

Through the Power of Words

April 2024 Terri Maue Newsletter



“Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remedying it.”

Albus Dumbledore (J. K. Rowling)



Dark Mirror: Zee & Rico Book Two – Revision in Progress

My editor sent me some great feedback and encouragement this week, after reviewing the first 100 pages of *Dark Mirror*. I felt very good about her comments, but I think I like best that she said she wants to have coffee with Zee and Fontina! I love that she wants to spend time with my characters.

I’m now about a third of the way through the revision of the book. And while I won’t compare my editor to Dumbledore (she’s much younger), she’s certainly helping me learn to cast my spells skillfully!

Supporting Other Writers

Since I had no signings of my own during this past month, I took the opportunity to support other writers. Here I am with Vicki-Ann Bush, at a signing at Barnes & Noble. This was a unique event, because Vicki-Ann was not only celebrating the release of her newest book, *The Darkest Light*, but also the release of film based on the first book in her Alex McKenna series, titled *Alex McKenna: Alex & Margaret's Beginning*.

Next to me on the far left is Bekah Wray, one of the film’s stars. Vicki-Ann is just to the right of the center banner.



The film will be showing at The Orleans Theater #9 on **Saturday, April 27th** in the MM Block starting at 4pm. Here's the link to purchase tickets

<https://www.indievegafilmfestival.com/indie-vegas-tickets>

Scroll down until you see this: BLOCK MM - SATURDAY APRIL 27TH - THEATER 9 @ 4:00 PM

Here's Where You Can Find Me Next

Now: My author interview is up on the Coffee House Tours website. Coffee House Tours is a group of local authors who work with coffee shops around town to hold signings. It's a great group, and I'm glad to be part of it. Here's the link to my short interview, in which I discuss my favorite character (!) among other topics:

https://coffeehousetours.wixsite.com/coffee-house-tours/post/interview-with-author-terri-maue?fbclid=IwAR3wk8wUcLX9d0J0XFElo9T5xVxcf8PTgyk1gwSEKaZNyjFN Bc7_ejwxlSg_aem_AWFTE0-KMtSBaDT0ZbiuqUYZgOhabXTxK2EiQaO4MQdwST6JN4IB0bhirJxJ2AJPoRL SAoxu_n_GKjoNcfnEVBp5



April 20, 1-4 p.m.:

I'll be participating with a group of authors in the Spring Fling at Copper Cat Books, 1570 West Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson. I'll be signing *Knife Edge*, and if you purchased the book but didn't get a map, please stop by my table. I'll be happy to give you one. There will be music and snacks, and all the fun of exploring this fantastic store. It stocks not only books, but book accessories, music, and many types of clever gift items.

April 29-30: I will be a featured guest on the Ladies of Mystery blog, where I share the story of where I got my main character. My blog post will drop in the wee hours of April 29. Here's the link:

<https://ladiesofmystery.com/2024/04/29/guest-blogger-terri-maue/>

The Inside Scoop

Many people groan at the idea of revision. I know my students did! But just about every writer worth her salt revises, and I actually like doing it.

Revision can offer surprises. Like when I realize I have to change a clue entirely, now that I have written the whole story. Yes, that happened with *Dark Mirror*. I saw that a clue as originally written didn't work all that well, so I had to devise a new one. I also saw how I could use an already planted clue to much greater effect.

Surprise can also come in the form of cool stuff I've learned since the creation of the draft. For example, everyone knows about birth stones, but did you know that there are also flowers associated with your birthday? I found a place to weave that into *Dark Mirror*.

Throughout the process of revising, I get an almost physical sensation of the story growing stronger, richer, more layered. That is quite satisfying to me, and I hope also to my readers.

The Great Pastry Hunt

Cinnamon Danish (rear) and Buttercrunch Danish (front)



When I was visiting family and friends in Cincinnati, I stayed at a hotel that was right across a driveway from Graeter's, a fantastic bakery and ice cream shop. Naturally, I walked over to buy breakfast!

Both these delectable creations featured a delicate buttery dough that nearly melted in my mouth. The edges were slightly crusty, which accentuates their bread-like flavor and provides a delightful counterpoint to the sweeter inner dough. The Cinnamon Danish (rear) was crowned with what we called a hard cinnamon crust when I was a child. The mixture of sugar, cinnamon, and butter was deliciously crispy and spicy-sweet. The Buttercrunch Danish (front) offered a crunchy sweet butter-sugar topping. Drizzles of icing, the perfect complement, finished off both these treats. Yum!

Thanks to everyone who sent me suggestions. I have more bakeries to visit and more treats to sample. Research for book three!

If you'd like to suggest a bakery, email me at terri@terrimaue.com

Thanks for reading! See you in May!

