

Kaki's e-Newsletter

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A light-hearted e-newsletter designed with my fans, fellow authors, and anyone thinking about writing someday, in mind. I'll be chronicling what it's like to promote my books (eek!), providing tips on how I got published (finally!), and keeping you posted on how I'm surviving as a published author.

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Hello Everyone!

October Book Giveaway! I'm giving away a signed copy of *Open Country* this month. Woohoo! All you have to do to is leave a comment on my blog between now and October 10th and I'll draw a winner at random on the 11th. Be sure to check back to see if you've won! Go to kakiwarner.wordpress.com to post your comment. Good luck!

In other news, summer is over, the kids are back in school, hunters are cruising the back roads, and the leaves are turning. Thank Gawd.

It's been a hellacious summer—very good, very busy. The kitchen is done, the house now has a new foundation—mostly—the trench down the driveway is filled in, AND we have a new fabulous grandson, AND power! YEA! (Hear that hum? I'm running five appliances even as we speak—HA!)

And I finally got Book 1 of the new series to my editor. First books of a trilogy or series are really tough because in addition to developing the main characters, you have to fill in the setting used throughout, introduce characters that will show up in the following books—especially the leads—and you have to put in all sorts of “plants” to follow up on in the books to come. I also set myself up for a lot more research in these books than I had to do in *The Blood Rose Trilogy* about the Wilkins clan. Granted, in those first books, some of the plot points were based on fact—the War with Mexico of 1848, the land grant issues, railroad expansion, the move from silver to the gold standard, the horse flu, the weapons of mass destruction being developed during and after the Civil War, and all that icky childbirth and medical stuff. Oh yeah, and nuns. We can never learn too much about nuns, right? And bears.

But this new series will be a little more involved: In the first book of the new series, I've had to research Cheyenne Dog Soldiers, water witching, conflicts between the US Calvary and the plains Indians, the Reconstruction in the South, T.B. (consumption) and its treatment, phobias, and of course, condoms. (Did you know they were invented in the 1850s by none other than Charles Goodyear and were actually made of rubber? Ew. Do you suppose that's where that expression, “laying rubber” came from?)

This new series will also differ from the saga of the Wilkins brothers in

The Blood Rose Trilogy?

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that this one focuses on four women who meet on a train—all heading west to start new lives, and who get a little more than they bargained for in a broken down, dying mining town in the mountains of Colorado. The first book, *Heartbreak Creek*, will be out in July 2011 and details the misadventures of a Southern mail order bride. It's sorta funny. (Note for the tender-hearted: Only one person we meet gets killed...on scene, so to speak...and he deserved it. And that lady. She sorta deserved it, too. Oh yeah, and there's lots of dead cows and chickens, but what do you expect in an Indian raid? Be assured that the dog and horses are fine.) They've already done the cover for *Heartbreak Creek* and it's gorgeous! I'll be posting it to my website, so check back soon to see it.

So now I'm researching British Military uniforms for the 10th Hussars and the Rifle Brigade, tintypes, expeditionary photography and post-Civil War photographic processes, the Snider-Enfield rifle vs. the 1866 Winchester repeater, the English peerage, and wall-eyes (in people, not fish). Oh, yeah. And the Scottish dialect. And poke salet.

Meanwhile, as a treat for all our hard work, McGyver (a.k.a. my husband – the original duck-tape-and-baling-wire-kid) and I are accompanied the stinky coon hound up into Banff and Jasper on a road trip. Beautiful country! And coming soon, GUESS WHAT? Another grandbaby! A girl! Red-headed, blue-eyed and gorgeous like her sisters, I bet. And then promotion starts on the “stunning conclusion” to the Blood Rose Trilogy, *Chasing the Sun*, Jack's story. And it includes “our” epilogue, no less!!!

Man. The fun just never stops, does it?

As always, thanks for your support and happy reading!

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Reviews of Open Country

“Warner earned readers’ respect as a strong western writer with her debut, the first book in the Blood Rose Trilogy. With the second, she cements that reputation. Her powerful prose, realistic details, and memorable characters all add up to a compelling, emotionally intense read.” —Romantic Times Magazine

“A+ Nearly perfect; a keeper!” – [Once Upon a Chapter](#)

“I really like the characters in this book...a thoroughly enjoyable read.” —Top Pick [Night Owl Reviews](#)

“...a remarkably polished book...an author to watch.” –[AAR Reviews](#)

“Open Country is everything I love in a good book...this is one

author I can highly recommend!”—[CKs Kwips & Critiques](#)

“...vivid imagery...a beautifully spun tale that will leave readers satisfied, yet yearning for Jack’s story.” —Top Pick [Historical Romance Releases/The Season](#)

“...a wonderful historical tale starring a strong ensemble cast...a superb Reconstruction Era romance.” —Harriet Klausner, [Genre Go Round Reviews](#)

“Open Country is as good as Pieces of Sky.”
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“Hank Wilkins is one of the most compelling, keep you up at night wishing he was yours, hero I’ve read in a long time...I liked Brady in Pieces of Sky, but he paled to Hank’s character in Open Country.”
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