



As the Author Learns

Bits & bites about publishing & writing from

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What's Happening?

Happy New Year. Here are in 2018, and guess what --it's book release time!

Book Three of the Remembered Classics series is out and ready for your reading pleasure. You can go here to read about the book: http://bit.ly/flyer_book or you can go here to buy it from Amazon: http://bit.ly/flyer_amz.

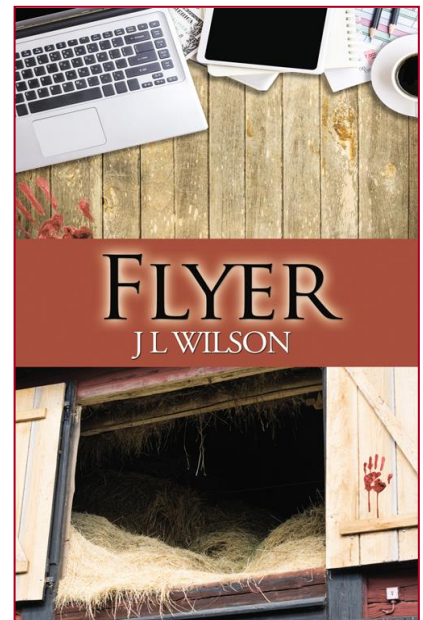
This is my Peter Pan book, in which Wendy Davis returns to her hometown, where her mother has recently died. A big part of Wendy's childhood were the Lost Boys: a bunch of guys who hung out at Wendy's house with her and her brothers.

One of the Lost Boys was Tom Bell (T.K. Bell). Wendy and Tom were involved when they were in high school, but they drifted apart. Now Tom is back in town and the Lost Boys are getting together again because of the upcoming funeral.

Another Lost Boy was Peter, who everyone thought had drowned back in high school. But Tom has another theory about what happened on that fateful night, when Peter supposedly jumped out of the barn at the house where they were having a graduation party. That theory might just get Wendy and Tom killed.

I had to be very careful when I wrote this book because of copyright issues. I made sure to use only characters and plot points from the published book, not anything created by Disney. The Peter Pan story isn't really a carefree, happy tale, at least not in the book, and that's the mood I tried to create in this novel. It's a story of our past and how that affects our future, and how our memories aren't always exactly what we thought.

As always, I created a fictional town but (as always) there are elements of my own home town, too. I enjoyed creating a group of Lost Boys, and envisioning Bell and Wendy, rediscovering each other after their absence. I hope you enjoy it, too!



In Other News

I took a chunk of time in January to get some business stuff out of the way. Do you remember when I said I bought a shiny new notebook to set up some goals and plans for myself?

Well, I sat down and I accomplished one of the big ones. I started working on my literary estate--how to manage things after I'm gone. I know of a couple of authors who recently died, and there was a bit of a mess around what to do with unpublished manuscripts, their web site and other things. That made me realize that I don't have a lot written down about what I do and how I do it.

I took a few days and I laid out where my manuscripts are, who has the rights to what, who to contact if something happens to me, info about my web site--sort of a brain dump of what I do and how I do it.

I feel so much better for doing it! It's a huge weight off my shoulders knowing that I have documented the information for those who might need it. I'm not a best-selling author by any means, but I just don't want to leave a mess behind. I have everything else organized with my estate, so it was time to get the literary part of it in order. Now I can cross that off my list, and just keep things updated on a regular basis.

Whew.

In other business news, I sent in my manuscript for my Robin Hood book to my editor and she accepted it -- I'll begin edits for that in a few weeks. I wasn't sure if she'd like it or not. The plot twist at the end is a bit tricky, and it's not your usual mystery. In fact, you're not even sure if there's a dead body or not until you get into the book.

But she loved it and I hope to have it release later this year. No matter how many times I submit a book, I always worry!



What's Next?

I have some medical things coming up that are going to take up a lot of time. I'm having hip replacement surgery in a week or so. I've struggled with hip pain for years and the doctor finally decided that there was no reason to postpone the inevitable. I hope to be up and dancing before you know it 😊

I have to say, the medical establishment is quite amazing. I seldom have cause to interact with medical folks because I'm really pretty healthy. So this is the first time I had all the tests, and the appointments and the evaluations. The people I'm working with are very organized, but it's still bewildering at times and a bit scary. I can only imagine how it must be for someone who's seriously ill.

Well, here's hoping this is my only interaction with Big Med. I'll get this hip thing done and before you know it, I'll be at my desk, writing again -- I hope!