

# Through the Power of Words

## September 2025 Terri Maue Newsletter



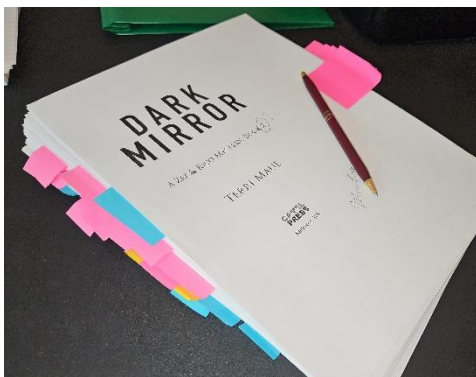
*Proofread carefully to see if you any words out. — Author Unknown*

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### It's Here!!

A couple of weeks ago, the publisher sent me an image of the cover for *Dark Mirror*. I love it! But I can't show it to you just yet. But I love it! It really captures the mood of the story. As soon as I get an image approved for sharing, I'll send it out. I love it! And I'm betting you will, too.

Getting the cover was a giant milestone on the road to publishing. The other giant millstone—I mean milestone—was proofing the interior. Three-hundred-eighteen pages, and I had to check every word, punctuation mark, and paragraph break.



See all those sticky notes? Each one marks a place I either found an error or wanted to check a point. It is a painstaking task, but worth it. I want nothing to detract from the story.

You deserve it.

I hope soon to have a release date in January for *Dark Mirror*. I'll keep you posted.

### Out and About ...

I enjoyed a great two weeks in Ohio last month, eating fantastic pastry—I mean, doing research, and visiting family and friends. So, I had no book signings. If you need a Terri fix, you can still see my interview with Judi Moreo on *What's Your Story?* We talked about *Knife Edge* and sequel *Dark Mirror*. We also got into martial arts, spirituality, and writing as a dance between my conscious and subconscious minds. So much fun!

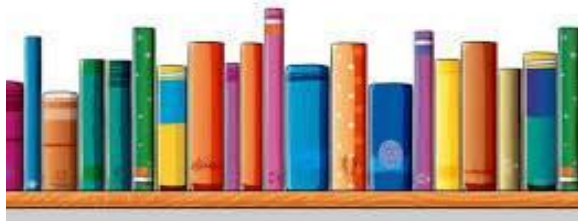


Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIoKZecpnM8>

## Where to Find Me

**October 18, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Las Vegas Book Festival.** This is Nevada's largest literary festival. It's a "day-long bazaar of books, authors, readings and workshops that are free and open to everyone." As of this writing, Wayne Turmel, Craig Higgins, and I are on the wait list. We hope to get a slot. I'll let you know. Whatever happens, plan to come out and enjoy this day of celebration for book lovers. Here's a link for more information <https://lasvegasbookfestival.com/>

**November 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Summerlin Book Fair, Presbyterian Mountain View Church, 8601 Del Webb Blvd, Las Vegas.



## Summerlin Book Fair

More than three dozen authors working in many genres will be signing their books. Watch for more information.

## **The Inside Scoop:**

Authors have their favorite parts of the writing process, and their least favorite parts. I love drafting—so creative! I love revising—even if it does mean my critique partners are pointing out my mistakes. I love editing—clearing out the underbrush, so the story shines. But I don't like proofreading.

It's tedious. It requires great concentration. It demands perseverance.

I was proud that in the entire book of *Knife Edge*, there was only one error. That was choosing the wrong spelling of a common name that can be spelled in different ways. In one instance, I spelled it the other way. A sharp-eyed reader notified me of that, and it was corrected in subsequent copies.

For *Dark Mirror*, I aimed for the same level of accuracy. (Oh, I'd like it to be perfect, but I'll give myself permission to make one mistake!) Most of what I found as I worked my way through the manuscript was minor, but annoying. Missing words, extra words, missing punctuation. But in at least two instances, I found embarrassing errors. One was somewhat subtle. The other was as glaringly wrong as a faked bloody fingerprint.

The crime of poor or absent proofreading is that the errors that slip in detract from the pleasure of reading the book. And I want to make sure the only crime that concerns the reader is the one I conjured up for them in the story. I hope I did that.

## **The Great Pastry Hunt: Fruit Tart**



The Italian Experience, Cincinnati, OH

My recent trip back east included ‘research’ stops at a number of wonderful bakeries and pastry shops. On one of our early forays, we ate lunch at The Italian Experience and bought an assortment of pastries to take home and enjoy later.

This lightly glazed fruit tart was spectacular way to end the day without loading my stomach with a heavy dessert. The blackberries were plump, the peaches were ripe, and the strawberries were juicy—all fruit at the height of their glory. The artful arrangement nestled atop a light creamy filling. I’m betting it was sweetened ricotta, a perfect silky complement to the fresh fruit. A soft, sugar-cookie-like cup served as the base for the whole treat. A cornucopia of flavors, I savored each bite.

I’m still researching bakery goods for Zee to eat. As you can tell, I take this job seriously! Email your suggestions to [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com). Maybe your choice will be featured in Book Three!

Thanks for reading!

See you in October!

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