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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:

The news this month is work has begun to translate Kathryn's Beach into Arabic. An Egyptian man is working on the translation (in Egypt). As I understand, High Arabic will be used. It is the 'parent' language for local dialects and that means any Arabic reader can understand it.

I am very excited and honored about this. I would have never imagined that my little books would be translated into another language ... and I wouldn't have expected Arabic to be the first translation. I think that is so cool.

I'm not sure why my books are more popular abroad than in the US, though I can't complain about how they have been received here. I just never thought a California story would be that readable.

Another news item is that now Storm Surge is out, I'm returning to writing one newsletter per month, rather than twice a month as I had been doing.

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

Question: I am curious why you leave sex out of all your books. It can be written with such grace. It would spice up the love relationships and it seems taboo in your books.

Answer: You made me smile. It does seem taboo, doesn't it? That certainly wasn't a rule I established for my writing. There were several times I thought, oh this is going to be a romantic evening. It just never really worked out that way. I certainly expected that to be the case toward the beginning of High Tide, the eggs Benedict scene.

If I thought more about being a highly commercial writer, I might have done better at controlling the content of the trilogy. That just doesn't work for me, which is probably why it is unlikely that my books will top the New York Times Best Seller list.

I did consider that my confessor, a couple of nuns, perhaps one day, my sons and my family would read my books. I would not set out to offend the people I knew personally who might be offended by some things the general reader population of strangers wouldn't be.

As it turns out, there are a couple of changes required in Storm Surge that will have to be removed for the books to be translated into Arabic. The biggest change will have to be Mark, but actually only one or two lines have to be removed to make it acceptable to the Muslim culture.

In part that component of the story line was because I touch on social issues and hope to be more enlightening than preachy. And partly because of a little man in Topeka, Kansas, who is openly hateful about gayness in our country.

When Fred Phelps picketed Governor Joan Finney's funeral, I became more aware of how families burring fallen soldiers must feel when he and his group show up at their funerals.

Joan, the first female Governor of the state, was an outstanding woman. She was the best Governor Kansas has ever had. She was given a name by the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, a high honor, for her friendship to Native Americans.

She was a kind and wonderful person and friend, who wrote children's books. She was better to Fred than he was to her. I miss her, that's why my books are dedicated to her.

Perhaps, if I write a fourth "Kathryn" book it will be the long awaited romance. I guarantee that I will write lovely romantic scenes for her - she deserves nothing less.

Every line I write has a purpose. If you have questions about anything in my books, please ask. I've dedicated my filedby.com page for answering spoiler questions. So please ask them there. Here's the link. http://filedby.com/author/nadine_laman/2238025

movie deals, people scanning books, pirates, blogs and forums, critique groups, and the politics and personalities.

Where would we be without stories, fiction and real? What is society without the need to be creative, to share that creativity, and to treasure it in books? The desire to read or be read to, is in all of us. Even a child who has never seen a book (yes, those kids do exist) will look at one for the first time with eyes full of wonder and curiosity. Those who translate books into Braille or read for tapes for the blind agencies are my heroes.

The passion of a beginning writer is inspiring. The satisfaction of a seasoned writer is endearing. I am awed and humbled that I was gifted with the desire to write.

Even though the industry is changing, partly due to the economic depression and partly because it was well past time, it is still a wonderful thing to be a writer. I've met some people I would not have otherwise met, most are exceptional and life long friendships have been born.

While every writer's story is unique and the behind the scene events are different, I try to share with my readers a bit of who I am and how I write.

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

Gosh, there never really is a last word with me, is there? This is quite the interesting industry with coops, publisher's pet agents, shrinking advances for people who can write and million dollar deals for sports figures and celebrities who have to have a ghost writer, the short shelf life, vanishing ebooks from Kindle (I think copyrights should be protected, even if that wasn't handled with the best PR spin),

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