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

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You know, or should know by now, I'm dyslexic. This is the unedited director's cut. TA-DA!!!

Since this is a **monthly** newsletter there is a **month's worth** of links and other stuff in each issue. It's all there with you in mind. Don't ya feel special? You ARE special!

Writing News Briefs:

The beta readers of Atonement are taking their job seriously. They are challenging me to write my best book yet. I think Kathryn's fans will be delighted and amazed with this story.

Writing a novel is a huge commitment. Even if some people take only a few hours to read a book, it takes months to perfect that story.

It's a myth that first novels are autobiographical. Yes, there are a few things about Kathryn, Karen, Maggie, Mother Elizabeth, and Mr. Goldstein that are part of me, but really folks...they ain't me.

My goal in writing is to write realistic characters and an entertaining story. I want characters who possess elements of humanity. Most of us can identify with some fictional character, right? On the other hand, as writers sometimes do, I have a message to promote. Actually, I have several soap boxes, well staged, in my books. That is who I am and it comes with the territory.

Kathryn's stories are fiction, hopefully plausible fiction. If you have been around me at all, you know that I define fiction as "lies, all lies." I must confirm again, no one ever died on my watch. But, those stories are confidential.

I'll keep the reminiscing to myself and move on with sorting out Atonement. It's finding its momentum, but I'm beginning to question the 2007 projection for publication. So, we'll see.

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Kathryn & Co. News: I'm sure you have questions about Kathryn and friends or the book. I'd like to hear them. (Yes, really.) Email them to me and we'll get them answered for you.

Reviews & *Interviews*: Haven't read these yet? No time like the present! Go for it!

Kathryn's Beach interview:

www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html

High Tide interview: **Spoiler warning!**

www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html

Kathryn's Beach & High Tide reviews are on my home page. www.nadinelamanbooks.com

In the this is really cool department:

This is VERY, VERY, VERY **COOL!** Turn on sound and enjoy the video by Sony. This is way too cool to miss! Thanks Joyce H. for the link.

<http://www.bravia-advert.com/paint/thead>

Here is something Amazon is doing you might not know. Personally, I thought it was very **cool!** www.amazon.com/dp/B00005JPQF/?s=dvd

Something else cool: Who knows what goes through the minds of my English friends. Much to my delight, they invited me to be a moderator on **My Writers Circle**. Honestly, it's a coincident that the forum lost a week's worth of post the very same day I became a moderator. Or is it? Karl restored the posts. www.MyWritersCircle.com

And the really cool: My friend and writer from the United Arab Emirates, **Asmaa Kadry**, has a new writing blog that I am enjoying immensely. It's bilingual (Arabic & English). Check it out! <http://amessageoflove.blogspot.com>

www(Wonderful Web Wizard) Those little automated cyberspace robots kept signing up for my newsletter. Cute little critters, but what pests! Joyce and I have a new invention on my website sign up to confuse them. Go look!

What's Next? With me, one never knows, do they? (You have no idea how true that is!) Keep checking my website and newsletters.

In the that's enough about me department...let's celebrate each other!!!

Great News! The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories, by my dear friend **Carrie Sheppard** is in a proof edition. Lucky me, she mailed a copy from England and I have to say right off...I love the stories. They seem even more magical being told by the author in her lovely British accent. I'll let everyone know when the CD is available. She says she has enough stories to do a second audio book. **I can't wait!** Well done, my friend.

It is like Christmas around here! Thank you to everyone who has been gifting me with signed copies of your books. You guys are so special!

Just released and a copy is coming to me from France, artist/author **Andy Kemp's** new CD children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly.



(Written in English) www.beauxreflets.com

Hold the press, this is really BIG:

These books **are available now!** Contact the authors for signed copies of their books. Pick a new book from the list and curl up with a great new summer reading experience. Have fun!

Books Featured on YouTube

If you make a book video and upload it to YouTube®, I'll add yours to the list below.

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Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Atonement:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f_4ab0uk

Games Poor Kids Play:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxeA

Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk

Phil Harris interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38

Celise Downs interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA

June Austin interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbS8AHWyc4s

Sitting Swing:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4

Welcome to Nothing Binding writers' community:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvIb7I

Quark Soup:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI

Sleep Before Evening:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4

True confession: there is a demo of me reading from Kathryn's Beach on YouTube®. It is okay, but not great. I will redo it soon. I love the new music (my) Tomas wrote for the reading.

Even with headphones and the desktop monitor sound turned up, the video is hard to hear. Seems I didn't have one of the switches quite right on the mixer thingy when I made the CD. Actually, I did read the manual, just didn't understand it. Someone really needs to watch me! Whose turn is it to supervise me? Speak up!

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www.readerviews.com/ContestBookGiveaway.html

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Books, Books, Books! by genre

FICTION:

Action/Adventure

Frederiko Aguilar, US author of The Desert Has No King. Think gambling, mafia, corruption, beautiful women, and all things Las Vegas. www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com

Ray Derby, US author, new release Clouds of Deception. Also from Ray, Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost. Great gov conspiracy, terrorist novels! I love 'em. www.RayDerby.com

Mainstream and Literary Fiction

Magdalena Ball, Australian, author, Sleep Before Evening, affirmative 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

Joyce Faulkner, US author, In the Shadow of Suribachi, Award winning WWII novel about the battle on *Iwo Jima*. www.joycefaulkner.com

Kathe Gogolewski, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon The Book is available now! Hot off the press! www.tri-studio.com

Ray Grant, US writer, Don't Be Impatient...Read a Short Story! Just released! A collection of short stories. www.tri-studio.com

Philip Harris, US author, A Maine Christmas Carol. It's 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

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author of This is the Place. If you're half Mormon and half Protestant, how do you fit in? Fitting in, that is always a big question. Prejudice is complicated, isn't it? www.carolynhoward-johnson.com www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE, The novel "Holm attofoola" means: "A childish dream." Arabic language book. www.bannoota.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE, The short stories collection "Ressalet hob" means: "A message of love." Arabic language book. www.bannoota.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 This is a spiritually and artistically beautiful book and website!

My Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
Atonement (Kathryn #3) coming in 07 (???)

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. Book includes historical photos. www.pendoreillepress.com

Mystery

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

Joyce Faulkner, US author, Losing Patience, ponders the natural and supernatural aspects of mortality; reveals new perspectives of old realities, ethical conundrums—guilt, forgiveness, fidelity, and retribution. Characters face complex choices about whether to hang on or let go. www.joycefaulkner.com

Thriller

Philip Harris and Brian Doe, US authors who started a NEW GENRE **Spiritual Thriller** with their book Waking God. Philip and Brian have a second book in the works. This book is a huge hit. Their website and newsletter has tons of research info for their readers. www.WakingGod.com

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 both Arabic and English. www.bannoota.com

Betty Landon, US children's author, Feather From the Sky. A back yard adventure for every kid to enjoy. Set in Arizona!
www.featherfromtheskybook.com

Young Adult

Celise Downs, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Being a teen is never simple, is it? Two great books for young adult readers. www.celisedowns.com

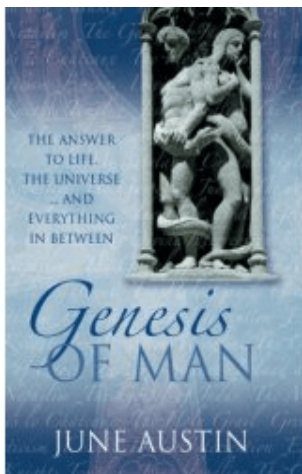
Jeannine Garsee, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Bloomsbury USA. This book is getting phenomenal reviews! Yeah! Way to go, girlfriend! I'm so proud of you!
www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE, The book series for teen girls "Bannoota" means: "Little girl" or something like that, it's an Arabic pet name for a "girl" and there are three books published from this series, and the fourth is in the way. www.bannoota.com

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. On amazon in USA. Euro readers contact June via her website. Watch for her local speaking appearances.



This book is getting LOTS of good press. It is a very readable [scholarly work](#); years of research. I'm reading it!

Here is the new cover art! www.JuneAustin.co.uk

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. If you have ever toured an old cemetery, you know how fascinating it is to study the various stones. Click below for photos. <http://storiescarvedinstone.com/coppermine/> for book orders. www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html

Gene K. Garrison, US, Author, There's Something About CAVE CREEK; It's The People. Glimpses of the (interesting bunch of) 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 breast cancer from the husband's perspective, and about a second life after the death of a spouse. Great books. She Taught Me To Laugh Again is a beautiful real life love story. Tom is available for speaking engagements (and golf games). www.ThomasBrownBooks.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell. What are your family's secrets? I promise not to tell anyone... www.carolynhoward-johnson.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 and not laugh, there's something seriously wrong! Better read it again! Cracked me up! www.andrewrevels.com

Irene Watson, US memoir The Sitting Swing. This therapist faced her own past; her fearfully abusive, highly sheltered years growing up as an only child to Ukrainian immigrants in 1940s Alberta, Canada. Incredible story of the resilience of the human spirit and the journey to resolution & happiness. www.irenewatson.com

Publishing and Marketing

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, The Frugal Book Promoter: How to Do What You Publisher Won't. She teaches at UCLA!
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Jerry Simmons, US author of INSIDE The Business of Publishing – What writers Need to Know. Second book coming, What Writers Need to Know About Publishing. Jerry worked 20+ years in NY at a BIG time, real-deal publishing house. www.WritersReaders.com

POETRY:

Krissy Brady, Canadian author's debut poetry collection Title Wave from a Canadian small press. Contact Krissy at www.krissybrady.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, & Magdalena Ball, Australian, authors of Cherished Pulse
www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm
Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry.
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Coming in 2007! in alphabetical order...

NOTE: Authors must stay in touch with me to remain in this newsletter.

Aurora Collins, US author, debut end time thrillers: Book One: Shadow Walk: the Gathering; Book Two: Shadow Rising: the Dark Cometh.
www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm

Joyce Faulkner, US author, For Shrieking Out Loud! Incredibly funny lady. I seem to remember that this one is available now...or very soon.
www.joycefaulkner.com

Philip Harris' third book, Jesus Taught It, Too: the Early Roots of the Law of Attraction to be released in the U.S. and Canada mid-summer 07. The Law of Attraction (The Secret) can be easily traced to the teachings of the Master.
www.avatarpublication.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, The Frugal Editor: Put Your Best Book Forward to Avoid Humiliation and Ensure Success Due out, Oct 07, I think. www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Betty Landon, US YA Henrietta's Forty Years in a Dresser Drawer. Due out soon, summer 07. In production now. Targeted for 'tween readers.

Coming in 2008! Nothing like anticipation!
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 www.bksp.org

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!)
(Pleeeeeeze!)

Karin Carstens, US novels, Far From Forever and Beyond The Shadow. Sending out queries...

Cathy Cole, North Ireland mystery writer, Where There's Smoke. New twist in crime. Cathy is an absolutely incredible writer! Cathy recently won a short story contest. See photo!



Trophy, gift certificate, photo and article in local Northern Ireland newspaper! Well done, Cathy! I love you, darlin! (Newry Reporter, 14/6/07.)

Jeannine Garsee, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. Working on revisions. Her agent wants this ms NOW. 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

Sandra Loveland, US YA, historical fiction. Untitled. Arizona setting.

Jean Marie, US novel, Under the Dryer.

Jennifer McDonald, US novel, Out of Habit.

Andrew Revels, US novel, Belly of the Beast; (Poetry) Breaking the Silence; (short story collections) Games Poor Kids Play II; and co-writing a book with his grandfather! And another poetry book is in production...you saw one poem in the July newsletter. www.AndrewRevels.com

Charlotte Saben (yep, she's my cousin), US mystery, Taylor's Point (she is also a poet)

Rebekah Vandergriff, US nonfiction, What Day Is It? This one is very close to finished!

Russell Waterman, US fiction, untitled novel, about VietNam War Dogs. Plus short stories.

AND ME! Red Planet Revolt (SciFi); Act Like You Mean It (action) AND a **collaborative work**...TBS I so LOVE this book!

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My friend, Israel Higuera, is collecting stories from around the world. Here is what Israel said:

I am asking for a special request from all of you, I am putting together a list of stories regarding that fateful day on September 11th 2001. I would like to get your story. Where you were, how you felt, what it did to you, how it changed you, if you knew anyone in the towers or on the airplanes. Whatever you can tell me will be appreciated. email it to me at israel.higuera@yahoo.com

Stuff for readers:

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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?

What makes one person quit and another succeed? Why do some give up? How easy is it to look at someone else and judge their effort?

Everyday there are heroes among us. Those people who continue on a journey which we would find impossible. Yet, they don't seem to realize how impossible it is to do the thing we could not do or would not try.

Why is that?

There is only a heartbeat's difference between quitting and going the distance.

Heroes have a different, clearer definition of what constitutes "impossible." That mark stretches far beyond their reach. They obtain what is at hand. They have a quiet pride; A will stronger than the force to launch the space shuttle; Love stronger than a hummingbird's wing.

Live your best life. Write your best books. Read the best books. Make the best music. Dance your best dance. YOU are my hero. I love you...