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

Welcome! to the director's cut version of my newsletter. You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic*. Put away your grease pencil and red pen. What you see is what you get.

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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: This space is usually reserved for info about what is going on with my writing. However, there is something new in the industry that I want to make sure people see, so it is here rather than on my usual "back page" editor's page.

Thanks to author Ray Derby, several years ago, I was introduced to the writing forum, Backspace. Backspace is a class act in writing forums. This place is filled with well known authors and some pretty amazing debut authors. Most Backspace members are traditionally published. There are industry professionals, and (take note) lit agents at Backspace.

Now, backspace is offering a new service. I've been asked by Karen Dionne to look over this new network and give my input. This is an incredible honor. Here is the info from the Backspace June Newsletter:

The Backspace Book Promotion Network

Backspace is pleased to announce the latest addition to the Backspace family: [The Backspace Book Promotion Network](#) – a searchable database of thousands of listings of Internet book promotion opportunities, updated continually, with an extensive articles section that explains how to use them. If you've got a book you want to promote using the Internet, and you've ever wondered what Shelfari is, or how you can use MySpace to best advantage, The Backspace Book Promotion Network can help.

Personally, I thought it was totally brilliant.

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.

www (Wonderful Web Wizard)

Joyce, my website designer, has a keen eye for content. Check out this link she sent: (you'll have to click a confirm your birth date button.)

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=AmP5QuGc-PE>

If you don't watch any other YouTube in this newsletter, you should watch this one.

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Another from Joyce:

www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/10/19/60minutes/main3386661.shtml

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From Ann Johnson in the UK:

<http://thesecret.tv/planet-earth/>

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Mary Youngblood

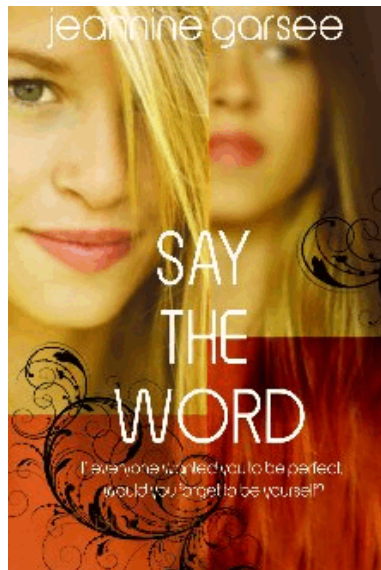
www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XYdNnNKQ8U

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.

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

Here is a first look at Jeannine Garsee's newest book's cover art!



No cartoon art on this YA writer's book covers.

Say The Word is due out later 2008 from Bloomsbury US.

This is a great read. I loved it! Simply loved it.

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=vwh8DIXKXv8

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=6C09HDXxvEA
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-XJhd7R4

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=pJsMgdb9_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.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2l1b7I>

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... (I want to read Love Me Back! 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.

More Shameless Advertising and bragging: Cyberwizard Productions is publishing both books and a magazine, *Flashing Swords*. CWP has 7 imprints and we have projects ranging from pure fantasy, to poetry, to a stay at home parents' guide.

It started with the magazine when I took it over last August. At that time it was a small webzine that hadn't published a new issue in 18 months. I used Lulu to put it into print for our authors, if they wanted a copy. That turned into an explosion of activity, resulting in the release of our first anthology in march, 4 new issues of the magazine since November, splitting *Flashing Swords* into two divisions - books in FSP (flashing swords press) and the magazine in FSM and it's continuing to expand at a rapid rate.

Now I'm looking for people to sell and I'm offering 2 ways of working with us.
<http://cyberwizardproductions.com/>

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?

Even in the best of times, an unexpected complement on my writing can delight my heart.

"Me, who practically NEVER reads books (the internet Queen), finished Kathryn's Beach in two days. I really enjoyed your writing, the story kept me curious and coming back for more and I just marvel at the fact that someone can weave together characters and words and storylines and

emotions. I don't know how you do it. You did an amazing job." Joyce H.

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I sit here thinking about what passionate rant or encouragement I can write for my back page.

Actually, I feel peaceful, perhaps too quiet inside. The desert is in bloom. It's hot, very hot outside. I'm listening to Mary Youngblood's *Dance With The Wind* CD. Her lovely Native American flute is clearing my mind.



Life is at a turning point. (Thank you Carrie Sheppard for that term.) I can't sleep for the anticipation of this new adventure, though a bit scary at times.

I am looking for a different job, one that is not in conflict with my spirit. I am hoping for one in Indian Country, but there are others. Some will take me away from home for the week, returning on weekends. (Oh yes, I'm hoping for internet connections!) I see this as a time to refocus my energies on my writing. I have been off-task far too long. This turning point is restarting the music in the dance of life that I haven't be able to dance in a very long time.

Also, I'm planning to get my company, Nadine Laman Books, LLC, to switch directions and sell my books direct from my website sometime next year. All that business stuff (mostly tax related) is a bit boring to research, but someone has to do it—and I have no staff. There still are horrid delays in shipping out of country.

I hope all of us who have lost our way in the confusion of life are finding it again. I know it is possible, and I once thought it was not.

You are a child of the universe. Let no one else define your dreams. Live life well. I love you.