of a writer's work. This answers about six questions I've been asked recently.

Ask me anything about my writing and I'll be glad to answer your questions.

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

This time I'll ask the question. In *Storm Surge*, there is this guy who sits in his car across the street from Kathryn's apartment. One time he is reading a newspaper as she walks past. Sometimes she sees him with binoculars trained on her place.

He hasn't actually been involved in the story, except like I said. I figure I can delete him and, until now (since I told you about him), no one would really notice. Cathy in N. Ireland came up with an intricate backstory for this guy. It's enough to be a complete novel on its own. But where does he fit in this one?

I don't know if he is a protector or a stalker. Who is he working for? What is he doing there all day, every day? He doesn't follow Kathryn elsewhere.

Question: Who the heck is this guy?

Answer: I haven't a clue.

(OOOooooOoh! I figured it out! Whoo-hoo!)

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

This isn't literally "next," but my girlfriend writers and I talk about taking a summer, renting a condo on a beach in Southern France, and spending the time writing together. We'd be like the Golden Girls (probably because we will be THAT old by the time we can afford such a summer).

Forget the late night "Golden Girls" chats over cheese cake in the kitchen, we'd be hunched over our laptops typing away on our latest stories.

The three of us started team writing a novel. I loved it, the only problem is with 8 hrs time difference between us, I was heading for bed when they were getting up, so collaboration became increasingly difficult with our creativity and home duties spiking at conflicting times during the day.

That manuscript is on the back burner and I don't know that we will ever finish it or that I'll ever get to France, much less in a beach house on the coast.

Hmmm, maybe I'll write a short story about the three of us spending a summer writing together.

"One dark and stormy summer night..."

And from our shameless advertising dept.

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Storm Surge is coming very, very, very soon.
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Tell your friends and join my newsletter list.

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

This time Andrew gets the last word.

I think two newsletters a month is a good idea. Personally, I always enjoy reading them. I'm sure everybody else does too. You never seem to be short on things to say (that is meant to be a compliment). Some people just write their newsletters or blogs and force things to say... but yours isn't like that. Yours are very natural and interesting to read.

Adding another newsletter will give you more space to say what you want to say instead of trying to fit everything into one newsletter. Plus it gives us fans twice the opportunity to read your thoughts. If nobody has unsubscribed since 2006, I'd say that's a good sign that people enjoy checking your site out. I say go for it! (Note: someone unsubscribed this week-sigh.)

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