

Through the Power of Words

December 2022 Terri Maue Newsletter

Never has a stone been thrown / Never a stick been flung
That wasn't launched on the wings of a thought / On which a word was hung.



Thanks to everyone who signed up for my infant newsletter! I hope you enjoy it and have patience with me as it evolves. Please feel free to send your comments and suggestions to terri@terrimaue.com.



***Knife Edge* 2023 publication: update**

Santa hasn't dropped off proof sheets or cover art beneath my tree, so I've had to content myself with baking cookies and taking opportunities to introduce *Knife Edge* to friendly audiences. I've also been learning about social media, brainstorming ideas for fun things to do at public appearances, and working on book 2 of the series (shameless teaser 😊).

Old folks rock!

The community where I live hosted a craft fair in early December. Since my 'craft' is writing, I bought a table to introduce myself and my work. Everyone I talked with responded with encouragement and enthusiasm. Turns out older folks are very happy to see one of their own achieving a dream. (Or they could have been ecstatic over the cocoa-dusted, dark chocolate truffles I was giving away.) Here I am with a new friend and, I hope, a new reader.



The Inside Scoop

You know that t-shirt that warns you to be careful or you'll end up in my book? I hate to tell you, but there's actually nothing you can do about it. The truth is, almost everyone ends up in my story. That's because writers are sponges. We absorb everything, and when we need a character trait, our neural substrate contracts and squeezes out a memory. (Okay, I made up that process, but I just love a good metaphor.) I hasten to state that none of you whom I personally know is the villain in the story. Thus reassured, please feel free to notice if you see a part of yourself or someone you know when *Knife Edge* comes out next year.

The Great Pastry Hunt: update

Zee Morani, the protagonist in *Knife Edge*, is legendary for her love of pastry. I'd love to get your suggestions for the tastiest pastry you've ever eaten. I'll taste as many as I can and feature the best one in book 2 of the Zee & Rico series. Send your suggestions to terri@terrimaue.com.

One of my neighbors brought me an almond croissant from Le Café du Val in Las Vegas. It was delicious! Buttery, flakey, with a generous filling of almond paste. I thought I might miss a sugar glaze, but the absence of that sweet note brought out the delicate taste of the pastry itself. Unfortunately, I ate it before I thought to take a picture! In recompense, here's a photo of one of my favorite Christmas cookies. These little bites are called Prague Tea Squares. They're like almond tortes layered with strawberry preserves. If you'd like the recipe, email me: terri@terrimaue.com.



Thanks for reading! See you in January!