

DeSilva's News

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

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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!



So tell me...how many of you are ignoring the call of the waves lapping at the shores of your favorite beach? How many of you look out your window then close the curtains against the sun, relegating another warm, balmy day to the collection of other such days because you want to get some writing done? Well...if I asked for a show of hands, mine would never leave my lap.

Living in the north where warm days are at a premium even, at times, in the summer months...I refuse to feel guilty about spending a day away from the keyboard. I do, however, carry a notepad and pen in my beach bag to do a little scribbling as I sip my ice cold strawberry daiquiri while basking in the warmth of the sun.

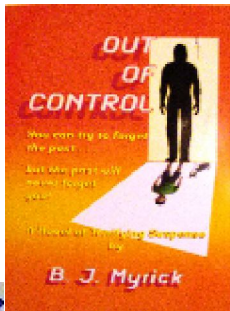
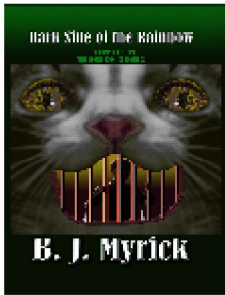
You can enjoy your summer holidays without feeling guilty about taking time away from what you are working on. Scribbling, no matter if it makes sense at the time or not, is writing. You may notice someone who embodies the character you find hard to describe in your book...scribble a quick description of what you see...it's all writing. Make a note of small towns, landscapes, sights and sounds in the environment you are holidaying in...it's all writing.

Winter keeps us firmly in its grip for far too long so when the weather is warm and the sun is high in the sky...get out there and enjoy it, guilt-free.

There is a lot to cover in this edition so grab a tall, cool glass of your favorite something and get to it. As usual, I'll meet you at the end with

B. J. Myrick

Read her [interview](#)



Writer's Resources

[You Publish](#)

[Poe War Writer's Resource Center](#)

[Author Network](#)

[How To Do It Frugally](#)

[Authors Coalition](#)

[Writers Resources.com](#)

[Writers Home.com](#)

[Writerfind](#)

[Writing.Com](#)

[Crime and Clues](#)

[Manuscript Setup](#)

[Inked-In](#)

[Burry Man Writers Center](#)

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[Writer Beware](#)

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Write Right

by Bill MacWithey



Look for Bill's column to resume in the Fall.

Connections

By Myrna Lou Goldbaum

Soul Mate Connections in This World



Most individuals believe they know and understand the term "soul mate", but if asked to define it they can simply answer with fuzzy meanings that do not convey the true meaning. The definition of a SOUL MATE:

one who bonds with another, instantly familiar with them, as if they are created as one; two minds working in tandem as a single unit, nurturing and loving. Soul mates connect at a soul level. They feel what the other is experiencing simultaneously. Both are constantly searching for their equal.

Read the rest of Myrna's column [here...](#)

All Things Publishing

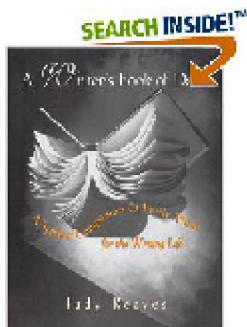
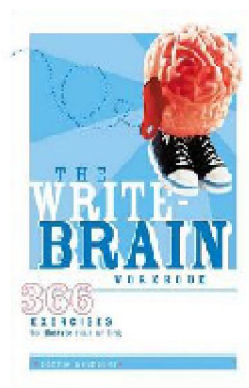
By Carolyn Howard-Johnson

Wikipedia: Is Getting a Listing Worth the Trouble?

Free Courses

[How to Improve your Writing](#)
[Daily Writes - 31 Days of Writing](#)
[Writer's Goldmine](#)
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The Book Nook



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In the *Frugal Book Promoter*, I recommended that an author enter her own name on Wikipedia. I am rescinding my advice to let Wikipedia know about your successes as an author—at least for emerging authors. At first this kind of exposure seemed like a fun way of being part of an encyclopedia, you know...without having won a Pulitzer. Since that first edition Wikipedia has refined its method of submitting and editing material. I understand that they must have standards for "viability" and "notability" to protect readers from false or inflated information especially because this site operates by letting masses of people contribute; people who do it for no salary. Thus many of its editors may have very little if any "viability" and "notability" of their own.

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Articles

[10 Easy Steps for Writing 750 Word Articles in Under an Hour](#)
[Many One Way Links To Help Your Website](#)
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[Active Verbs VS Passive Verbs In Fiction](#)
[Gerund Verbs - How They Hurt or Help Your Fiction](#)
[Writing and Self Publishing for profit](#)
[Vital Verbs](#)
[Finding the Perfect Monster for Your Horror Story](#)
[Writing Without Style](#)
[Dialogue Tags - A Study in Common Error](#)

A Write to Brag

Cate Cavanagh says: I have a new blog [Something Magical in our Mists](#) and it features the trailer for my latest book.

Carolyn Howard-Johnson says: Writer's Digest Names Sharing with Writers 101 Best in 2008
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Where to Publish

[Mira Books](#)
[Silhouette Books](#)
[Simon & Schuster](#)
[Hudson Hills Press Inc.](#)

[Chicken Soup for the Soul](#)
[Resolution Stories](#) (Deadline
Aug. 31/08)
[Gay City: Volume Two](#)
[Chicken Soup - Power Moms:](#)
[101 Stories Celebrating the](#)
[Power of Choice...](#) (Deadline
Sept.1/08)
[Damselfly Press](#)
[Caketrain Chapbook](#)
[Competition](#)
[The Cupboard Pamphlet](#)
[Cup of Comfort](#) [New Calls](#)
[Coast to Coast](#)
[Andromeda Spaceways Inflight](#)
[Magazine](#)
[Interfiction Anthology](#)

Link Candy

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Contests

[Delacorte Press Contest for](#)
[First Young Adult Novel](#)
[Benu-Press Creative Non-](#)
[fiction Award](#)
[Shya-Scanlon 7-Line Contest](#)
[Minnesota Writers Fiction](#)
[Contest](#)
[Aim Short Story Contest](#)
[Gival Press Award](#)
[Carolyn A Clark Flash Fiction Prize](#)

[Poisoned Pen Press](#)
[Vintage Romance Publishing](#)
[Vivisphere Publishing](#)
[Raider Publishing](#)
[Kensington Books](#)
[Darby Creek Publishing](#)
[Fate Magazine](#)
[Midlist Press](#)

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.

The newsletter archives are now available on [my website](#)

Have a great month and remember to keep writing.

Cheers!

Jozette

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