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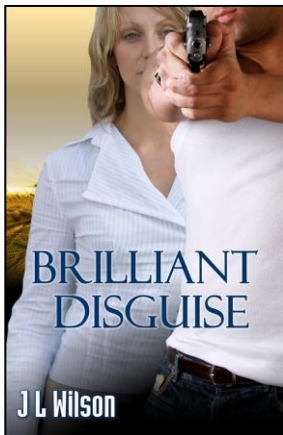
Bits and Tidbits about the Publishing Process

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What's Happening?

It's all about the farm this month, as you can tell by my newsletter banner. Why? Because two of my hometown book release this month, that's why!



Brilliant Disguise is out in download format right now (and right here – <http://tinyurl.com/6o2kf3>.)

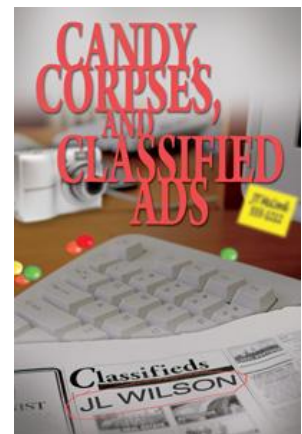
This book is somewhat set in my hometown – I changed some of the locations, but it's all about Iowa and living in a small town. What happens when an undercover FBI agent gets to a small Iowa town and finds out his so-called 'disguise' isn't fooling anyone?

That's what happens to Nick Baxter. He's been sent to New Providence, Iowa, to meet Shannon Delgardie, a widow whose late husband left her a legacy of blackmail, lies, and treason. What Nick doesn't know is Shannon's father was a CIA operative, and she has all kinds of friends in the intelligence community as well as the hacker community who are willing to help her.

Shannon needs all the help she can get. The men her late husband blackmailed are closing in and the FBI might be involved. When Nick approaches her, can she trust him? With the aid of computer hackers and hair stylists, she uncovers the truth, finding a love she never expected in a tiny Iowa town.

I had a LOT of fun writing this book, and I hope people have as much fun reading it. The book comes out in download now and will be in print in three months.

And at the end of August ... FINALLY! The Pig Book (*Candy, Corpses & Classified Ads*) comes out in print! It's available initially at the Wild Rose web site (<http://www.thewildrosepress.com>) and after the first month, it will be available at Amazon, etc. I can't tell you how happy I am that this book is finally getting out in print. It was the first book I contracted back in 2006 but it's just now seeing the shelves (and if you've been reading this newsletter, you know all about the publisher folding, finding a new publisher, and all of that). So finally – the Pig Book is released!



In Other News

This is another long story I won't get into, but I asked for my romantic suspense book back from Cerridwen and we had an amicable parting of the ways. I did this for several reasons: I was worried it wouldn't release in a timely fashion, the characters in *Brilliant Disguise* are also in the book Cerridwen had, I have a follow-on book with those same characters ... anyway, I submitted the book to Resplendence, and it is now on the desk of my RP publisher. So fingers crossed it will find a new home, and soon.



I got first-round (and hopefully last-round) edits from my editor for *Human Touch* (my paranormal/other planet story) and that spurred me to start writing the second book in the series. I'm going great guns on that. In fact, I'm going so fast, I may go ahead and write the third and final book in the series. A storyline cropped up in the second book that made me re-think how I wanted the third book to play out, so I may just do

both of them, submit them and my final edits, and wrap up that series. It won't begin to release until next year, but it would be nice to have it wrapped up.

Well, it's not wrapped, of course. There're four books that *precede* those three that I'd love to get around to editing some day. They're on my "Big List of Things To Do," and I hope to get to those next year.

What's Next

September is going to be busy busy busy -- here are a few of the highlights:

- ✓ I'm having a book talk at my local writer's meeting. This will be the first time I've done a signing and talk for one of my books, so I'm excited. I'll be featuring the Pig Book, and I'm also going to be part of a panel discussion talking about small press publishers. So that's going to be fun.
- ✓ In September I've got my usual "go to the casino and plot books" retreat scheduled with several friends. I'm not sure yet which books I want to plot ... I may do some more work on the Oz book, or I may work on the third book in that series, which I have only the germ of an idea for. But I'm sure I'll need plot help, and those ladies are the ones to give it.
- ✓ After my casino break, I've got a one-day workshop hosted by my local writing chapter featuring Donald Maass, who is a hotshot New York agent. I'm looking forward to it because he has a good reputation as an excellent speaker. I hope I learn something.
- ✓ And then, finally - Vacation! At the end of September I'll be taking my usual "week away from it all." And by then I'll need it because October is looking almost as busy. I need to rest up and get ready for it.

I'll update you next month on how the book signing/panel goes, and how promo is going for *Brilliant Disguise*. And don't forget to mark your calendars for August 29 and Pig Release Day!

