

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

*Welcome!* Freely share this newsletter link. If quoted, follow the rules of professional conduct and good manners by using proper citations.

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:**

I'm working on another YouTube video. It will be up sometimes this month. Besides the sound quality on the second (reading) YouTube, I'm not so sure about the reading. It certainly wouldn't take any dramatic reading awards. Maybe one from High Tide this time.

Did you know there are three versions of the video trailer for my trilogy? Yep! One on my website, one on YouTube, and one on my digital business card (mini CD disk).

If you want a FREE disc or two, let me know. The disc plays only on PC's; non-MAC computers. The disc won't load anything to your computer. It opens to a splash screen intro. Click on the movie ticket to view the three minute video trailer of my books. The video contains my photos & my son's original music. It's way cool!

Just so you know, there have been nearly 2,000 views of my trilogy YouTube video in six months since I launched it. While it seems popular as a YouTube (as far as book related videos go), I am not aware of a major increase in book sales.

On the other hand, I've been told it is branding and name recognition. Thus begs the question: Do writers write for name recognition?

When we write well enough to create a following of fans, our name gets known. Celebrities are the exception, they have the name then they, or someone else, write a book. Some people write for fame or money—or both.

The fact is, most of us write for our books to be enjoyed; we're storytellers by nature. **The real payoff is the romance between writer & reader.**

**Kathryn & Co. News:** Do you have questions about Kathryn and friends or the books. I'd like to hear them. (Yes, really.)

In a recent conversation with Deb Harris (Mrs. Phil Harris, writer), I asked Deb if High Tide was too dark. Here is her answer:

*I thought it was perfect. If people want light, airy, happily-ever-after, totally mindless stuff, they should just buy the tabloids...I found your books to be the perfect balance of gritty reality and the 'nice stuff in life.' The world isn't always pretty; it's the people in it that make it beautiful.*

Writers have moods just like anyone else. Those emotions find their way into our books. As much as fiction is just that, not real, it still manages to mirror life. The genre doesn't matter, societies are judged by the art they leave behind.

High Tide does chronicle Kathryn's love for Ioseph, but more than that, it tells of a society which allows people to suffer in homelessness; a government leader who was ignorant of the devastation of AIDS and failed to act until years after AIDS had reached an epidemic status; and the Samaritan quality of individuals addressing the hard issues of our modern world.

My books are about people, the human condition, social issues, relationships, and the desire to make one's life matter for more than individual interests.

Deb "got it." That's the payoff for me. I love connecting with the characters and the story. Connecting with readers is the ultimate intimate thrill. Readers have read my thoughts and looked into my very soul, seeing what I think of things and what I hope of life, for each of us & all of us.

### Reviews & Interviews:

Kathryn's Beach interview:

[www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html](http://www.readerviews.com/InterviewLaman.html)

High Tide interview: **Spoiler warning!**

[www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html](http://www.readerviews.com/InterviewLamanHT.html)

Kathryn's Beach & High Tide reviews are on my home page. [www.nadinelamanbooks.com](http://www.nadinelamanbooks.com)

### In the this is really cool department:

This is the beach in my books. I don't know who took these photos, but many of them are right out of my stories. This is a chance visit the beach with Karen, Mr. Goldstein, and Maggie.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZu61Pi5G8o&mode=related&search=](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZu61Pi5G8o&mode=related&search=)

**What's Next?** With me, one never knows, do they? (You have no idea how true that is!) I like to take things beyond the trends.

I'm working on a new project for Kathryn's trilogy. Everything about this project is new to the industry. I have gone outside the confines of the current publishing segment to put together a flagship group of resources. I am totally jazzed about this project and its potential for readers. Product debut expected in 2009.

### 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 are even more magical told by the author in her lovely British accent. I'll let everyone know when the CD is available for purchase. She has enough stories to do a second audio book. **I can't wait!** Well done, my friend.

## Books Featured on YouTube

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

This is one of the best book related videos I have seen. If this company does others of this caliber, I'm totally impressed. If you plan on spending \$\$ to have a video made, consider these people. (No, they don't know I've mentioned them! They have never heard of me, as far as I know.) [www.redhotinternetpublicity.com/trailers/cwl.html](http://www.redhotinternetpublicity.com/trailers/cwl.html)

Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Atonement:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f\\_4ab0uk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6f_4ab0uk)

Games Poor Kids Play:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxvEA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxvEA)

Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk)

Phil Harris interview:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38)

Celise Downs interview:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA)

June Austin interview:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbS8AHWyc4s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbS8AHWyc4s)

Sitting Swing:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4)

Welcome to Nothing Binding writers' community:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvb7I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lvb7I)

Quark Soup:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI)

Sleep Before Evening:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_QPVteM5iK4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4)

Peeking over the Edge:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9\\_Q4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMqdb9_Q4)

It is always a sigh of relief to click through on a news video and manage to find one without an advertisement at the beginning. YouTube is proposing a form of advertisement to be added to the videos we upload.

[www.youtube.com/blog?entry=rQpNsTzbggM](http://www.youtube.com/blog?entry=rQpNsTzbggM)

They will be relevant and nonintrusive. \*wink\*  
Response:

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=MfKIVQ4buEU>

**Hold the press, this is really BIG:**

These books **are available now!** Contact the authors for signed copies of their books.

## **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. Big celebrity book event in Fred's future. **Check out this celebrity book singing in Las Vegas!**  
[www.thedeserthasnoking.com/news.php](http://www.thedeserthasnoking.com/news.php)  
[www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com](http://www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com)

**Ray Derby**, US author, new release Clouds of Deception. Also from Ray, Shadow Government and Bradley's Ghost. Great conspiracy, terrorist novels! I love 'em. [www.RayDerby.com](http://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](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html)  
[www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep\\_befor\\_e\\_evening.htm](http://www.bewrite.net/bookshop/excerpts/sleep_befor_e_evening.htm)

**Joyce Faulkner**, US author, In the Shadow of Suribachi, Award winning WWII novel about the battle on *Iwo Jima*. [www.joycefaulkner.com](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)  
[www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com](http://www.sharingwithwriters.blogspot.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The novel "Holm attofoola" means: "A childish dream." Arabic language book. [www.bannoota.com](http://www.bannoota.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The short stories collection "Ressalet hob" means: "A message of love." Arabic language book. [www.bannoota.com](http://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! (Sold a thousand copies in Turkish!) [www.MasteroftheJinn.com](http://www.MasteroftheJinn.com) This is a spiritually and artistically beautiful book and website!  
[www.insanyayinlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468](http://www.insanyayinlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468)

**NEW NEWS!** This book has been selected as one of the books to be read and discussed in the **Philosophy 150–Great Ideas class at Oregon State University (USA)**. The students may email Irving with comments or questions about the book (as can anyone who has read it, of course).

### **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. Includes historical photos.  
[www.pendoreillepress.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.joycefaulkner.com)

## Thriller

**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. Philip and Brian have a second book in the works. Their website and newsletter has tons of research info for their readers. [www.WakingGod.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.featherfromtheskybook.com)

**Andy Kemp**, France, artist/author new CD ROM children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly. What an adorable book! Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. Marvelous photos and animation. **Congrats on your newest addition to your family, it's a girl!** [www.beauxreflets.com](http://www.beauxreflets.com)

### Young Adult

**Celise Downs**, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Being a teen is never simple, is it? [www.celisedowns.com](http://www.celisedowns.com)

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, Bloomsbury USA. This book is getting phenomenal reviews! Way to go, girlfriend! I'm so proud of you! Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!!!!" [www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com)  
[www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com)

**Asmaa Kadry**, UAE, The book series for teen girls "Bannoota" means: "Little girl." 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](http://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 British bookstores and libraries. On Amazon in USA. This is a very readable **scholarly work**. **Visit her re-envisioned website!** [www.JuneAustin.co.uk](http://www.JuneAustin.co.uk)

**Philip Harris'** third book, Jesus Taught It, Too: the Early Roots of the Law of Attraction 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.

<http://philipharris.blogspot.com> [www.avatarpublication.com](http://www.avatarpublication.com)

### 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> book orders. [www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html](http://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, USA. Includes photos. [www.lulu.com/ggarrison](http://www.lulu.com/ggarrison)

**Nolan C. Lewis**, US, Author, IONE, Circa 1930 Memories of a small town in Washington (state), USA. Cool photos! [www.pendoreillepress.com](http://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 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. [www.ThomasBrownBooks.com](http://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? [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://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](http://www.andrewrevels.com)



Andrew Revels visited last month. He signed my copy of his book, Games Poor Kids Play. How's that for cool? Great time. Miss him already! Great kid!

Andrew's grandparents are celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Stop by YouTube and wish them well. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=inulrq1\\_yUY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inulrq1_yUY)

**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](http://www.irenewatson.com)

### **Publishing and Marketing**

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, The Frugal Book Promoter: How to Do What Your Publisher Won't. She teaches at UCLA! [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.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 have an advance copy!  
[www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.krissybrady.com)  
**Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, & Magdalena Ball, Australian**, authors of Cherished Pulse [www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm](http://www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm)

**Carolyn Howard-Johnson**, US author, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry. [www.carolynhoward-johnson.com](http://www.carolynhoward-johnson.com)

### **Coming in 2007!**

**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!**

**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](http://www.karendionne.net) [www.bksp.org](http://www.bksp.org)

**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://www.freewebs.com/auroracollins/index.htm) <http://authorofshadowwalkthegathering.blogspot.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!)

**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!

**Jeannine Garsee**, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. Revisions finished. Her agent has her ms NOW. Biting nails and sleepless nights begin! **The part I read was great. I love it!** Good luck, Jen. [www.jeanninegarsee.com](http://www.jeanninegarsee.com) [www.onegrapesy.livejournal.com](http://www.onegrapesy.livejournal.com)

**Irving Karchmar**, US author, working on his second novel, a sequel Tale of the Jinn  
Blog: [www.darvish.wordpress.com](http://www.darvish.wordpress.com)  
Website: [www.MasteroftheJinn.com](http://www.MasteroftheJinn.com)

**Andrew Revels**, US (novel) Belly of the Beast;  
(short story collections) Games Poor Kids Play II;  
and writing a book with his grandfather!  
[www.AndrewRevels.com](http://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 sooooo LOVE writing this book!

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

"I am asking 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 me: [israel.higuera@yahoo.com](mailto:israel.higuera@yahoo.com)

### Stuff for readers:

**More books to discover:** Nothing Binding is a new Internet community gathering writers together to make it easier for readers to find us. I've read some of these indie books and have to say, I'm looking forward to reading more of them. If you are tired of the same old story, try some of these. There is something for everyone here. Discover authors who are slightly off the radar. Follow their careers from the beginning. The sky is the limit to the adventures.

**www.NothingBinding.com launched to an active site SEPTEMBER 01, 2007!!!**  
Congratulations Jerry & Ben!  
[www.NothingBinding.com](http://www.NothingBinding.com)

Now a word from our **shameless advertising dept:** (That would be me.)

You can buy books anywhere ~ internet, bookstore, whatever. The writers I listed 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 available through my website. Link at the bottom of every page. Contact me if you need a signed copy or just want to chat about Kathryn.

Don't forget! **Free** mini CD that plays on your PC. What does it play? My video for the Kathryn trilogy. It has my son's original music that he wrote when he was 14! With the music, the photos of Seal Beach are lovely. Let me remind you, I am the first author to do exactly what has been done on this CD. Get one now, put it on eBay in a few years.

**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?

There are so many ways the issue of copyright comes to the forefront. I simply don't understand why it is so difficult to understand the rules. If you didn't write it, it ain't yours. It cannot be used without permission any more than my car can be used without my permission.

Whether it is lyrics, music, or narrative words, it is our stock in trade. It is what we do. We write.

[http://news.aol.com/entertainment/music/story/\\_a/prince-preps-attack-on-youtube-pirates/20070913170809990001](http://news.aol.com/entertainment/music/story/_a/prince-preps-attack-on-youtube-pirates/20070913170809990001)

I could quit publishing in a heart beat and do think of it when sales are miserable. But, sales are down for everyone, even some of the big imprints. We'll say it is because it is an election year in the States, and leave it at that.

With or without the flaws in the system, we are part of it. None of the difficulties we face as authors will cause me (or most writers) to quit writing. We simply can't quit. It is what we do, who we are. We are writers.

Literature is footprints we leave upon this Earth. I can't imagine not taking that journey. Writing is a great life. I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your best book.