



As The Author Learns

Bits and Tidbits about the Publishing Process

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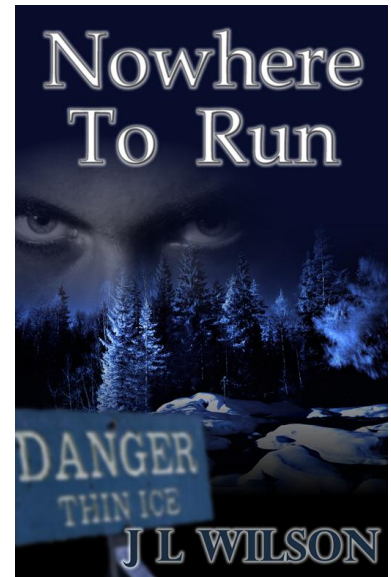
a 'still-learning-about-it' author

What's Happening?

A new book snuck out there and released when I almost wasn't looking! I've gotten so accustomed to books releasing in download and print at the same time (or just in download) that this one caught me by surprise.

This is my "first and ten" book. It's the first book I ever wrote but it's the tenth to be published. How about that? It's a romantic suspense novel and if you know my writing, you know that 'romantic suspense' means it's not a first-person mystery. This one is a bit more intense (and a bit spicier in the sex department ☺).

If you read *Brilliant Disguise*, you might recognize a couple of those characters in this book. They only appear in phone conversations, but Nathan and Nick are unique, and they're important to the plot in this book. I've written a book for Nathan, and I'm hoping my publisher will buy it, too.



Here's the back-cover blurb for the book:

Have you ever made a mistake in love? Did that mistake almost kill you?

M.C. ('Mac') Shefflington thought she finally escaped Tom Donaldson and her terrible past. She started to relax at her new home in Minnesota when the hang-up calls and tailgating started again, the same things that Tom used to do. Mac knows he's come back into her life.

Retired Sheriff Harry Mortonson is willing to help her because that might alleviate the guilt he feels about his own past and a woman he didn't help, years ago. But when he meets Mac, he gets far more than he bargained for, including falling in love with her and protecting her from the crazy man who's stalking her.

In the end, it's up to Mac to lure Tom into a trap on one of Minnesota's frozen lakes where she, Harry, and Tom have one final confrontation. If she can succeed, she'll save Harry and they'll have a chance for a new life together. But if she fails, Tom wins and Mac will have to live her past – again.

The buy link for the download is right here: <http://tinyurl.com/ddkydd>. And I'll let you know when it's in print so you can get your copy.

In Other News

Breaking news! My EPPIE winner, *If Not For You*, will be in print this spring. I'm not sure exactly *when*, but I've gotten word that it will be on the Spring Print List for my publisher. So you'll be able to get your hands on that one soon. I'll let you know as soon as it's out there and ready for ordering.

What else have I been doing? What else -- edits, edits, edits ... I think I've done as much editing as I've done writing in the last month. Here's the scoop:

I finished the final edits for my History Patrol book, *Temperance*. I don't have a release date yet, but I'm hoping it will be later this year, or possibly early next year.

I finished final edits and galley proofs for *PhDs, Pornography, and Premeditated Murder*, a mystery book releasing in May of **next** year (yep, I plan ahead).

I also did first-round edits for *Living Proof*, the second book in my 'other planet, let's overthrow the government' book. The first book, *Human Touch*, releases in August. I'm hoping *Living Proof* will release in the spring next year. The third book in that series, *Leap of Faith*, will follow shortly thereafter.

And I finished my first draft of the Oz book! BIG WHOOPEE!! This was a tough book to write because I tried very hard to stay true to the spirit of the original Wizard of Oz books. I read 15 of the 39 books and skimmed the rest (yes, there are that many - you didn't know that, did you?) Every time I wanted to introduce a character, I went back to my *Who's Who in Oz* book, looking for an appropriate character from one of the Oz books. So it slowed me down a tad in my writing. I still don't have a title yet, but I'm working on it.

I had a book signing with my local writers' group and discussed *Sun, Surf, and Sandy Strangulation*, my current mystery release. These kinds of talks are always fun because I just discuss how I came up with my ideas and what it takes to write the book. The audience is composed of other writers, so the questions are always interesting and on-target.

I also re-did my web site and added a couple of new pages. Check out the home page (jayellwilson.com) for links to my covers, my banners, and my recipe cards that I use for promo. I'm especially pleased with the 'covers page' - it's nice to see them all in one place.

What's Next?

I'm heading to L.A. for family fun soon then I'll stick close to home with just local trips for the next month or so. In the meantime, I'm on to my next writing project: book 3 of the Deadly Horticulture series, which I'll submit soon for publication in 2011. The first book I drafted is the *Viagra Book*, the second is the *Deadly Chef* mystery and this one is going to be the *Construction Caper*. I've got some great ideas for the villain, the method of murder (death by plank? Death by nail gun?) and now I just have to write it. Fingers, don't fail me now!

