

# DeSilva's News

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

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## In the Spotlight

### Dorice Nelson

This author leads a very busy and fascinating life. She is well published, shares her life with another published author, her children, rescued English Setters. horses... [Read her](#)



## 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 am pleased to announce a new addition to the DeSilva's News family. Carolyn Howard-Johnson has graciously accepted my invitation to add her expertise to the newsletter. Her column, All Things Publishing will be a monthly feature that I am sure you will find very useful.

I have reworked my website...again. Have a [look](#). I know...I know...it's a sickness LOL!

I've added a portal to my cafe-press store as well as an online bookstore through Amazon. You can find them on my [Shoppe 'til You Drop](#) page.

The edits on my book are ongoing but I am making headway. I find I must rename the work because the original will never do! It's just one more thing to fry my brain in the middle of the night!

Previous issues of the newsletter as well as archived columns can be found on the [DeSilva's News Yahoo Group Site](#). You must join to access - current subscribers will not receive multiple newsletters.

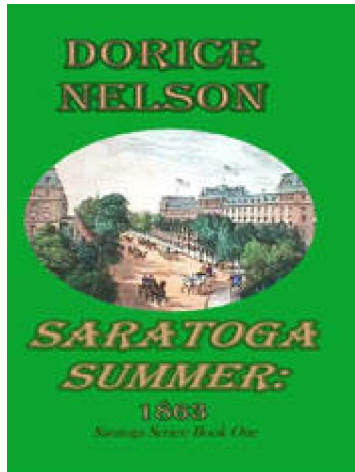
There is a lot to cover in this edition so grab a mug of your favorite something and get to it. As usual...I'll meet you at the end with some Final Thoughts.

## Write Right

By [Bill MacWithey](#)

[interview](#)

[Visit her website](#) for updates on her latest books and her blog.



## Writer's Resources

[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

[News U](#)  
[Writing Verse for Children](#)  
[Writers Online](#)



### Same Meanings...Different Words by Bill MacWithey

The following is an excerpt from a book I am creating titled: A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to Adulthood. Why this excerpt? If you are writing a novel set back in the years of WWII, or the years following (forties, fifties, sixties) and you are not of an advanced age, this short excerpt might give you a bit more insight into that era.

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## Connections

By Myrna Lou Goldbaum



### SOUL MATE CONNECTIONS Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Relationships, Love, Romance and Soul Mates

By Myrna Lou Goldbaum

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.

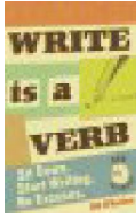
The definition of a SOUL MATE: one who bonds with another, instantly familiar with them, as if they are created as one; two minds working in tandem as a single unit, nurturing and loving. Soul mates connect at a soul level. They feel what the other is experiencing simultaneously. Both are constantly searching for their equal. [...continue](#)

## All Things Publishing

By Carolyn Howard-Johnson

[The Writers Channel](#)  
[Character Building Workshop](#)

## The Book Nook



I recommend this book!

## Calls for Submissions

[Cup of Comfort](#) [New Calls](#)  
[Coast to Coast](#)  
[Andromeda Spaceways](#)  
[Inflight Magazine](#)  
[Interfiction Anthology](#)

## Where to Publish

[Raider Publishing](#)  
[Kensington Books](#)  
[Darby Creek Publishing](#)  
[Fate Magazine](#)  
[Midlist Press](#)

## Link Candy

[YWriter4](#)  
[Download Manager](#)  
[Evernote](#)  
[The Literary Machine](#)  
[EBook Compiler](#)  
[Dramatica Pro](#)

## Contests



### Do Books Have Nine Lives? By Carolyn Howard-Johnson

A new lease on life. We'd all like to have one. Maybe like the proverbial cat, nine of them.

That's true of books, too. My first novel, *This Is the Place*, was published in 2001. I was naive about publishing. Didn't know authors needed to promote. Didn't know the difference between one publisher and another. For me, any old publisher would do. I got lucky. A small press (AmErica House) said "yes" before the Salt Lake City Olympics and because the novel is set in Salt Lake City, that was important to its success.

It went on to win eight awards small awards. Not a Pulitzer among them. But awards none the less. That may have been its first lease on life. Fast forward six years. [continue...](#)

## Featured Articles

### [Book Fair Blues? Twelve Tips to Make Book Booths Better](#)

by Carolyn Howard-Johnson

### [10 Steps to Better Writing](#)

By Linda Davis Kyle

## A Write to Brag

**Kathy Strelow** brags: I just started a monthly column for the Lake County Journals. My first column was published May 1st.

**Lea Schizas** brags: [The Muse Marquee](#) just won the Preditors and Editors April 2008 Most Useful Site Award.

## 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

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[Aim Short Story Contest](#)  
[Gival Press Award](#)  
[Carolyn A Clark Flash Fiction Prize](#)

share...send it along. All submissions must be on my desk by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the newsletter for that month.

A reminder that the archives to the newsletter, interviews and articles are on file at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/desilvasnews>

You must join to access the files however, joining will not subscribe you to the newsletter a second time.

Have a great month and remember to keep writing.

Cheers!

Jozette

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