



*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 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:** All the comments regarding the title change for book three were in favor of the change to Storm Surge. Whew! That's a relief! Now back to edits and rewrites.

The rewrites are finally going normally. Honestly, I was beginning to wonder if I'd ever get back to being a writer. Sure, I will always be an author now that I have a couple of books published, but if one doesn't keep writing, that is as far as it goes. I really rather be a writer, if I had to chose between the two.

So what is normal for rewrites? Besides the obvious edit stuff, there is the odd things like... finding a place where the scene switches and it is quite obvious that Kathryn can't switch scenes without changing what she is wearing. It is an easy fix with a transition sentence. A piece of cake really. But, I had totally missed it, though it is as big as all outdoors now when I think about it. My beta readers missed it too, so I'm in good company. We have to keep plugging along.

At this point the word count for Storm Surge is 91,938. That is way too long for this genre. I cut over 5,000 words from the first three chapters—I'm just getting a good start on the rewrites again. Betcha readers had no idea how much is involved in getting a book into your hands.

Just a reminder Ann Zimmerman generously granted permission for use of her song, Absolute Zero, in High Tide. Listen to Absolute Zero on her website. [www.annzimmerman.com/records.html](http://www.annzimmerman.com/records.html) Ann has three CDs out...ask her to sign them when you purchase them from her website.

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

You guys crack me up. Lately there has been a flood of email about new discoveries on my website. Folks, that stuff has been there forever. Where ya been? Okay...this is just a warning, Joyce and I are planning changes for my site in the coming months, so get a good look at every nook and cranny. Some stuff is already removed. Go on...go look! [www.NadineLamanBooks.com](http://www.NadineLamanBooks.com)

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

As you will note, the format of the newsletter is changed. The YouTube clips have been moved to the books section. I think this format will make it easier to learn about the books that interest you. I encourage you to support these authors and their works.

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

This just about proves that anything is possible if you go for it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He7Ge7SogrK>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uk2sPI\\_Z7ZU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uk2sPI_Z7ZU)

Cool, eh?

**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. [www.WakingGod.com](http://www.WakingGod.com)

Phil Harris interview:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShOA3Bf38](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShOA3Bf38)

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

**Jeanette McCarthy**, UK, Abandoned. When a Leicester detective investigates a shop girl's disappearance, he finds he is hunting a serial killer. She is struggling to survive long enough to escape. Website coming.  
<http://stores.lulu.com/jeanettemccarthy>

### Short Story Collections

**Alex Domokos** and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, Ten Chocolates From the Box: 10 short stories  
[www.domokos.com](http://www.domokos.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](http://www.tri-studio.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, United Arab Emirates, Ressalet Hob ("A message of love.") Arabic language book. See her other books in the children's section of this newsletter. [www.bannoota.com](http://www.bannoota.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 without laughing, there's something seriously wrong! Better read it again! Cracked me up! **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](http://www.Lulu.com)  
Games Poor Kids Play:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA)  
32 Reasons I Need a Helmet:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf\\_68](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf_68)  
I Know What It's Like:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDzslNsrSHM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDzslNsrSHM)

**Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard**, GB, The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories. 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. Website coming. Order audio book here: [cjcauston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cjcauston@yahoo.co.uk)  
<http://ukfolkie.blogspot.com>  
[www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard](http://www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard)

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

**Andy Kemp**, France, artist/author new CD ROM children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly. This is an adorable CD book. I have a copy. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. Marvelous photos and animation.  
[www.beauxreflets.com](http://www.beauxreflets.com)  
Whimsical Will Learns to Fly:  
[www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlhd7R4](http://www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlhd7R4)

### Young Adult

**Celise Downs**, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Two great books for YA readers. [www.celisedowns.com](http://www.celisedowns.com)  
Celise Downs interview:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, (07) Bloomsbury USA. This book is getting phenomenal reviews! **Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!"** Jen's new book, Say The Word has been optioned by Bloomsbury US (08). I'm so proud of you! [www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The book series for teen girls "Bannoota" it's an Arabic pet name for "girl." There are three books published in this series and the fourth is in the way. [www.bannoota.com](http://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](http://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. An engaging scholarly work. [www.JuneAustin.co.uk](http://www.JuneAustin.co.uk)  
<http://juneaustin.blogspot.com>  
June Austin interview:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1g)

**Philip Harris'** third book, Jesus Taught It, Too: the Early Roots of the Law of Attraction released in the U.S. and Canada. The Law of Attraction (The Secret) can be traced to the teachings of the Master. <http://philipharris.blogspot.com>

New from **Philip Harris** the Messages in a Bottle series. Messages in a Bottle: An Era of Transformation; Messages in a Bottle 2: The Revolution Within. Both released Feb 2008.  
[www.avatarpublication.com](http://www.avatarpublication.com)  
Messages in a Bottle series:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeJuEXrLV9Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeJuEXrLV9Y)

### 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)

**Joyce Faulkner**, US author, In the Shadow of Suribachi, Award winning WWII novel about the battle on Iwo Jima. [www.joycefaulkner.com](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

**Gene K. Garrison**, US, Author, There's Something About CAVE CREEK; It's The People. Glimpses of the characters who lived in Cave Creek, Arizona. Includes photos.  
[www.lulu.com/ggarrison](http://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](http://www.pendoreillepress.com)

### Memoir

**Thomas Brown**, US author, Men Bleed Too, and She Taught Me To Laugh Again. Tom writes

about his wife's breast cancer from a husband's perspective and about the next life after the death of a spouse.

[www.ThomasBrownBooks.com](http://www.ThomasBrownBooks.com)  
Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk)

**Alex Domokos** and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, The Price of Freedom: An award winning War Memoir e-book, also an audio book.  
[www.domokos.com](http://www.domokos.com)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell.  
[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

**Cathy Jo Marley**, US, Peeking Over The Edge. A collection of middle life wisdom about the start of life's best half. [www.cathymarley.com](http://www.cathymarley.com)  
Peeking over the Edge:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9\\_Q4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9_Q4)

**Irene Watson**, US author The Sitting Swing. As a therapist, she had to face her own past. An incredible story of resilience of the human spirit and the journey to resolution and happiness.  
[www.irenewatson.com](http://www.irenewatson.com)  
Sitting Swing:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4)

### 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. I have an advance copy!  
[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)  
Interview of Carolyn Howard-Johnson:  
[www.howtodoitfrugally.com](http://www.howtodoitfrugally.com)

**Jerry Simmons**, US author of INSIDE The Business of Publishing – What writers Need to Know. Second book, 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)

Jerry talks about NothingBinding.com:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lVlb7I>



## POETRY:

**Magdalena Ball**, Australian poet, Quark Soup, this collection brings together many of her previously published poems.



Quark Soup:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI)

**Krissy Brady**, Canadian poet'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**, 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](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author and poet, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry.  
[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://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://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](http://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](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.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**, Northern Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke. Cathy is an absolutely incredible writer! I'm reading this one now.

**Nidhi Dhawan**, India, fiction, Retribution: The Tale of the Returning Soul I'm reading this one now, too! [www.incontinentpen.blogspot.com](http://www.incontinentpen.blogspot.com)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author, Love Me Back, plus the sequels to both BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN and Say The Word is in the rewrite process of yet another YA book... Love Me Back. (I want to read this one! Hint, hint, Jen.) [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)

**Charlotte Saben** US mystery, Taylor's Point.

**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?

Laurie (from work) and I were talking about analytical people and the prevalence of abstract reasoning in the general population (not as prevalent as one would think). The conversation continued in my head afterwards.

In general we are complacent creatures of habit. We take what comes, roll with the punches, and silently ask questions that should be raised. We deal with change as if it is an enemy to be feared. Well, I know that I do—at least some of the time.

I like things organized and predictable. My “line” is that I am this way because we had three kids in three years, and in that situation, one gets organized or dies. (Not actually dies, but you get the idea if you try to get three toddlers out the door to arrive somewhere on time.)

The rumors that Keri K. started that I alphabetize the medicine cabinet are exaggerated. Don’t be silly, “like things” are grouped. I will admit to alphabetizing the DVDs (by title) and CDs (by artist). Otherwise, things are fairly normal here.

As a kid, I was told, “don’t rock the boat.” That isn’t the best advice to give to a future social worker. Nearly everything I do professionally involves analyzing what is and proposing means of bring change to reach a goal. I rock the boat with questions others rather not hear.

Recently, Amazon rocked the indie book industry with new rules, (I’ll paraphrase) use our printer or lose the buy button. The reaction among indie writers was fierce. The very nature of indie writers is to think outside the publishing norms that are over a hundred years old.

I’ve heard the largest indie publishing company ArthorHouse/iUniverse went along with the Amazon demans. Some companies, like little Infinity Publishing, had positioned themselves in better stead from the beginning and are immune to Amazon’s new demands. (My books are with Infinity, so they still have a buy button.)

It seems to be a basic business decision for Amazon; the usual, I want more and I want some of what is yours too. Just in time to distract everyone, there is a new shipment of the Amazon Kindle reader.

So what does all this mean? It means if we sit around complacent and don’t look to the future with an analytical glint in our eyes, someone will come along and change our world—and we might not even notice.

I’m sure most readers have no idea this is going on in the industry. Many authors don’t pay attention either. Nevertheless, books will continue to emerge in one form or another.

I think it is important to support writers you like. I think books will have a shorter shelf life than before. I think more books will be available digitally, but not in print. So, if you are one of the purists who like the feel of a book in your hands and the security of a stack of books waiting to be read, better buy them when you see them, rather than wait until later.

Our human ability to take things for granted insulates us from loss, or so we think. I’m not sure that is a good thing. We ignore the business trends that affect our lives, the politics, the wars, the poverty, and occasionally notice too late the importance of the people in our lives.

Of course, this could be a get out and vote message. This could also mean, love the one you’re with before you lose them. But, simply... in basic terms, it also means to support the arts. Don’t wait to be given a free book then loan it to everyone you know. No writer can make a living on pathetic sales. One day, it maybe a day late and a dollar short to have what you treasure.

If you think there is a hidden message in this editorial, then you have paid attention. There are several messages here. Life is precious and fleeting. Don’t take for granted that what you enjoy will always be there waiting. It won’t unless you nurture it. I guarantee it.

Get off your butt and participate, evaluate, engage...and for heaven sake, if you love something or someone, ACT LIKE YOU MEAN IT.



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