



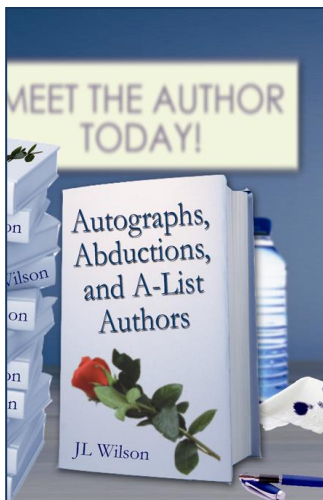
As The Author Learns

Bits and Tidbits about the Publishing Process from

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What's Happening?

I went to a completely new conference for me, and boy, did I have fun! I went to the Wisconsin Romance Writers' conference in Green Bay in mid-May. What a great conference, so different from RT and the RWA conference I normally attend. I drove there with friends, and while it was a bit of a long drive (five hours), the time flew by because we talked about writing, and publishing, and this and that. So much less stressful than flying!



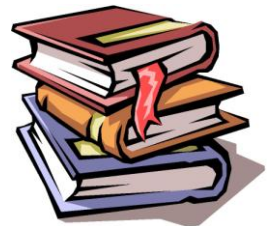
This was a smaller conference and very well run, with interesting workshops, a book signing (I sold all my books! Yea!) and it was set in a casino. Yep, those of you who know me – I was at the slot machines whenever I had a free moment. I had a great time, losing only about \$30 for the entire weekend, so I count that a success. The facility was very nice, our rooms were nice, and overall, it was a great weekend. I will definitely consider going again next year.

Speaking of conferences, *Autographs, Abductions, and A-List Authors* ("Murder at the National Conference") is out in download from Wild Rose Press. Here's that all important link for those of you who want to buy: <http://tinyurl.com/4zj52k>. It will be out in print in early December, in time for all your Christmas giving ... great timing, hmm?

And I just finished proofing the final galley for the next book in this series. *Sun, Surf, and Sandy Strangulation* (a.k.a. "Murder on the Beach") will be releasing in the fall this year, and will be in print in the spring next year. It's the second book in my "Fatal Writing Conferences" series and is set at a fictional mystery conference based on the Clue board game. My regular brainstorming buddies helped me map out the plot a year ago when we did our casino retreat weekend.

I'm just wrapping up the first draft of the third and final book in the series, *Mayhem, Marriage, and Murderous Mystery Manuscripts* (a.k.a. "Murder at Halloween"). I hope to submit that to my editor in another month or so.

In terms of my other books with other publishers, there may be a slight delay in release for some of them. My editor with Cerridwen Press has left and I have to be reassigned to someone new. Because of that, I'm not sure when *Endurance*, *Temperance*, and *I Know You're Out There Somewhere* will be released. I still have hopes for a



release date this year since I'd done the final edits on all of them. For now, they're in limbo, so I'm back to keeping fingers crossed ...

I'm also still waiting on edits from my recent sale to Wild Rose, *Human Touch*. I haven't gotten the first round of edits yet. So I'm not sure on a release date for it, either.

I *think* my book with Resplendence Publishing will be released on July 1. I haven't seen a book cover yet for it, but this is my first release with them and perhaps they don't do covers very far in advance (unlike my other publishers, where I often get covers months before the book even goes into edits). This book, *Brilliant Disguise*, is another of my third-person mysteries and is set in a small Iowa town somewhat like the one where I was raised (except I changed the name). It's one of the first manuscripts I ever wrote, but of course, I edited it a lot before I sold it. ☺

What's Next?

As soon as I finish writing *Mayhem*, I plan to do proofreading on another book I wrote earlier this spring. "Murder at the Casino" (real title: *Tonight's the Night*) should be ready for me to send off to an editor by the end of July. It's the follow-on book to *Brilliant Disguise*, and stars two of the minor characters in that book. I hope Resplendence Publishing will like it. My editor is already asking me to send it in because she wants to read about those characters ("I can't wait to read Nathan's story"), so I know she likes the characters. I have to prep it to send to my critique partner then I hope to fire it off to RP in late July.



After that, I'm going to start my "Death in Oz" (working title) mystery. Yes, I'm going to do a Wizard of Oz story. My sisty ugler (heh heh, just kidding) helped me plot this one, and I've got a lot of the elements already lined up so the writing should go quickly. I'm calling it *Tarot Cards, Twisters, and Tumbled Torsos*, although that title might change (feel free to send me your suggestions to jaye@jayellwilson.com). The book will have a tornado, an ex-husband and a sinister plot involving land fraud.

And now the **BIG NEWS**: My first local book signing is coming up - mark your calendars!

Yep, I'm going to have a book signing on Tuesday, July 1, from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Book Corner in Woodbury, Minnesota. It's in a strip mall at 783 Radio Drive (right off of 494, I believe). I'll be signing copies of *Your Saving Grace* and *Brownies*. If it goes well, perhaps I'll be invited back later in the year and I can sign copies of the Pig Book (out in print in August) and *Autographs* (in print in December).

If you're in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, I hope you'll drop by and say hello. I'd love to have a big crowd there to snap up my books! I'll be signing with some other writers from our local writing group (people who are with the Big Publishing Houses), so I won't be totally alone, but it sure would be nice to see some familiar faces.



See you there!