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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:

In the May newsletter I wrote the best way to keep up with what is happening is to subscribe to my newsletter and read my blog. It might seem like preaching to the choir, but my newsletter is also seen by people who aren't on the mailing list.

My blog is anything and everything about writing. Some new snippets, like the lizard that ran up my pant leg. Voting on what book to write next. Never before posted excerpts from my books.

Still it seemed like something was missing. I tried Facebook and I'm sure it works for lots of people. I really didn't care for it. It was too hard to get a conversation going and I can't deal with the guilt of losing that pet someone sent me.

I found filedby.com. It's simple and straightforward. I'm nuts about that place. Like blogger, I can do most of the stuff myself and that is very nice for non-geek people. And there are tons of readers there.

I love the emails everyone sends and please don't stop sending them. But with filedby.com, readers can also talk among themselves on my wall. We can have conversations about the characters and such.

I have to add that I love the clean look without google ads all over the place. I realize that is a way to make an income, but it really gets trashy looking some times. (Sorry if I offend. It is just my opinion.)

At filedby.com all you have to do is sign up as a reader. It is free. There are tons of authors and their books on there. Of course, the first place you will want to go is MY page. The search will find me.

I'm NOT going to worry about spoilers. Talk openly about anything in the books. This is our place to kick back and chat about Kathryn and friends. And you can talk with each other too, not just with me.

Shall we give it a try? [www.filedby.com](http://www.filedby.com) I can't do it on my own—talk to myself enough as it is!

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

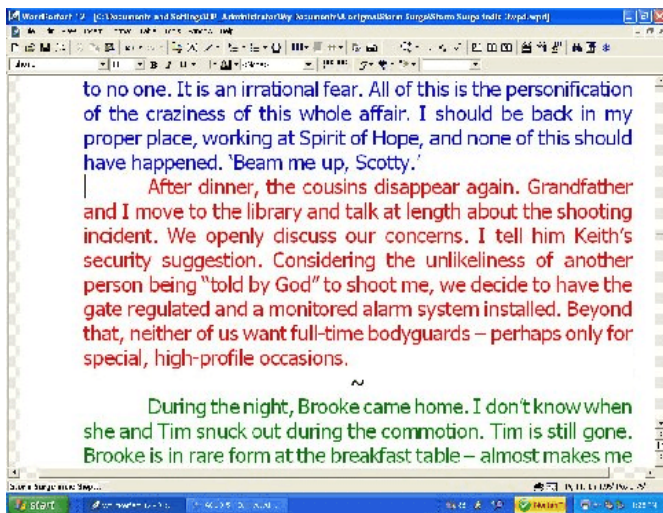
**Question:** You make writing sound easy. What goes wrong for you?

**Answer:** In Storm Surge there was a place I had trouble keeping track of the cousins' coming and going. It was nuts and I got myself confused.

What I had to do during the rewrite was to color the text. Red when Brooke and Tim were gone. Blue when both were home. Green when one is gone.

I still love the feel of pen on paper and the beauty of making letters into words, but I have to admit, writing and rewrites are much easier with a computer. I LOVE WordPerfect. What brilliant software! I did breakdown and buy Word too, but for reading other people's mss, not for my works.

Ya gotta do whatever it takes to create a great book - sometimes it is more work than other times. See the screenshot of my colorful text below.



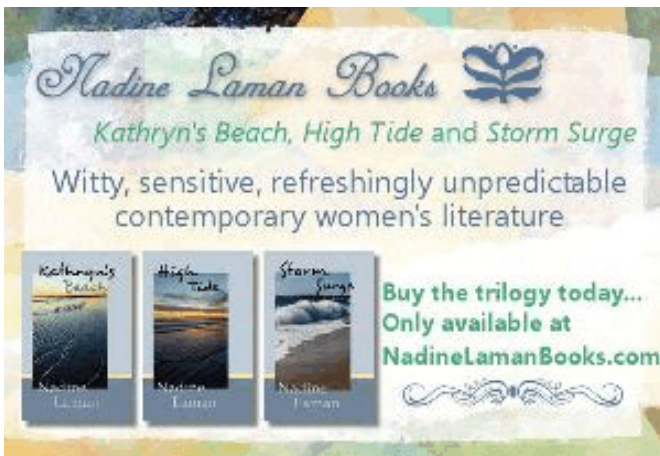
It is probably best not to read this if you haven't read the book. But if you do read it, you can see there were PROBLEMS to fix.

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

Look out ladies! Quite a few men reading my books. Granted, I don't think they tell the guys at work about them, but I think that is cool. I never expected it to happen. **Welcome aboard, Guys!** <http://nadelamanbooks.com/reviews.html>

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

**"I am sure many parts of this book [Kathryn's Beach] could be non-fiction."** These words made my day. That is one of the nicest things a reader can say to a fiction writer.

It is an honor to any fiction writer that a reader willingly dispenses with reality and embraces the new reality of the story.

It feels wonderful to get it right while writing. But when a reader confirms that the story works, that the characters are believable, it is all the more wonderful. Thank you, **Connie Curry**, for the comment.

Fiction is lies, all lies, so it is important to write a believable story. I am well aware that not everyone can pull off writing fiction.

I was lucky to have a professor who was big on emotion. He would assign us an emotion and tell us to write to evoke that emotion in our readers, not only in our characters. Thanks, Professor Norlan.

The truth is, I loved it when **Andrew Revels** said KB made his mom cry and Janette said her husband was in the dog house after she read that 'certain part' in HT – and he was totally innocent.

Time will tell if Storm Surge evokes any emotional responses in the readers. Get to reading, let me know. I'm on pins and needles waiting to hear what you think of Storm Surge.

**I ♥ my blog: First Draft**

<http://nadelaman.blogspot.com>

**Andy Kemp** in France used Kathryn's Beach as a prop in his entry for this photo contest! <http://poty2009.dcmag.co.uk/391356262785754902/3/bookmark.html> I thought that was cool! Go look!