

As The Author Learns

Bits and Tidbits about the Publishing Process from

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What's Happening?

I survived the Romantic Times conference!

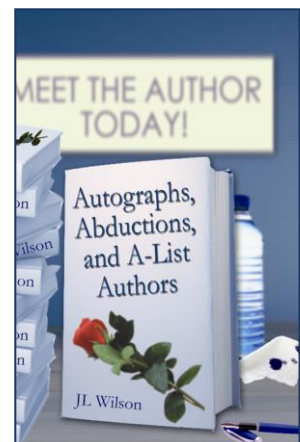
They should hand out T-shirts with that slogan (no, I'm not kidding). It was an amazing five days of talking, gossiping, schmoozing, more talking, parties and more parties ... I used to live in Pittsburgh (where the convention was held), so it was a chance to reacquaint myself with the city. This convention was a great chance to meet with friends, old and new. I met many people in-person whom I've only chatted with online, so that was a real treat. Plus I had a chance to see people I haven't seen for a long time and get all caught up on their happenings.

The party nature of this conference isn't exaggerated – there are theme parties every night as well as 'side parties' with themes (gambling, cowboys, etc.). I wore a poodle skirt for the "Glamour of Hollywood" night and it was big hit. I put all of my book covers on it, and people got a real kick out of it.

Was it worth it? I think so. It was a lot of fun to meet people and talk to them in person (as opposed to via email). The conference is in Orlando next year, and I'm not sure I'll get to it there, but we'll see – I might need a break in April!

Other news: *Your Saving Grace* is listed on Amazon.com! Yea! I know, I know, it says it's not in stock but don't believe 'em. Just go ahead and order it and you'll get it shipped right to your door. Here's a convenient link: <http://tinyurl.com/5ejxdt>. So now I have 2 print books out, 5 books out total, and another download book coming up in June.

In fact, it'll release early in June, so here's that cover again to remind you what to look for It comes out in download on June 9 and will be in print in December, just in time for Christmas. For anyone who's gone to a writing conference – you'll want to read this one. A famous author is murdered at a book fair while autographing a book for the heroine. Gee, does life imitate art? Or does art imitate life?



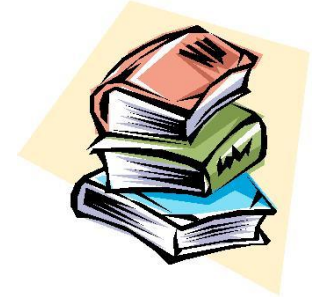
I've been signing a lot of contracts lately, and writing 'for the future', so I thought I might give a recap of what's been going on, writing-wise. I know I get lost sometimes, with all the contracts and releases ...

Last year releases:

- *Brownies, Bodies, and Breaking the Code*: download: June 2007, print: August 2007
- *Your Saving Grace*: download June 2007, print March 2008
- *Forgiveness*: download September 2007
- *If Not For You*: download December 2007

This year releases

- *Candy, Corpses and Classified Ads*: download February 2008, print August 2008
- *Autographs, Abductions and A-List Authors*: download June 2008, print November 2008
- *Brilliant Disguise*: download TBD (possibly July). Print 3 months later
- *I Know You're Out There Somewhere*: download TBD (possibly September)
- *Endurance*: download TBD. Just finished final edits on this one!

Next year releases

- *Sun, Surf and Sandy Strangulation*: download October 2008 (tentative), print April 2009. Just finished final edits on it!
- *Temperance*: download TBD
- *Human Touch*: download TBD

Hopeful (not submitted yet, but written):

- *Marriage, Mayhem and Murderous Manuscripts* (follow-on book to *Sun, Surf & Sandy Strangulation*), a.k.a. "The Halloween Book"
- *Tonight's the Night* (follow-on to *Brilliant Disguise*) a.k.a. "Murder at the Casino"
- *Lie to Me* (follow-on to *Tonight's the Night*) a.k.a. "The Mt. Rushmore Book"
- *Homicides, Hostages, and Hot Rod Restoration* a.k.a. "The Hospital Book"
- *Pornography, PhDs, and Premeditated Murder* a.k.a. "Murder at the State Fair"
- *Ex-wives, Extortion and Erotic First Editions* a.k.a. "The Minnesota Book"
- *Pansies, Poisons, and Pervasive Potency Promotions* a.k.a. "The Viagra Book"

Planned but not written (or just in the draft stages)

- *Leap of Faith* (follow-on book to *Human Touch*)
- *Living Proof* (follow-on book to *Leap of Faith*)

So, fingers crossed they all find a home!

What's Next?

Another conference! This one is in Wisconsin and it probably won't be as crazy as the last one. I'm driving there with friends, so it should be relatively calm and relaxed ... details later!