



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.

Kathryn's Beach and High Tide and Storm Surge are available **NOW**.
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Writing News Briefs:

There are two categories of fiction; commercial and literary. Most people read [or write] commercial fiction which is subdivided into genre such as mystery, romance, action, historical fiction and others – namely mainstream fiction. The plot is primary and the writing is straightforward in commercial fiction. The action is in the external world.

Literary fiction is written in poetic, descriptive prose. It explores life from an interior position where the characters are deeper and three-dimensional. The plot is secondary to the character development. The style is sensual and internal as it progresses to the end point.

So many people have commented about the different style and some have found it lacking because they do not understand what comprises literary fiction. Rather than embrace the experience of literary fiction, there seems to be a desire to compare it to mainstream fiction.

What I hope is that this work is appreciated for what it is, and that it is simply a change in pace in a reading diet that rarely reads literary fiction.

Cactus Rain Publishing News Briefs:

Joyce has been making magic with the Cactus Rain Publishing website. There is more than a front page. The links are clickable and she is building the templates and style sheet.

In the mean time, press releases are being written for both local and international distribution. The excitement is mounting as the debut book, The Doctor, The Plutocrat, and The Mendacious Minister by Glyn Pope (France) is nearly ready for a galley printing.

I'd like to introduce Cactus Rain Publishing to readers. Please forward the newsletter link to your reading friends. It only takes a second and it would mean a lot to me.

I ♥ my blog: First Draft
<http://nadelaman.blogspot.com>

from our **shameless advertising dept.**
Big Sale NOW!
The birthday sale was such a success, that it is continuing for a while longer. Go to...
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I get...the **LAST WORD!** (Naturally!)

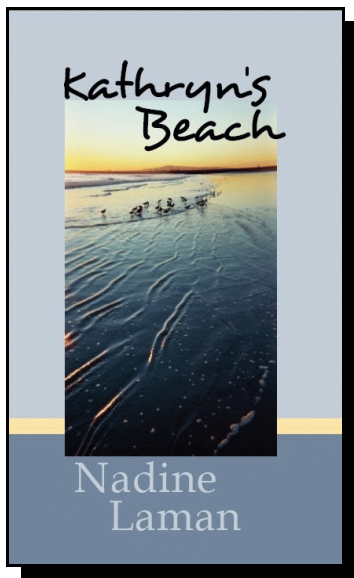
With the book sale in full throttle, I am attaching the sell sheet for the books as page two of the newsletter.

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Witty, sensitive, refreshingly unpredictable contemporary women's literary fiction!

Kathryn's Beach

Kathryn abruptly ends a self-imposed five year exile to return to Los Angeles. Friends and a cryptic letter written by a powerful man push Kathryn to reconcile a deadly mistake from the past. Who says, "You can't go home again?" Sometimes that is exactly what must be done. But, is it worth it?



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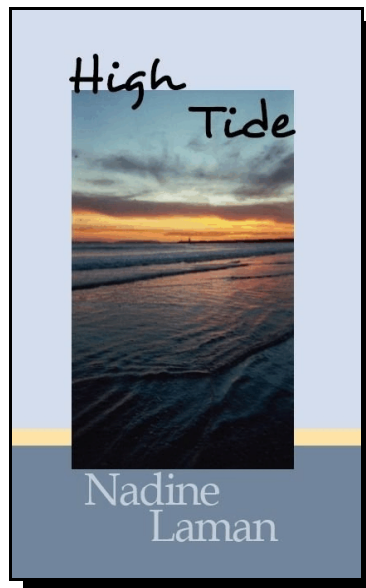
★★★★★ *Highly recommended. Kathryn's Beach clearly documents Nadine Laman as a superb author with the ability to engage and hold the reader's rapt attention from first page to last.*
Jim Cox, MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW

Nadine Laman's Kathryn's Beach is a very well written story about human pain and tragedy and the ability to not only survive but to learn to live again.

Cherie Fisher for Reader Views

High Tide

Kathryn's judgement is flawed in matters of love. Yet her unwavering passion for homeless families makes her failings forgivable. She has the perfect job, the perfect friends, and the perfect lover – until a client dies, her lover moves away, she meets her paternal grandfather who tells her the secret of her identity.



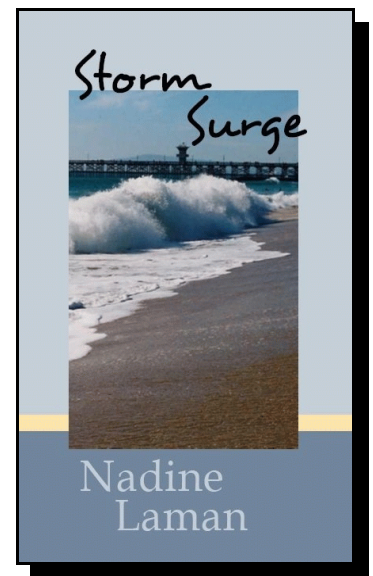
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★★★★★ *High Tide's character development is impeccable and the story line is captivating. I was pulled into the main character and before long, I was thinking and feeling just like her. Nadine has super writing skills and a voice that resonates with every expression she writes. I love her writing style.*

Irene Watson, Sitting Swing

Storm Surge

Grandfather McKenzie makes a surprise announcement at a staged media event, naming his successor to the McKenzie multi-billion dollar empire. The McKenzie heirs aren't thrilled. And they aren't the only ones. Who is trying to protect the family secret at all costs? Who is trying to expose them?



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★★★★★ *Storm Surge was a read that made me hold my breath and flip the pages to find out what happens next. Once again, Kathryn proves herself as an intelligent, smart, compassionate and strong woman able to cope with any problem coming her way. She is thrown to the sharks, faced with the dark side of a world she never wanted to be a part of and carries it out graciously and without corrupting her own system of moral values. The ending was everything but predictable.*

Ivana Marić, Croatia