



Dear Friends and Readers,

This is just a brief note to catch folks up on what's happening in Zinnia-land. I have the new cover for BONE APPETIT, which is posted on my Facebook account. My Brilliant Assistant (BA for short) Priya has put it up for me, so you can see it in all of its pink greatness. Or she may be able to put it in this newsletter! It's like Christmas, I'll just wait until she posts this and see what the surprise is.

Things are moving on the DELTA BLUES anthology. We're working with the Mississippi Writers Guild and Rock River Foundation to sponsor a high school fiction contest involving students from the Mississippi Delta. The six winning stories will be printed by Tyrus Books in a small chapbook and sold for \$1 at the launch event (March 27) with all proceeds going to Rock River to support literacy.

A local Mississippi author is allowing us to use her artwork for the cover, and just as soon as I am positive this is all worked out, I'll announce her name.

The animals are doing pretty good. Coal Shaft Haines is at the vet with a bladder issue, but the prognosis is great. Miss Scrapiron has mastitis. At 32, I have no idea how she got her teats irritated. Sounds like something that Sarah Booth, Tinkie and Jitty need to address, doesn't it?

For those interested, I'm blogging Friday the 13th (gotta love this day!) at www.southernauthors.blogspot.com on A Good Blog is Hard to Find. Lots of interesting voices there.

We have put up our animal rescue website in an effort to try to place stray animals. It's www.goodfortunefarmrefuge.org. This website is open to anyone who picks up a stray and wants to find a good home for it. **This will only work if you guys spread the word about it.**

Anyone can post a photo and story. *I'd love it if you could write the story from the pet's point of view. Gives you a chance to be creative!* The person who has the pet will be the contact person. As much as I would love to take in every stray in the world, I am overwhelmed -- and everyone else I know is, too. So I'm hoping this will be helpful. Individuals, rescues -- anyone can post.

I have to give a nod of thanks to my friend, Aleta



Coming out July 2010!



Coming to the Launch Party?
March 27, 2010!



Merle Haggard (cat) and Sorrow (dog) commune in bliss



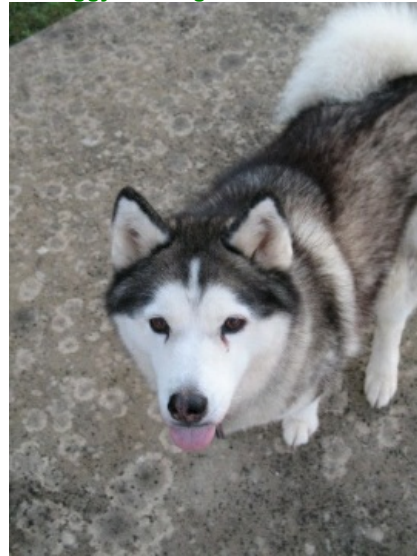
Boudreaux, who is working with the site. I'm not very good with this kind of thing, and she has the smarts and patience to deal with technology and design. I can barely address an envelope and make it look neat.



Foggy morning at Casa Caroline

I'm working on the synopsis for CHARMED BONES, which I think will be set in Natchez. Mississippi has such wonderful and unique towns.

Oh, yeah, we've started a Facebook page for students/former students of the fiction classes at the University of South Alabama (USA Fiction Writing). Some of my students are doing really interesting things, so please stop by and check it out. Also we'll be posting publishing industry news, info about writing, workshops, contests, and other things of interest to writer-types.



Zelda can't help being beautiful.

And that's all the news that's fit to print this November. I hope you all have a happy Turkey Day.

Now I'm craving pumpkin pie. Homemade crust. Thick pumpkin-type custard. A dollop of real whipped cream. Yum-yum!

Best,
Carolyn

P.S. Both Sarah Booth and Tinkie have beloved dogs. Name them. Can you? If you haven't already submitted the answer, now is the time to e-mail to BonesTrivia@yahoo.com

We are in the tenth and final round of the Bones Trivia Contest! A random drawing will select the winner, who will then receive a signed copy of GREEDY BONES. Best of luck!

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