

# Through the Power of Words

## August 2023 Terri Maue Newsletter



*The book launch edition, because you only have one first book.*



**Check this out!**



My wonderful friend and writer colleague Brandon Mead has given *Knife Edge* prominent placement in his Seattle bookstore, Third Place Books. I am thrilled and humbled by this generous gesture on his part.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who ordered or pre-ordered the book. It shot up 500,000 places during the first 24 hours. 😊 Not exactly sure what that means in the scheme of things, but doesn't it sound fantastic?!

My heartfelt thanks also to all my friends who have re-posted and shared my Facebook posts, helping to spread the word that the book is out.

It's widely available to order online, but I also encourage you to ask at your local bookstore. Who knows, if enough people ask, they might decide to stock a few copies!

Whether you have a book or not, please join me to celebrate at one or more of these events:

**Sunday, September 3, 2-4 pm Pacific Time**, I will be a guest on *Dime Grinds*. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3652434388> or Zoom ID [365 243 4388](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3652434388) If you plan to attend, remember to adjust the time for your time zone. I'll actually be zooming in from my sister Pat's home in West Seneca, NY, so I'll have to adjust my timeline as well.

**Sunday, September 10, 1-5 p.m.**, my Cincinnati friend Patricia—an original member of the writers group there and the inspiration for Zee's best friend Fontina—is hosting a book celebration for me at her home. Email me for details if you'd like to come. [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com)

**Saturday, September 23, 1-4 p.m.**, my debut author celebration at Copper Cat Books, 1570 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy in Henderson NV. Come and sample one of Zee's favorite pastries and maybe test your own sleuthing abilities.

**Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, I'll be participating in the Summerlin Book Festival, Mountain View Presbyterian Church, 8601 Del Webb Blvd.

**Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**, my first Coffee House Tour signing at Shasta's Sweet Treats, 290 E Horizon Dr, Henderson.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It's better for me if you buy the book ahead of time, rather than wait to buy it from me. Books I sell do not count for my sales numbers. That said, I will always have books with me at signings, and I am totally happy to sign a book you bring to an event.

**Launch Week was a Blast!**



This great group of friends surprised me with celebratory lunch on August 8, to mark the launch of *Knife Edge*. Front row, left to right: my dear friend Rebecca, who read some of the earlier chapters of *Knife Edge*; Toni, the founder of Sin City Writers Group, my first writing home when I moved to Las Vegas; Wayne, the author of *Conscientious Objector*, through whom I met Wendy, the owner of Copper Cat Books, where my Las Vegas launch will be held. Back row, left to right: my husband of 55 years, Eddie, who's also my personal photographer and greatest supporter; me; my neighbor Brooke, of whom I am in awe because she has an entire room in her house dedicated to books; and my friend Ray, whose YA romance will be coming out next year. How did I ever get such a wonderful group of friends!

You might have noticed Eddie's shirt in the group photo. Here's mine.

Spoiler alert: the cat didn't do it.



My launch lunch friends also gifted me with this shirt. I'm publishing the photo in case anyone 'official' is checking out my web use. (That's my story and I'm sticking to it.)



And in case I didn't already know it—or for those times when I forget—they gave me this.



This is probably my favorite card. It's from my sister-in-law Rose and her husband Gary.



My great appreciation to everyone who has helped me celebrate my first book. So many texts, Facebook posts, and emails. It is said that joy shared is joy doubled. My heart is full to overflowing.

## **The Inside Scoop**

As much as I would love to stop time and just enjoy the release of *Knife Edge*, that is not the case. My editor/publisher has requested the complete manuscript for *Dark Mirror*: Book Two of the Zee and Rico series. And I haven't finished it yet! So, that tapping sound—as well as the weeping and gnashing of teeth—is me, chained to the keyboard, guiding Zee through this next adventure.

Stay tuned.

## **The Great Pastry Hunt: update**

A number of my author friends recently held a group signing event at Shasta's Sweet Treats, 290 E Horizon Dr., Henderson. Writers and bakery goods? I'm on it. Here's what I found.

Strawberries and Cream Roll



This treat was another delicious surprise. Shasta's bakery magicians begin with an excellent cinnamon roll. (I had one of those, too—delicious.) Then, along with a delicate ribbon of cinnamon-sugar, they layer in pieces of real strawberries, perfectly ripe, fruity and juicy, in just the right proportion to flavor the soft, sweet dough. That would have been delight enough, but then they top the whole divine creation with homemade whipped cream.

I didn't know there were so many scrumptious bakeries in Las Vegas. It's been a lot of fun exploring and tasting. And I still don't know what Zee will be eating in book 2. It's possible she may have to try a couple of new items. I know she's up to the challenge.

If you want to join the fun, send your pastry recommendation to me at [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com).

Thanks for reading! See you in September!