

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

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:

I am realistic in business matters. There is no point having a bunch of books sitting around tying up capital. Since I'm totally Indie now, I cautiously ordered a short print run of Storm Surge from the printer – yes, a real print shop here in Phoenix.

People always think they are going to sell thousands of books right off and order way more than they actually need. Then their car sits outside because their garage is full of boxes of books. Besides, this is Arizona. Books won't fair well in the garage in the summer heat. We keep cars in the garage, so there isn't room for books if I did order 10,000 of them.

Guess what? In a week's time, I ran out of copies of Storm Surge and had to order another short run.

Now I'm dying to hear what everyone thinks of the book. I know, you have been patient with me to get it out, so now it is my turn to be patient.

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

Question: What do you do about writer's block?

Answer: Writers write. That's our job. We learn to write on demand. I rarely get writer's block, because I never consider it as an option. That doesn't mean everything I write is fabulous, but I write. Things get fixed during the rewrite stage.

For the beginner or the hobbyist, there are writing exercises that I've heard work for writer's block. Try searching the Internet for examples. You can write character sketches and backstory too.

But be careful. You can get caught up playing word games, writing character sketches, or backstory and not actually get any real writing done.

I'm not trying to be unkind, but if you want to be a professional writer, you have to get disciplined and write. If writing is a hobby, then you have the luxury of writing when the mood strikes.

Don't overthink the task of writing. Don't put perfectionist expectations on the first draft. Set reasonable writing goals for yourself – maybe a set number of words a day and work up from there, but again, don't get so focused on the word count that you aren't focused on the story.

It is usually best to set blocks of uninterrupted time to write and make sure everyone around you respects that time. My kids have grown up with me writing, so they are respectful of my writing time. I do allow a few interruptions, but if they are just bored, I tell them, "I love you, go find something to do." (Write when they are in bed when they are little.)

It won't kill your family and friends to respect your time. It is a work skill they will eventually need. (Have you ever tried to do a project at work and had a co-worker constantly interrupt? Sheesh!)

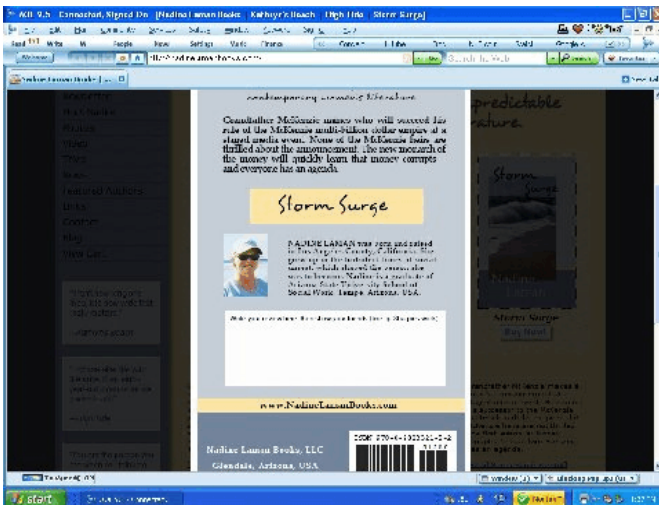
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I get...the **LAST WORD!** (Naturally!)

I'm still in awe that the trilogy is finished and the ending is so unexpected, and perfect.

I love being a writer. What keeps me going with the publishing part of this gig is the interaction with readers. Way back in the beginning a group of readers helped select the first edition cover art for High Tide and named characters.

Since then, you've asked very good questions about the story line, the characters, and talked me into making this a trilogy in the first place.

Your interest in Kathryn humbles me. I don't know any other way to say how much your interaction means to me. I hope as you read these books and perhaps read them again, you continue to talk with me about this story and these 'people.'

When I write the next book, and the one after that, I hope you'll continue to be part of the experience. I love you guys. Thank you for being YOU and being part of my life. I love you lots.

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