



# As The Author Learns

Bits and Tidbits about the Publishing Process

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books that defy categorizing

## What's Happening?

It's the middle of the year! When did *that* happen? I can't believe we're halfway through 2010.

Whenever I hit a 'milestone' like that (halfway through this or that, the first of this, the last of that) I like to take stock of where I've been, what I've done, and what's coming up. So here's the list I came up with:

- So far I have three new books out:
  - *Homicide, Hostages, and Hot Rod Restorations*, which released in January
  - *PhDs, Pornography, and Premeditated Murder*, which released in April
  - *Shadow of Doubt*, which released in June
- Next up:
  - *Living Proof*, which releases in August
  - *Shadow of Doubt* (print), which will be ready in September
  - *Ex-Wives, Extortion, and Erotic First Editions*, which releases in November
- I signed contracts for three books for next year. This is a three-book deal which centers around one family and what happens to them:
  - *Lilacs, Litigation, and Lethal Love Affairs*
  - *Foxgloves, Fancy Fungus, and Fatal Family Feuds*
  - *Daisies, Deadly Force, and Disastrous Divorce Disputes*
- I edited and prepped (so far) two more books for next year:
  - *Leap of Faith*, releasing in January
  - *Lie To Me*, releasing later in the year (no date yet)
- I went to three conferences this year :
  - EpiCon, in New Orleans, in March
  - Malice Domestic, in Washington, D.C., in April/May
  - RomCon, in Denver, in July (more on that later)

- I've got three more 'events' coming up this year:
  - A two-day local conference for writers
  - My annual getaway with my brainstorming buddies, to go gamble and plot books
  - My annual getaway with my husband "Up North," to relax, plot books, write, and relax some more

You know, when I look at it that way, I was pretty darn busy! I'm going to be just as busy (if not busier) next year, because I have 4 conferences planned to attend next year. I'm going to accrue those frequent flyer miles fast!

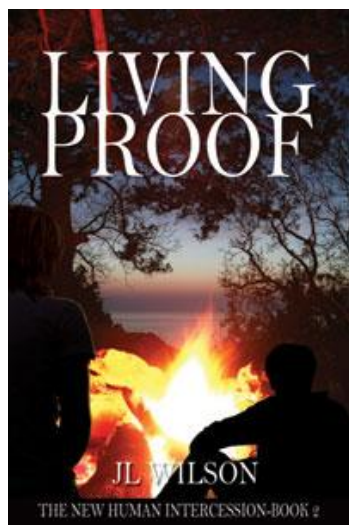
## In Other News

I attended the premier launch of a new conference, RomCon, in Denver. This was a conference geared to romance readers (you know who you are), giving them a chance to meet with authors. It was the first time this conference had ever been held, and it was awesome and excellent! I had a blast meeting readers, talking with them, socializing with other authors, and just generally schmoozing for 3 days. It was like a "Malice Domestic" conference (the one I attended in April) for romance readers, and it was very, very well done. I hope they hold it again next year, because if they do, I'm there!

I can't believe how much a good conference can really energize me. Some conferences are tiring, but I came back from this one all fired up to do some writing!

Because of that, I am making great progress on my ghost story. I had a new idea for it, one that means I have to re-think how I'm going to have the plot progress. But I think it's a good plot twist, so I'm going to pursue it for a while and see where it takes me.

## What's Next?



Well, gee, what's a summer without a book being released? On August 6<sup>th</sup> the second book in my "New Humans" series is due to be released. This book picks up the story that was started in *Human Touch*, but this time the book focuses on Dru, who was a secondary character in *Human Touch*.

In *Living Proof*, Dru and Jak Exo, another leader on the planet, go on an exploration to a relatively uncharted part of their world. What they find may prove to be the undoing of the entire planetary structure – it's the living proof of a lie they've all been leading for centuries.

Keep your eyes on my web site for more information about the release. And until then, you know where I'll be – at my keyboard, typing!

