

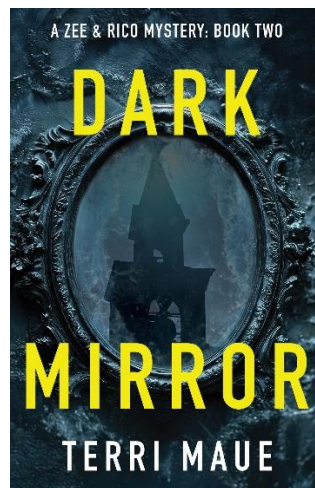
**Through the Power of Words**  
**April 2026 Terri Maue Newsletter**



*"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."  
Maya Angelou*

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**More Kudos for *Dark Mirror*!**



**My favorite murder mystery continues!**

After reading Knife Edge, I knew Terri Maue would put out another nail-biter and she didn't disappoint. The mystery this time is even more tangled and gnarled than it was in Knife Edge. There are tons of suspects and all of them have motive, which just makes it all the more fun trying to pin down who did it. This book was a

rollercoaster of emotion from start to finish and I was sad to see it end. I really could read endlessly about Zee, Rico, and the lovely Fontina.

Ratings and reviews are crucial to help bring *Dark Mirror* to the attention of more readers. Some astronomical number of books are released every day. If you enjoyed *Dark Mirror*, please rate and review it. Thanks!

## A Break in the Action

In March, I took a little break from the writer's life, to host my dearest Ohio friends, who came and stayed with my husband and me for two whole weeks.

I loved the history tour of the Neon Museum. Las Vegas is more than the mob; it played a fascinating role in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights. Here are several of my favorite signs.



Of course, I had to take my friends to a couple of bakeries! Here's one of my favorite goodies, a delicious dark chocolate cake mouse from Chef Flemming's Bakeshop on Water Street in Henderson. (More pastries in the Great Pastry Hunt section of the newsletter.)



All too soon, our friends had to go home, and I had to get back to the writer's life.

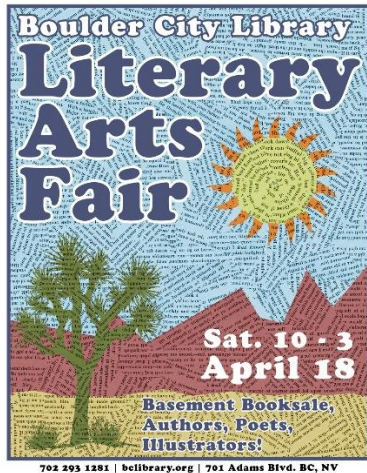
## Where to Find Me

**April 16, 1 p.m.:** *A Bookish Moment with Terri Maue | **Psychic Mysteries, Spiritual Secrets, and Small-Town Suspense.*** (Don't you just love that title?! No pressure there!)

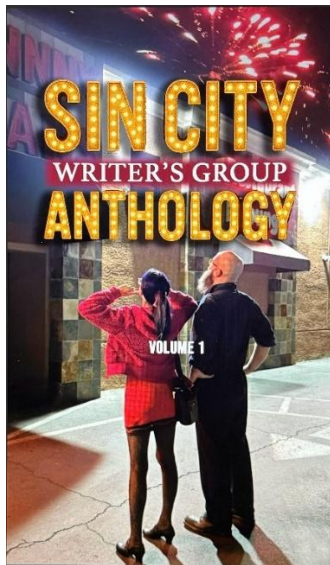


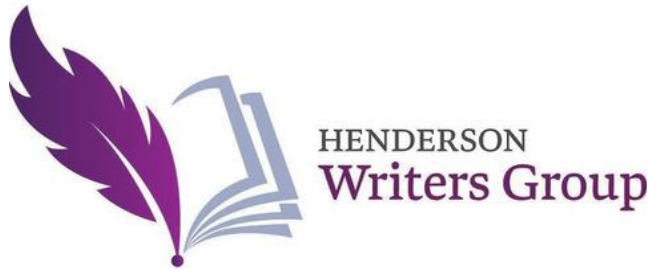
This is a 30-minute YouTube livestream interview series, with a Q&A opportunity for listeners. (I'm not nervous at all.) My timeslot is 1-1:30 pm. Here's the zoom link. <https://www.youtube.com/live/4Y6lqnRQPk8>

**April 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.:** **Boulder City Library Literary Arts Fair**, Boulder City Library, 701 Adams Boulevard, Boulder City, NV. I'll be signing *Knife Edge* and *Dark Mirror* with special bundle pricing.

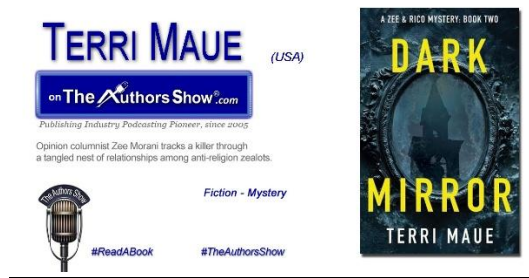


**April 19, 1-4 p.m.:** Copper Cat Bookstore, 1570 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson. I'll be participating in the launch party for the *Sin City Writer's Group Anthology*. Along with more than two dozen other writers, I have a story in there, titled "Something He's Always Wanted." (Hint: It's told from the POV of a dead guy.) I will also be signing *Knife Edge* and *Dark Mirror*. Come out and join the celebration!





**April 23-25: The Las Vegas Writers Conference, Sam's Town Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas.** I'm so excited! It's almost here! I'll be volunteering during all three days. There'll be workshops on writing, marketing, and publishing, networking opportunities, a raffle, one-on-one sessions with agents and editors, and of course a bookstore where you can get signed copies of *Knife Edge* and *Dark Mirror*. Register now at the website: <https://lasvegaswritersconference.com/>



**The Authors Show link:** Last month, I was featured in an interview on The Authors Show. Here's a link to the interview

<https://terrimaue.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Terri-Maue-Final.mp3>

## **The Inside Scoop:**

Writing a novel can be a slog, but sometimes it can give me a jolt! That happened last week, as I finished working on chapter 10 of *Blood Stone*. I had just written the final line in the chapter, when another line popped into my head.

One of the characters in the scene had a gun!

I hadn't planned that. Hadn't even played around with the idea. But there it was, and by now, I know better than to ignore a gift, even if I don't know where it's going or how it will work in the next scene. (Because you can't end a chapter with this kind of revelation and not pick it up first thing in the next chapter.)

So, I wrote the line. If my character wants a gun, then—at least for now—my character gets a gun.

Stay tuned.

## The Great Pastry Hunt: Strawberry and Lemon-Blueberry Pastries



Le Café du Val, 1550 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson

Strawberry lattice (left)

My first impression of this pastry is that it's so deliciously buttery, I almost don't care if there is fruit inside. The crust is slightly crisp, yet tender—just the way I like it. Inside, the pastry is dense, yet flaky. The strawberry filling adds a fresh tartness, and I change my mind; it perfectly complements the buttery goodness. The treat finishes with just a whisper of powdered sugar. So little, and yet the final sweetness is as satisfying as a kiss.

Lemon blueberry (right)

As with the strawberry lattice, this pastry is delightfully buttery. There is a slight crunch to the outer layer, but inside, tender parchment flakes remind me of a croissant. The lemon filling is thick and creamy, filling my mouth with a tart tang and setting me up for the splash of juicy fresh blueberry. The light dusting of powdered sugar adds a finishing touch of sweetness.

I'm still researching bakery goods for Zee to eat. Email your suggestions to [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com). Maybe your choice will be featured in a future book!

Thanks for reading!

See you in May!

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