



## As the Author Learns

*Bits & bites about publishing & writing  
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### What's Happening?

Welcome to 2020! It's time for my annual Privacy Policy review, so here it is:

I send my newsletter to people who requested it, either by giving me their email address or by signing up via Yahoo in my Yahoo group. Well, Yahoo has discontinued the Groups functionality, so now if you were a member of that group, you'll get a notice that my newsletter is posted on my web site. You won't get a copy of the newsletter. If my personal email is hacked, I'll do what I can to prevent anyone getting your email address. My website is part of my blog on Google and as such it uses Google's privacy policies.

If you don't want to hear from me, send me an email and I'll remove your name either from my email list or my group. Okay, now that we have that done, let's get on to fun stuff.

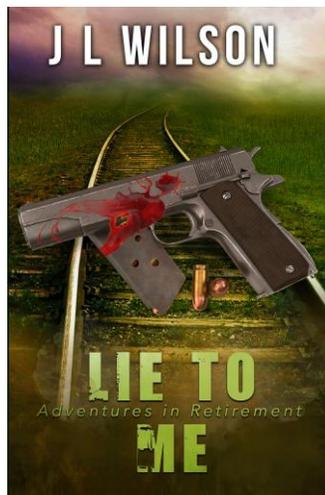
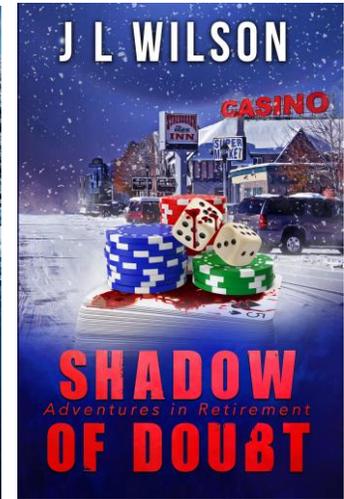
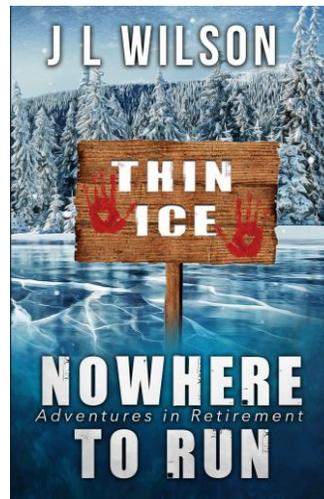
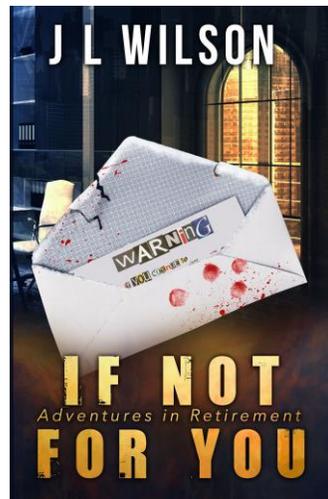
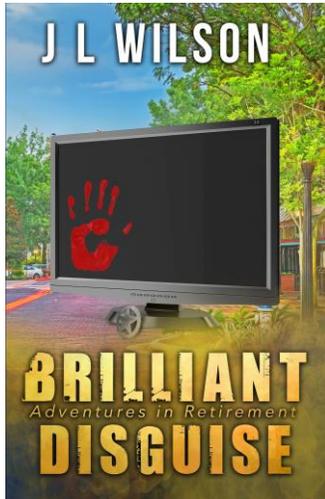
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A lot is happening! I did a review of those five books that were returned to me from my publisher *and* I have them ready to release, covers and all. I think I'll release them initially in digital format then I'll put them into print this summer.

The only reason to delay is because I need to learn a new system to put them into print -- I can't do it all through one distributor. It probably won't be hard to do, but it's just one more thing that will distract me from the writing I want to accomplish.

I've grouped the five books into a series, so when I did a bit of rewriting, I linked them all together by adding a line or two here and there that links to previous characters. I'm calling the series "Adventures in Retirement" because all of the main characters are either facing retirement (forced or otherwise) or the main characters are already retired.

It took a bit of back and forth with a cover artist to get the look I was going for. I'm pleased with how it all turned out -- take a peek at the new covers.



My old covers were okay, but I like the unified look of these new ones. Each one features a key element from the book, which is something the old covers didn't have.

I'll probably publish these as individual books then make a special price to buy them all in a set. That means more research for me to do because I've never done a set of books. That's something I'll have to figure out.

But for now -- they're done. I'll probably release them this spring. Right now, I'm hoping to release them all in April in digital format then perhaps in print later in the year.

## In Other News

I signed a new contract with my publisher for my Beauty & the Beast story. *Mazed* is the story of the landscape designer who was injured in an acid attack. I wrote that one in the spring last year and submitted it in December. No release date yet, but I'll be starting edits soon.

I also finished another book. I wrote a third book for the Celestial Service series. Those books are the precursor to the Endless American Dream books, and I wanted that to be a trilogy. So in January and part of February of this year, I wrote *Protect Her*, to go with *Save Her* and *Help Her*. Yes, I've been busy!

## What's Next?

On to reviewing my Endless American Dream Series! Yes, I'm going to sit down and re-read all nine books and maybe--just maybe--start work on the 10<sup>th</sup> book. I want to make sure to tie in the Celestial Service to all the books, too. The end might be in sight for the Endless American Dream Series -- whooh!