

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!



Summer-like weather has finally arrived in Ontario. This type of weather makes staying focused hard for me. I would rather be at the lake or park, watching kids play or reading a good book...anything except pounding the keys of my laptop. Take it with me you say? Why would I do that? Then I'd have no excuse for procrastinating.

Whenever I get that wanderlust...I remember the words of Joseph Hayes that he uses to sigh his emails, "Do the work!" Those words inspire me to keep my eye on the prize and keep writing. Let them inspire you as well.

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 some Final Thoughts.

Write Right

By Bill MacWithey

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Do You Have to Follow the Rules?



Do you remember all the rules you were taught in English class? Do you follow them? Should you? I worked on a dissertation for a PhD a while back and the rules you have to use in writing your dissertation are unbelievably complicated. Not that the committee approving or disapproving your dissertation gives a darn to a large extent, but it is just the way it is. Rule after rule after rule. If I had to write non-fiction the rest of my life, I'd end it right here and now.

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Connections

By Myrna Lou Goldbaum

Using Palmistry in Everyday Life



While a participant in a large convention in the Denver area a middle-aged woman approached my booth for a palm reading.

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

All Things Publishing

By Carolyn Howard-Johnson

On Gremlins, Making Mistakes and Compassion

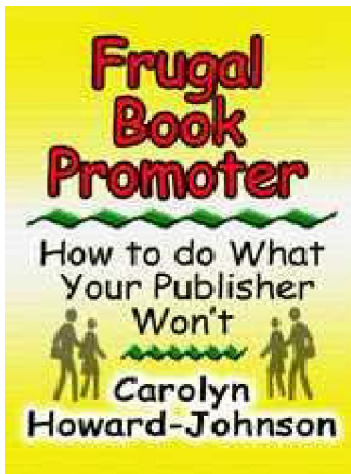


Often times the mistake involves a word that is spelled differently but pronounced the same. And often they do know the difference between the spelling of the two. It's just that those gremlins that The Frugal Editor is making famous get to us. Maybe we're typing too fast or maybe our brains are in another zone or... but the gremlins will get us -- both you and me. Here's an example of how one got me.



Carolyn Howard-Johnson - Award winning author, poet, instructor and [so much more...](#)

Read her [interview](#)



Writer's Resources

[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](#)

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

Free Courses

[Lifehacker](#)
[The Owl @ Purdue Online](#)
[Writing Lab](#)
[Spark Notes](#)
[News U](#)
[Writing Verse for Children](#)
[Writers Online](#)
[The Writers Channel](#)
[Character Building Workshop](#)

The Book Nook



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[1 Chapter Free - Book Promotion](#)

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Articles

[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

Braggs will return next month...see you then!

Calls for Submissions

[Damselfly Press](#)
[Caketrain Chapbook Competition](#)
[The Cupboard Pamphlet](#)
[Cup of Comfort](#) **New Calls**
[Coast to Coast](#)
[Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine](#)
[Interfiction Anthology](#)

Where to Publish

[Hudson Hills Press Inc.](#)
[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

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[Free Stuff for Writers](#)
[Smart Writers.com](#)
[YWriter4](#)
[Download Manager](#)
[Evernote](#)
[The Literary Machine](#)
[EBook Compiler](#)
[Dramatica Pro](#)

Contests

[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](#)

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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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