

DeSilva's News

...a tool writers rely on to meet their creative needs

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In the Spotlight

This month we feature one of our writers. Myrna Lou has been a subscriber of mine for quite some time and I have interviewed her in the past. I find her to be a very remarkable and talented woman as you will discover for yourself when you [read her interview](#).



All of her books are available on her website. Click the image to

From the Editor's desk...

Welcome to another edition of DeSilva's News and if this is your first experience...I hope it's a good one!



I held the first meeting of my writer's group on the 5th. The group is named Write in Barrie.

Of the five signed up to attend, two showed up and we had a great time. I would say we got on like a house on fire. It was more of a getting to know you – what you can expect type of meeting. On May 3rd, we get down to business.

Well...as promised...I invite you to the launching of my new website – [Jozette's Desk](#). I have also set up a [DeSilvasNews](#) group on yahoo where we can get together to network from time to time. You will also find the archives there.

I am building a link page for author websites so, if you want yours included, [send it to me](#).

I have a special treat for you this month. Our featured article was submitted by the well known Carolyn Howard-Johnson. Please be sure to check it out!

There is a lot to cover in this edition so grab a mug of your favorite brew and get to it. As usual...I'll meet you at the end with some Final Thoughts.

Write Right

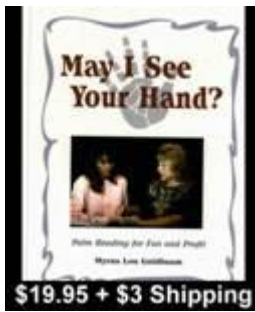
By Bill MacWithey

Editing Your Work



I might repeat some of what I have written before, but bear with me. Did you notice I used "might" instead of "may?" I'm sure I am not alone in wincing at the way news folks and others on television butcher our

learn more.



Writer's Resources

[Inked-In](#)

[Burry Man Writers Center](#)

[2008 Muse Online Writers Conference](#) **Fabulous and Free!!!**

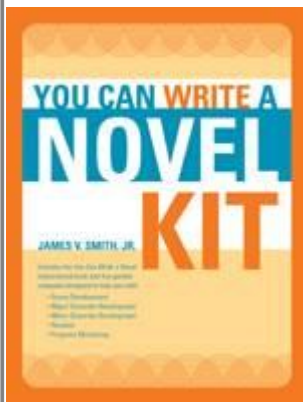
[Writer Beware](#)

Free Courses

[The Writers Channel](#)

[Character Building Workshop](#)

The Book Nook



language today.

An example: "well, it looks like it may be more rainy today in the..." To begin with, as I have said before, "may" invokes permission. "might" means "perhaps." Then, "more rainy?" How about "rainier?"

Not a day or perhaps even an hour of major network television goes by that people earning millions a year do not use really terrible grammar. I suppose being a writer and being aware of correct grammar is what makes me scream at the television. I just have to ask myself: why are these idiots earning millions, when it seems they completely failed English class, or have forgotten everything they learned. [Continue](#)

Connections

By Myrna Lou Goldbaum

LOVE LINE - AN INTRODUCTION USING PALMISTRY



Another designation for the Love line is the Heart line. Both imply romance, powerful feelings and elevated emotions. Early love experiences are lines found on the thumb side of the hand, running toward the center of the palm. Marriages visualize as a wishbone-shaped line representing two individuals in a union. Each side of the wishbone equals one partner; at the connection they are "one". An unbroken wishbone line reveals harmony in the relationship. Chop marks represent choppy, uneven times in the relationship. Engagements, terminated relationships, the greatest love affair of the century, and everyday marriages, all of these connections are visible on the Love line. Experiences that impressed one as well as pain, hurt and despair show up on the Love line. Deep

marks are telltale evidence of a person's roller coaster love life. [Continue...](#)

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[Cup of Comfort](#)

[Chicago Overcoat](#)

[Second Wind Success Stories](#)

Where to Publish:

[Fate Magazine](#)

[Midlist Press](#)

Link Candy:

[Ebook Compiler](#)

[Dramatica Pro](#)

Featured Article



This month's article comes to you from the desk of Carolyn Howard-Johnson....author of the How to Do It Frugally series. Please read her article...

[Let Tom Swift Inform Your Writing](#)

A Write to Brag

Carolyn Howard-Johnson: I am proud to be the winner of the Reader Views award in the publishing category. [Continue...](#)

Final Thoughts

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the newsletter. If you did...tell your writer friends, if you didn't...tell me.

Make sure to send in your brags. Please limit them to 50 words or less. If you have anything you'd like to share...send it along. All submissions must be on my desk by the 10th of the month in order to be included in the newsletter for that month.

Have a great month and remember to keep writing.

Cheers!

Jozette