



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:

If you have been following my blog, you know I've started writing ACT LIKE YOU MEAN IT. There are two main characters Leigh, an actress, and Sandy, a marine biologist. The ms is up to page 103 at the time of writing this newsletter.

Don't be too impressed, it is the first draft. I've been known to cut 20,000 words from a manuscript – without blinking an eye. So there is definite work ahead after the draft is complete.

Keep watching my blog because when I get stuck, I'll ask for help with whatever it is I'm stuck on – that is YOUR chance to contribute.

When the draft is finish, I'll do rewrites a couple of times, then ask YOU for beta readers. No prior experience beta reading needed. Stay tuned...

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

Question: You asked your blog visitors to choose which book they want you to write. Have you really made the decision based on which they want you to write?

Answer: Actually, yes. The vote was for Act Like You Mean It, so that is what I'm writing.

I honestly thought someone would start a coup and get everyone wound up to vote for a fourth book for Kathryn. (I thought my friend in Northern Ireland might start something like that. I love ya, darlin' – no offense intended.)

I've spent so much time messing around with re-releasing the trilogy and finishing Storm Surge that several potential mss had a chance to bang around inside my brain. Each one has the title, the main character named, the setting selected, and the opening scene floating around in my thoughts.

I had no particular commitment to any one story to be the next book. That's why I asked for input.

I've been very lucky to have readers and friends who will contribute. I like things to be dialogue rather than me doing a monologue.

Long ago, I realized if I gave my readers a voice, they would use it. I think most have found that even when they feel the need to point out something a'miss, that I accept it graciously, consider its merit, and often take their advice.

While I'm a pretty decent writer, I can't quite view the stories as a reader, so your input is priceless. I do everything I can to encourage more voices in my choirs – it makes this all the more awesome. Please speak up, whether I've asked or not. I will always make time to listen to you, and to respond.

I often say, "I love you guys" and I mean that most sincerely – I do love you.

I ♥ my YouTube® Video!
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In the **"this is really cool"** department:



Ella, a young blogger from Argentina gifted several bloggers with the "Let's Be Friends Award." I was one of the recipients and now proudly sport this award on my blog. Check it out!

Go to my blog and scroll down the left side until you see the award. Click on the picture that LOOKS LIKE the one above and go visit Ella's blog, The Clock Monkey. Link below to find the award.

I ♥ my blog: First Draft
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Teen writers,
Listen up!

Andrea Colston is a bright, energetic young writer here in Phoenix, who I have

known for 4 or 5 years. She has mentored young writers since before I met her. Now she has created a small press for works by teens. If you know a teen who is serious about being a writer, send them here: <http://youthfulwisdompress.com>

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

What is *buzzing* a book? Simple! Since I'm taking charge of coining the phrase, this is what I say buzzing is: anyway someone other than the author tells someone else that they liked a book they just read.

Will it matter if you buzz my books? Yes, absolutely.

True story: A friend of mine was involved in Bridges of Madison County, the book. It had the usual marketing budget. The book did okay for being a mid-list book without a HUGE budget.

Then something strange happened. Rather than the usual drop off on sales (you do know that new books have a 'usual' shelf life of 90 days?), Bridges kept selling. Readers liked it and kept telling their friends. End of story the book became a movie and the sales soared even higher with its release.

While I don't expect my books to become movies, I do think that readers listen to each other about books they liked and didn't like.

If you have read my books, please write a book review for me at filedby.com. Click on the book to write a review. You can sign in FREE as a reader. http://filedby.com/author/nadine_laman/2238025/works

I'm not talking about a lengthy review. A paragraph will do nicely. I'd really appreciate it.

Want to look at a review I did? Look here: http://filedby.com/author/susan_gabriel/3491434/works/7117088/Seeking_Sara_Summers

HOLD THE PRESSES! Special announcement!!!

MY WEB DESIGNER, JOYCE, JUST ADDED AUDIO TO MY WEBSITE. YEP! CHECK OUT THE HOME PAGE AND THE 'MEET NADINE PAGE' ON MY WEBSITE. AND WE AREN'T STOPPING THERE! WE HAVE PLANS TO ADD AUDIO OF ME TALKING ABOUT EACH BOOK ON THE EXCERPT PAGES.

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