

Through the Power of Words
January 2026 Terri Maue Newsletter



“It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else.”

Erma Bombeck

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***Dark Mirror* is here!**



Santa sent my author copies for Christmas. 😊 And as of today, January 14, this second Zee & Rico mystery has been released. I’m so thrilled to have this one out in the world. Thanks for your patience as I worked to create it.

In *Dark Mirror*, Zee investigates a volatile anti-religion group that may be the hiding place of a killer, while she and Rico struggle to find surer footing in their

relationship, and Fontina faces a spiritual crisis. Shelby is back, with more pithy, snarky advice and guidance. And you'll reconnect with other favorites, the barista Miranda and crusty Lieutenant Bernstow.

Old friends, a comfy blanket, a cup of tea, and a murder—what better way to spend a chilly January night. Check below to see where I'll be signing, and grab your copy.

Where to Find Me

January 24, Clark County Library Authors & Artists Fair, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas. I'll be joining many authors and artists at this fantastic event. It features workshops, panel discussions, art demonstrations, chapter readings, a Chalk Art Corner and Artists Marketplace. More info at <https://events.thelibrarydistrict.org/event/15368059>

Here's my schedule:

- **10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** I will be signing *Dark Mirror* and *Knife Edge* at my own table in the theatre lobby.
- **2:30-3:20 p.m.** I will present a workshop, *Getting From Yawn to Yikes! Tension & Pacing in Storytelling*. Join me for a fun, interactive time in the Blau Theatre.
- **3:30-4:30 p.m.** I'll be signing *Dark Mirror* and *Knife Edge*, this time with my colleagues at the Sin City Writers Table.

February 21, 1-4 p.m. Copper Cat Books, 1570 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson, NV. Join me for the official launch party—and my birthday celebration.

And hey, I have some new swag to celebrate the new book!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

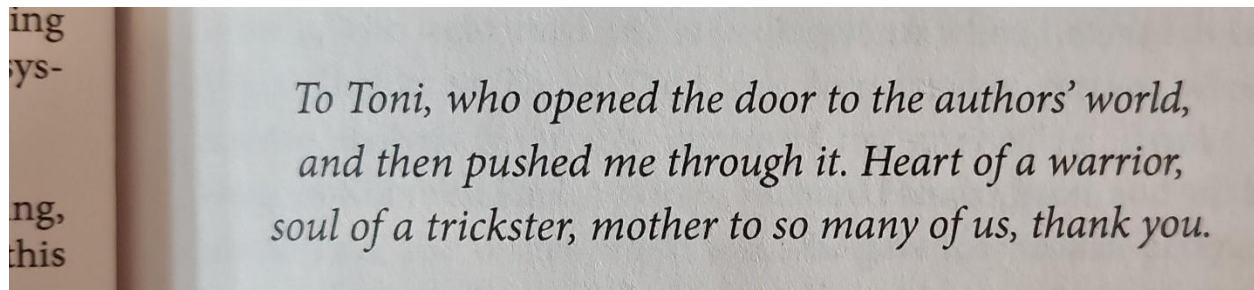
Are you like me, with a dream to write a book?

Last chance for Early Bird Pricing!

The 23d Las Vegas Writers Conference April 23-25, at Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall, Las Vegas. Register *by January 15 for early bird savings*. Choose from dozens of workshops on writing, marketing, and publishing. Sign up for one-on-one pitches and blue-pencil sessions. Mingle with agents, publishers, and other writers. All meals are included. Even at the regular price, it's a great deal, but **why not save \$50 and register today**. Register at the website: <https://lasvegaswritersconference.com/>

The Inside Scoop:

Many of you might not know that when I moved to Las Vegas in 2016, I had a dream to publish a mystery novel. I can honestly say that I don't know if that would have ever happened had it not been for Toni Pacini and the Sin City Writers Group. Toni was here to celebrate the publication of *Knife Edge* in 2023, and I never expected that she wouldn't be here to celebrate *Dark Mirror*. Life had other plans. I dedicated *Dark Mirror* to Toni, to include her in my joy at publishing book two of the Zee & Rico series.



When I met Toni, she told me she was an atheist, and a rather staunch one at that. However, over the time I knew her, she softened that stance, finally telling me she was more of an agnostic. Neither of those positions was particularly important to me, but I can't help thinking she would get a kick out of a book in which religious intolerance and fanaticism play such a part.

So, here's to you, Toni. Wherever you are, I know you're smiling.

The Great Pastry Hunt: Cinnamon Chip Scone

Sprouts Bakery, Las Vegas



I love scones for breakfast. They are lightly sweet and complement my favorite Gouda cheese and rich coffee.

I bite into this one and pause to savor the delicate crust. It crunches lightly between my teeth, before yielding its guarded treasure of tender, crumbly pastry. The buttery crumbs remind me of a rich muffin, but they boast the slightly denser, less cake-like composition that I prefer.

I am delightfully surprised to discover the pastry is infused throughout with cinnamon, but I am even more pleased to crunch into the ‘chips.’ Sprinkled liberally throughout the scone, the tiny nuggets of cinnamon-sugar provide a burst of intense spicey sweetness. A bit like streusel, just not concentrated as a topping, but present in every bite. A drizzle of frosting adds the perfect sugary counterpoint.

Enamored, I half-chew, half-let-it-all-melt in my mouth, a most satisfying start to my day.

I’m still researching bakery goods for Zee to eat. Email your suggestions to terri@terrimaue.com. Maybe your choice will be featured in a future book!

Thanks for reading!

See you in February!

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