

Through the Power of Words

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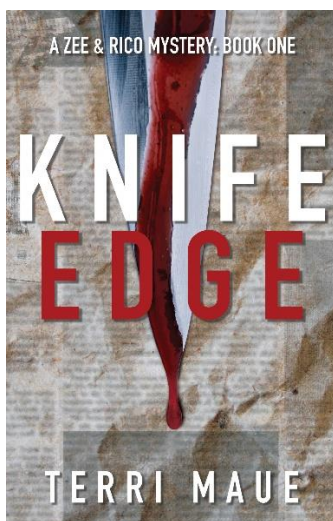
I read that Winston Churchill loved parapsydokians. I bet you do, too. Send me your favorite one for my next newsletter.



I apologize for the errors in last month's newsletter. I had some health issues, but I thought I was functioning well. Obviously, I wasn't. I'm glad to report that I am fine now.



Here's the cover!



Is that cool or what? I'm so excited. I can't wait to hold this book in my hands. I can't wait until you can hold this book in your hands. Less than three months until the release, August 8, 2023.

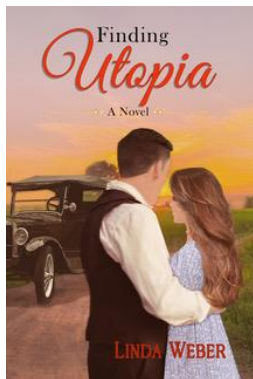
The publisher recommends that I wait to schedule any events until at least three weeks after the release date. (Something about being sure to get the books delivered in time.) That timeline will put me 'back east' for the first part of September. So, I'll celebrate with my Ohio and Buffalo family and friends, then return to Las Vegas to celebrate with my friends and colleagues here.

However, I do have one appearance scheduled that anyone can attend. On **Sunday, September 3**, from **2-4 pm Pacific Time**, I will be a guest on *Dime Grinds*. This is a zoom event. It will be my first appearance after the book release. In case you're wondering about the name, *Dime Grinds* was originally held at a coffee shop where attendees could buy a cup of coffee for ten cents. When the pandemic forced it to move online, the name stayed. It's hosted by my fabulous friend and invaluable critique partner, Tonya Todd. You will hear three or four authors talk about their books and take audience questions. Here's how to join:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3652434388> or Zoom ID [365 243 4388](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3652434388)

Hope to see you there. Remember to adjust the time for your time zone.

Celebrating another friend's success: *Finding Utopia* by Linda Weber



I heard Linda read from this work-in-progress at the very first writers group meeting I attended after moving to Las Vegas in 2016. I can give no better description than this one from award-winning author Amanda Skenandore.

Its endearing characters and richly drawn setting come together in a story that is both heartwarming and haunting. Drawing on her own family's history, Linda Weber weaves a tale of love and sorrow, of dreams cut short and dreams that endure.

Sounds like quite a saga. *Finding Utopia* can be pre-ordered from BookBaby.com, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and your local independent bookseller.

The Inside Scoop

I've always thought of myself as a generally peaceful person. Even minor confrontation causes me discomfort. So, you might ask, why do I write about something as violent as murder?

I'll start with this confession: I'm fascinated by death. We're all going to experience it, and none of us knows what it will be like. So maybe I write about it as a way of facing the great unknown.

Possibly, I'm also a bit driven in the same way that I can feel the urge to put my finger on a hot iron. The taking of a life is the worst crime, the greatest horror. I keep wanting to touch it.

Honestly, though, I think it's the justice aspect of the mystery genre that appeals to me the most. Murder is a rip in the fabric of life that the protagonist feels honor-bound to mend. And readers want it mended. So, the mystery writer delivers, usually. In that world, good always (or most often) wins, the guilty are punished, and justice is achieved. That's comforting in a real world that often doesn't seem to work like that.

Sounds good to me.

The Great Pastry Hunt: update

Lest you think that writing is all banging my fingers on the keyboard—and possibly banging my head *against* the keyboard—never fear. Some parts are quite rewarding. In my continuing quest to find yummy pastries for Zee, I ventured this month into old Henderson, to Chef Flemming's Bakeshop on Water Street. And here's what I found.

Pecan Roll



From the outside, this looked like any scrumptious, perfectly crafted pecan roll, crowned by a multitude of chopped nuts, glistening in a brown sugar glaze. My taste buds skipped with anticipation.

The first bite through the delicate crust yielded the expected sweet rush. This could have been overwhelming, but instead it was perfectly complemented by the pecans' earthy umami. I love this combination. It enables me to eat sweets without getting a sugar headache.

As I savored that first bite, my tongue detected a delightful surprise, the aromatic pungency of cinnamon. A closer examination of the tender inner layers of the roll revealed a ribbon of the spice, swathed in buttery brown sugar and laced with additional pecans. Gastronomic nirvana in every mouthful!

And nearly guilt-free, too. Cinnamon is recognized as high in antioxidants. It's purported to stimulate the brain, lower blood pressure, and offer many other health benefits. Add the nutritional power of nuts, and this pastry is practically health food. Zee-worthy, to be sure.

If you'd like to help with my research by recommending a pastry, send your suggestion to terri@terrimaue.com. Zee and I thank you!

Thanks for reading! See you in June!