

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

Welcome! to the director's cut version of my newsletter. You know, or should know by now, I'm *dyslexic*. Put away your grease pencil and red pen. It won't get much better than this.

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<http://nadelamanbooks.com/newsletter.html>

Since this is a **monthly** newsletter there's a **month's worth** of links & other stuff in each issue. I know it takes time clicking all the links, but seriously, they're all there with you in mind. Don't ya feel special? You ARE special! Very special!

Writing News Briefs: Storm Surge is moving along nicely. Cathy, my friend in Northern Ireland, and I spent hours on Yahoo messenger working on both our books.

I'm not sure how much help I was to Cathy, but we fleshed out the missing links in Storm Surge's story line. We worked out name changes that fit better. Along with the earlier title change, things finally feel right. If you haven't written fiction, this will make no sense. If you have, you'll get what I mean. This book has been work. The others wrote themselves, but this one made me climb the mountain, one step at a time.

It makes sense if the story line isn't working the writing doesn't happen, but it's just as true about the names. I've mentioned before that Kathryn began her career with the name, Maggie. It turned out that I used Maggie for her best friend. The name fits her, whereas it didn't fit Kathryn.

People close to an author think the characters are real people with their name changed. In most cases that simply isn't true. At times I see parts of me in Kathryn, other times we are nothing alike. So, the assumption that I am Kathryn isn't completely true. My intent was to make her universal. There is a little of Kathryn in most people. The saying goes, write what you know.

Remember, Kathryn doesn't have a last name in Kathryn's Beach. Most readers notice that. She had a last name at the time. The reason I never used it was that it really didn't come up. If you force something like that, it shows. Sounds like their mom/mum is calling them when their full name is listed and it doesn't fit.

Besides, she was a recluse. It made her fit a small box to give her only one name, Kathryn. She had to have a name that lent itself to a variety of nicknames to indicate her relationship with the people around her. If you didn't get a feel for that, then you probably read too fast.

While Kathryn's Beach is a quick read, that doesn't mean it was meant to be read quickly. It is like the movie you watch a second time and catch a bunch of stuff you missed the first time. Like Kathryn, the book is an enigma.

High Tide is different from Kathryn's Beach. It really is less complicated. Is it love or not? What is she going to do with the answer to that question? Run? Or stop running? There was a more dramatic climax to High Tide. I wish I had kept it that way. Guess it will make all the first editions more valuable when I change it next time around. (Hang onto your copy.)

Storm Surge is the wrap-up book. If you read High Tide, you know Kathryn is stronger. Storm Surge hurls her head long into life, a life she doesn't want, but can't reject. Or can she? Will she survive? Will she run again?

What's Next? With me, one never knows, do they? (You have no idea how true this is!)

To celebrate two years of monthly newsletters, I took off the month of August. I was surprised by the number of people who missed it and sent emails enquiring. Thank you. Aren't you sweet?

I've changed jobs again; going for the record of W-2 forms in one year. I'm positioning myself to change the focus of Nadine Laman Books, LLC.

Technology is catching up with some of the things I want to do with NLB. Thus, the job change to fund my crazy ideas. I'm excited. Wish I could tell you about it. Gotta get copyright, trademark, and patent issues worked out first.

www (Wonderful Web Wizard)

<http://www.aussieauthors.com/featured.htm>

In the **that's enough about me department...** let's celebrate each other!!! Please notice that the YouTube book videos have moved with the book featured. Also, it may not look like it at first glance, but I do go through this sections and make changes. Please check.

In the this is really cool department:

With the evaporation of book sections in newspapers, you can find book info here <http://www.bookslut.com/>

US teacher teaching to student's needs annoys school board. No one left behind? None of this makes sense to me. <http://books.guardian.co.uk/news/articles/0,,2288658,00.html>

Hold the press, this is really BIG: Books, Books, Books! by genre... **FICTION:**

Action/Adventure

Frederiko Aguilar, US actor/author of The Desert Has No King Think gambling, think mafia, think corruption, think beautiful women and all things Las Vegas. He's working on a sequel. www.TheDesertHasNoKing.com

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

Mainstream and Literary Fiction

Magdalena Ball, Australian author, Sleep Before Evening, affirming 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 **Sleep Before Evening:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QPVteM5iK4

Joy Collins, US author, Second Chance, Can Sara's marriage survive one more relative in crisis? Set in Arizona. I was just in her neighborhood the other day...how's that for cool? www.joycollins.com www.secondchancenovel.com **Second Chance:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=g45d3DcN6K8

Joyce Faulkner, US author, For Shrieking Out Loud! AND Losing Patience, ponders the natural and supernatural aspects of mortality; reveals new perspectives of old realities—guilt, fidelity, forgiveness, retribution. www.joycefaulkner.com

Kathe Gogolewski, US paranormal romance, Flight of the Gryphon I've heard good things about this book. Now also available on Kindle reader from Amazon. www.tri-studio.com

Philip Harris, US author, A Maine Christmas Carol. 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://dickens111.tripod.com/theliteraryworksofphilipharris/id15.html>

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

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emerise, The novel Holm Attofoola ("A childish dream.") An Arabic language book. See her other books in the children's section of this newsletter. www.bannoota.com <http://amessageoflove.blogspot.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.insanyainlari.com.tr/catalog/book.aspx?ID=468
Available on Kindle reader.

My Book List:

Kathryn's Beach 05 & 06
High Tide (Kathryn #2) 06
Storm Surge (Kathryn #3) coming in '08
Kathryn's Beach, High Tide, Storm Surge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwh8DIXKXv8

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 really cool historical photos.
www.pendoreillepress.com

Mystery/Thriller

Alex Domokos and Rita Y. Toews, Canada, Body Traffic: A RCMP Crime Novel of both human trafficking and organ trafficking, short-listed for the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction. (eBook version is Masquerade); Prometheus: Adventure of New Beginnings (future fiction), Finalist in the 2004 Eppie Awards, Finalist in the Dream Realm Awards, LIFE Award winner; and The Centurion: Historical Mystery. **2007 EPIE AWARD WINNER!**
www.domokos.com

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. Their website and newsletter have tons of research info for their readers. Philip and Brian have a second book in the works, WAKING GOD: THE SACRED ROTA. www.WakingGod.com
Phil Harris interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEShQA3Bf38

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

Jeanette McCarthy, UK, Abandoned. When a Leicester detective investigates a shop girl's disappearance, he finds he is hunting a serial killer. She is struggling to survive long enough to escape. Website coming.
<http://stores.lulu.com/jeanettemccarthy>

Short Story Collections

Alex Domokos and Rita Y. Toews, Canada, Ten Chocolates From the Box: 10 short stories
www.domokos.com

Ray Grant, US author, Don't Be Impatient ... Read a Short Story! Ray is a master at short stories and Flash Fiction. www.tri-studio.com

Asmaa Kadry, United Arab Emerise, Ressalet Hob ("A message of love.") Arabic language book. See her other books in the children's section of this newsletter. www.bannoota.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 without laughing, there's something seriously wrong! Better read it again! It cracked me up! **NEW RELEASES** 32 Reasons I Need A Helmet, a second collection of short stories. AND a novel, Belly of the Beast. Incredible story! Books available at www.Lulu.com
Games Poor Kids Play:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C09HDXxveA
32 Reasons I Need a Helmet:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ2a5tpf_68
I Know What It's Like:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDzlnSrsHM

Carolyn "Carrie" Sheppard, GB, The Ghost Sniffer and Other Stories. I have a copy—I love the stories. They are more magical when told by the author in her lovely British accent. Website coming. Order audio book here:
cjcauston@yahoo.co.uk <http://ukfolkie.blogspot.com>
www.myspace.com/carolynsheppard

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 Arabic & English. www.bannoota.com

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

Andy Kemp, France, artist/author new CD ROM children's book, Whimsical Will Learns to Fly. This is an adorable CD book. I have a copy. Fun interactive features. Heartwarming story. Marvelous photos and animation.
www.beauxreflets.com
Whimsical Will Learns to Fly:
www.uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa-XJlhd7R4

Young Adult

Celise Downs, US YA author of Dance Jam Productions and Secrets and Kisses. Two great books for YA readers. www.celisedowns.com
Celise Downs interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6AsdXkLwhA

Jeannine Garsee, US author of BEFORE, AFTER and Somebody in BETWEEN, (07) Bloomsbury USA. This book is getting phenomenal reviews! **Jen is "a BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICE!"** Jen's new book, Say The Word has been optioned by Bloomsbury US (08). I'm so proud of you! www.jeanninegarsee.com
www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Asmaa Kadry, UAE, The book series for teen girls Bannoota it an Arabic pet name for "girl." There are three books published in this series and the fourth is in the way. www.bannoota.com

Betty Landon, US Henrietta's Forty Years in a Dresser Drawer. For 'tween readers and doll collectors. Cool story.
www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~46463.aspx

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. At Amazon in USA. An engaging scholarly work. www.JuneAustin.co.uk
<http://juneaustin.blogspot.com>
June Austin interview:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8vtVHIic1g

Philip Harris' third book, Jesus Taught It, Too: the Early Roots of the Law of Attraction released in the U.S. and Canada. The Law of Attraction (The Secret) can be traced to the teachings of the Master. <http://philipharris.blogspot.com>

New from **Philip Harris** the Messages in a Bottle series. Messages in a Bottle: An Era of Transformation; Messages in a Bottle 2: The Revolution Within. Both released Feb 2008.
www.avatarpublication.com
Messages in a Bottle series:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeJuEXrLV9Y

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. Click below for photos.
<http://storiescarvedinstone.com/coppermine/> for book orders. www.dogpondpress.net/stone.html

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

Gene K. Garrison, US, Author, There's Something About CAVE CREEK; It's The People. Glimpses of the 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 his wife's breast cancer and about the next life after Barbara's death.
www.ThomasBrownBooks.com
Men Bleed Too/She Taught Me To Laugh Again:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd68dijXjpk

Alex Domokos and **Rita Y. Toews**, Canada, The Price of Freedom: An award winning War Memoir e-book, also an audio book.
www.domokos.com

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered. Every family has little white lies they tell.
www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Cathy Jo Marley, US, Peeking Over The Edge. A collection of middle life wisdom about the start of life's best half. www.cathymarley.com
Peeking over the Edge:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJsMgdb9_Q4

Irene Watson, US author The Sitting Swing.



Therapist Irene Watson had to face her past and find the courage for her journey to resolution and happiness.

An incredible story of resilience of the human spirit. A story of hope.

Brilliantly written.

www.irenewatson.com

Interview:

www.readerviews.com/InterviewWatsonTheSittingSwing.html

Sitting Swing:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2AmKrhdmh4

Publishing and Marketing

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

USA Book News named The Frugal Editor its best in Business: Writing and Publishing category.

The Frugal Editor: Put Your Best Book Forward to Avoid Humiliation and Ensure Success This book is out. I have an advance copy!

www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Interview of Carolyn Howard-Johnson:

www.howtodoitfrugally.com

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

www.WritersReaders.com

Jerry talks about NothingBinding.com:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xlvd2lVlb7I>

POETRY:

Magdalena Ball, Australian poet, Quark Soup, this collection brings together many of her previously published poems.

Quark Soup:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wp0t0wo8sI

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

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US, and **Magdalena Ball**, Australian, poets, Cherished Pulse (featured in my Feb 07 newsletter!) I have a copy of this book. Great poetry. Love it.

www.compulsivereader.com/html/images/cherishedpulse.htm

Carolyn Howard-Johnson, US author and poet, Tracings, a chapbook of poetry.

www.carolynhoward-johnson.com

Coming in 2008! in alphabetical order... Nothing like anticipation!

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://authorofshadowwalkthegathering.blogspot.com>

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

Jeannine Garsee, US author, Say the Word. Her second YA novel. This was picked up by Bloomsbury too! It is an incredible story. Lots of depth. Totally terrific writing. Love it! Love it! www.jeanninegarsee.com www.onegrapeshy.livejournal.com

Rebekah Vandergriff, US nonfiction, What Day Is It? One day a 22 year old fashion model, the next in a coma, brain dead. This didn't stop headstrong Rebekah. An amazing woman. An amazing story. Book out soon. www.authorsden.com/wdii

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!)

I know you can do this masterful thing. Write your best book. I love you guys!

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

Cathy Cole, Northern Ireland mystery writer, *Where There's Smoke*. Cathy is an absolutely incredible writer! I'm reading this one now.

Nidhi Dhawan, India, fiction, *Retribution: The Tale of the Returning Soul* I'm reading this one now, too! www.incontinentpen.blogspot.com

Jeannine Garsee, US author, *Love Me Back*, plus the sequels to both *BEFORE, AFTER* and *Somebody* in *BETWEEN* and *Say The Word*. (I want to read *Love Me Back*! Hint, hint, Jen.)
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

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

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You do know this stuff is only my opinion, however that doesn't mean I'm wrong. Does it?

Remember the photo in July's newsletter? Here it is again. What do you see? Look closer.

See the heart shaped bright light in the center, on the mountain top, right below the sun? Love is all around us. Look closer, find it.

See the fade to black at the bottom? Do you see what's there? Not "nothing." On the tool bar, enlarge the photo to 200% (bigger is pixilated).



Photo: Maitiu "Matt" Laman, 2007. Sunrise at Papago Hills, Phoenix, Arizona, USA

What do you see now?

Life is fuller than we can imagine. Look for it. Find the subtle surprises, the unexpected gifts. Things aren't always what they first appear.

Life is not full of trickery. Find the honest truths around you. Do not ignore genuine undemanding affection. Embrace it. Delight in it.

Write what you hear from your characters. Let the wind blow through your setting. Write honest. Do not look for the tricks of the trade.

Do not become weary. Rest in the sunset or the moonrise. Find peace in the unlikely places. Let the rain wash away your sadness. Let the evening stars celebrate your joys. Write!

Dismiss old explanations and expectations. Be brave, my friend. You are a child of the universe.

<http://www.booktrade.info/index.php/showarticle/15924>

You can do this. Write your best book. Define your own dreams. Live life well. I love you.

