

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 first book, providing tips on how I got published (finally!), and keeping you posted on how I'm surviving my first year as a published author.

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Open Country!
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Congratulations to the April [Open Country](#) book giveaway winners, Quilt Lady and Denise! They'll be receiving their advance copies in the next week or so.

And thanks to everyone who responded to the epilogue question last month. There were many wonderful responses and lots of great ideas on how I could keep the door open for other books, yet still let the readers know what happens to the Wilkins family by the turn of the century. I'll let you know what my editor decides. (And if she says no, I can always post something on my website, but don't tell her).

Meanwhile, it's getting cloooose to launch day for [Open Country](#). June 1st is less than a month away! Already advance reviews are coming in, and so far, the buzz has been good. See below for a look at some of the best. Overall, I love this book and these characters, (and of course Brady had to put in his two cents, and Jessica had a hard time of...well, nevermind. You'll see). So I'm thrilled and gratified that reviewers are giving it good marks. I hope you like it too. Let me know.

Meanwhile, the grandbabies-to-be are growing fast, the moms are getting their energy back, and the dads are getting nervous. Our son finds out around the middle of this month if it'll be a Cletus or Doritas-The-Fetus (aka...a little boy or little girl). A win-win. After two daughters they already have all the girl stuff (and princess dolls) they could ever need. If it's a boy, it'll be a whole new thing. Our daughter knows she's having a boy (not Cletus, but Bubba, remember) and they're already planning their 2015 trip to Disney World.

Oddly enough, they're not clamoring for my husband and I to go with them. What? And miss the sweaty crowds and horking rides and being accosted by some giant mouse prancing around on its hind legs and wearing gloves like my grandmother wore to

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church? At least he doesn't wear sling-back pumps. And am I the only one who wonders why anyone would think a six-and-a-half foot tall, balloon-headed, grinning rodent would be a treat for little kids? Heck, why not just lock them in a room with a couple of clowns and some French mimes wearing white face paint and see how many serial killers we can make.

Hmmm...I think I see why we aren't invited. (And how did I get so far off track?) Oh, well. Maybe it's a curmudgeon thing.

At any rate, spring has sprung in the valley. The snow is finally gone and the robins have arrived. Yellow mountain balsams are blooming on the slopes, the sprouting alfalfa fields are loaded with deer, and the ponderosa pines resound with the songs of meadowlarks, red-winged blackbirds, American goldfinches and those nasty blue jays. Chipmunks have already induced the stinky coonhound to dismantle our outdoor fireplace and rockeries, the cat is staying out all night—we don't ask why—and I'm busily at work on Book 1 of the next series.

It's a good life. I wish the same for you.

Now go order [Open Country](#). You'll be glad you did. Me, too.

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What Reviewers Are Saying

Preliminary industry reviews have started coming in and so far, they look good!

"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

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

"...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.”
—[readsbookswritespoetry.blogspot.com](#)

“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.”
— [loveromancesandmore.blogspot.com](#)

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