

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

Welcome! to my director's cut version newsletter. You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic*. This is from the cutting room floor, so put away your grease pencil and red pen.

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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: Storm Surge edits and rewrites certainly has been enlightening. The writing from five or six years ago makes me cringe. First, and even second drafts, are bad writing. The point is to get the story fledged out with the intent of polishing it later. The problem with rewriting years later is that my style has significantly changed from when it was first written. Yet to fit with the trilogy, I wonder how far removed I should be from that early style.

Kathryn is much more complex than I thought she was. Whether readers see her inner strength in her wobbly state or not, I do. So, just how much do I play on that strength?

Still, there are readers who insist that she needs a love interest to be whole. Is that really true? Can a person be complete when they are solo? I think she can. She should be alright as long as she reaches out beyond herself to touch the lives around her, and is touched by them. Henry David Thoreau is correct, no man (or woman, in

Kathryn's case) is an island. Perhaps one cannot remain an island; even though, they must first be an island before they can be a world. An island is an essential starting place where one stands still, gets centered, before beginning their journey.

Without the religious notions attached, I have my own "big bang" theory. Carrie Sheppard calls it a "turning point." Whatever the name, there is that bang in our lives that hurls us to another place in our perspective, another vantage point. It is a place from which there is no return. After that moment, we are forever changed. We see things differently from that point on.

That is not to say that we don't get sidetracked sometimes. There are lessons to be found on such a side journey, no doubt. That is exactly what happens to Kathryn. She comes to a point where she can no longer wonder about the road not taken. The next big bang awaits her.

Most Native American groups believe life is a circle. That is better than linear, in many respects. I think life is a spiral. Life either spirals up or down. There is no staying in a place of comfort. Life will change with or without us.

Those are some of my theories at play in the trilogy. Perhaps I take too long to get to the point for some people. But, life isn't a rush for the door; it is a meandering journey. A journey where truths are discovered and embraced.

Kathryn's journey strikes a chord with people. The trilogy is fiction mirroring life at Kathryn's expense. But, it is a fair price, I think.

The steps for Kathryn's journey are: Awakening; exploring; application; and understanding. Kathryn's Beach is Kathryn's awakening. High Tide is her exploration phase. Storm Surge is application.

The question still remains whether there will be a fourth book. Will Kathryn reach understanding?

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

I'm afraid it is more of the same for a while. Jen, **Jeannine Garsee**, just did a fantastic critique of Storm Surge. I have my work cut out for me, but Jen has me pointed in the right direction. These little course corrections are part of the writing process, at least for me.

In the this is really cool department:

From Ann Johnson in the UK:
<http://thesecret.tv/planet-earth/>

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

Please notice that the YouTube book videos have moved to be with the book featured. Also, it may not look like it at first glance, but I do go through this sections and make changes. Please check.

Hold the press, this is really BIG:
Books, Books, Books! by genre...
FICTION:

Action/Adventure

Frederiko Aguilar, US actor/author of The Desert Has No King Think gambling, think mafia, think corruption, think beautiful women and all things Las Vegas. He's working on a sequel. 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
Sleep Before Evening:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4

Joy Collins, US author, Second Chance, Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? Set in Arizona. I was just in her neighborhood the other day...how's that for cool?

<http://members.cox.net/joymcollins/index.html>
Second Chance:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8

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. Now also available on Kindle reader from Amazon. 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.") An Arabic language book. See her other books in the children's section of this newsletter.
www.bannoota.com <http://amessageoflove.blogspot.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! Available on Kindle reader.

My Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
Storm Surge (Kathryn #3) coming in '08
Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Storm Surge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwh8DIXXv8

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

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, Body Traffic: A RCMP Crime Novel of both human trafficking and organ trafficking, short-listed for the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction. (eBook version is Masquerade); Prometheus: Adventure of New Beginnings (future fiction), Finalist in the 2004 Eppie Awards, Finalist in the Dream Realm Awards, LIFE Award winner; and The Centurion: Historical Mystery. **2007 EPIE AWARD WINNER!** www.domokos.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. www.WakingGod.com
Phil Harris interview: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38

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

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

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

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

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

Games Poor Kids Play:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA

32 Reasons I Need a Helmet:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf_68

I Know What It's Like:

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
<http://ukfolkie.blogspot.com>
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

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 CD book. I have a copy. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. Marvelous photos and animation.

www.beauxreflets.com

Whimsical Will Learns to Fly:

www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlh7R4

Young Adult

Celise Downs, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Two great books for YA readers. www.celisedowns.com

Celise Downs interview:

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 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

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. An engaging scholarly work. www.JuneAustin.co.uk <http://juneaustin.blogspot.com>
June Austin interview: 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
Messages in a Bottle series: 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

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 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 his wife's breast cancer and about the next life after Barbara's death. www.ThomasBrownBooks.com
Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again: 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

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell. 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
Peeking over the Edge: 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
Sitting Swing: 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
Interview of Carolyn Howard-Johnson:
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

Jerry talks about [NothingBinding.com](http://www.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

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.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

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
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

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.

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.

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

You can buy books anywhere ... internet, bookstore, wherever. The listed writers have **signed copies** of their book available. There is a huge variety listed, if you can't find something to read from this list, you simply aren't trying.

KATHRYN'S BEACH & HIGH TIDE are still available through the link at the bottom of every page of my website. My books were NOT affected by the changes at Amazon.

Free signed books drawing
www.readerviews.com/ContestBookGiveaway.html

Yes you read that correctly, free books autographed by the author. Drawing every month. This is a really great deal! Go check it out and enter now.

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?

For the last couple of months it seems that the trade news sources I frequent and the industry newsletters I get are full of old news.

There is still the constant swarming of people changing places at the major NY publishers and their imprints, like they are in a perpetual game of musical chairs, but other than that, I don't see much new stuff being reported.

There is stuff about doing a video for your book and places to post it, and info regarding the mechanics of getting a ms to become a book. And marketing gimmicks after gimmick—for a fee. Yawn.

So why is the industry in a semi-comatose state? One thought is that the same thing has been done over and over again because it is "the devil we know." There is almost an all out ban on doing anything creative or unprecedented.

It is very easy to become discouraged with the whole query process (and oh my yes, the rejections). It is very easy to think (maybe rightly so) that it is a rigged game with the coops and the scavengers out there selling marketing ideas that are a bunch of hoey. Amazon's latest move doesn't promote wellness to Indie writers without a price (more than money). I know a well positioned expert who answers every idea with, "It won't work because it goes against how the system has been for a hundred years."

You know the bit about doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different result. This has given rise to a migration of those bright minds toward the Indie side of the industry.

While all of this stagnation and shuffling the deck chairs on the Titanic, my friend, **Asmaa Kadry**, in the United Arab Emirates, has started a publishing company, Tulip Book Publishing, L.L.C. www.tulipbook.com

One thing I like about Asmaa is her positive outlook on life. She is well aware of the hills and valleys and "the devil we know" in the publishing industry. She's been at this game for a long time. Unlike others, she doesn't see road blocks, but a bright future for writers (and readers).

Well done, Asmaa. I applaud you and support you. <http://www.tulipbook.com/6.html>
<http://amessageoflove.blogspot.com/>

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How about that new Indiana Jones movie? If you can't get enough...get more here:
http://juneaustin.blogspot.com/2008/05/did-george-lucas-read-genesis-of-man_26.html



This photo was taken at 3:00 PM at Seal Beach, CA (USA). The darkness may come in the afternoon, without warning, but continue on in faith and hope the sun will return. (Yes, this is a cryptic message.)

Long is the path you must go, even if not to Compostela. Contributed by Carrie Sheppard.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wd3DjIXub3c>

May your pilgrimage be an enlightening journey.

Personal note: I just want to say, I will be there when you need me. You don't think I know, but I do. This is for you...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFruKvAq8PQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qa3TEIdZkWA>

I know you can do this. Write your best book. You are a child of the universe. Let no one else define your dreams. Live life well. I love you.