



Welcome to the Happy Scribbler's Newsletter

Greetings...I trust you enjoy my newsletter. Sign up for it on my website, or read it here:
<http://www.authorsden.com/susancookjahme>

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New Broom Sweeps Clean!

The beauty of January is that as of the dawning of the New Year I know I have 360 days to get all the "things to do" on my long check-list accomplished and crossed off at a leisurely pace. I've re-organized my desk, set my goals and reluctantly cleared out the article cuttings and stories I've hoarded over the past year that were written by other people I admire, (you know, the interesting pieces you feel you could use...with a little adjusting... in an article or story of your own.)

Now I know I must stop talking about the new poetry anthology I've been wishing would just appear exquisitely composed, edited

and published, - beautifully bound in an eye-catching front cover, with great reviews about the delightful author plastered all over the back-cover, enticing avid book-lovers to read in awe and rush to purchase every book published by none other than the biggest publisher known. Leaving all book-store shelves carrying my masterpiece empty in an instant!

Depending on how my fans shop, of course, there could be congestion on the internet causing computer screens to hang because of avid readers clamoring to purchase my latest travel E-Book, (professional photo's included) on my last visit to some distant

land with unpronounceable names of exotic locations that everyone dreams of visiting.

As for the fantasy I've been nursing in the clouded cradle of my subconscious for the past two years and has not even had the chance to be seen in black and white as a draft, let alone book form...well, it's time to do something about it I guess...if only the daily house-work did not take precedence to my elusive modern fairy tale, (which of course would beat the socks off anything J. K. Rowling ever wrote.)



Whispering Cape Winds

Outside...

*The whispering winds
Interlock their breath
In vaporous plasma,
With giggling sea-sprites,
Dancing over rolling
Moon-lit wavelets
That constantly fawn...
Bowing and scraping,
Incessantly tugging,
At pale petticoated
sands...*

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My Secret Addiction Finally Exposed:

Now I have to admit to a slight addiction which I feel that once revealed and publicly shared, shall somehow desist...it is my absolute downfall and causes great time wasting and procrastination, so here goes, I shall let the cat out of the bag...I cannot stop myself from internet surfing! The worst part is when I find an interesting site, I sign up and then feel compelled to spend the next morning from 4.30 am going to each and every "favorite" site, signing in and Spending the best part of three hours...or more, as a voyeur, absorbing different writers, photographers and artists talents. Suddenly I look at my watch and realize its way past break-fast and I'm still in my pajamas, (well actually, it's not looking at my watch that sets the alert, it's usually a large, grumbling husband that wants to be fed bacon and eggs!)

So how do I make myself refrain from such wicked pleasure? Well, I've made yet another list and wrote alongside each web address what each site could do for me as far as publicity is concerned. Much to my surprise, it slowly dawned upon me that I do not need hundreds of sites to submit my work to. If I concentrate on a good personal web-site where I can direct people to via an URL copied and pasted in my e-mails, newsletters and Blog, I can do away with the surfing addiction and get on with the real job of being creative. (Wow...my light-bulb moment, AHAH!) Why didn't I figure that out for myself months ago?

Which brings me to my latest venture; I am officially a Blogger now!

<http://happy-scribbler.blogspot.com>

For those still in ignorance of this vanity, a blogger is someone who keeps an on-line journal or diary. Blogs are web-sites that can be used for just about anything. I shall be posting articles, stories, links and poetry here as I intend to slowly withdraw from Authorsden as sadly I cannot keep up the quarterly membership payments. People who have known me through the Den since September 2002 will know that I was once a gold member with all the privileges and a big photo of myself on my front page. Due to fees being put up by the Brass that own and run this site I have now hit rock-bottom and live on the sidewalks of bronze membership, (with a very little photo of myself)...so I am not sure how much longer I shall be able to cling to the edge of this membership before finally breaking ties...and putting the stop on the automatic three monthly payments on my credit card. Then I shall sadly return as a reader and not a member...

Watch this spot ...I shall write about it in my Blog!

Visit Me On The Web...

But not to despair as you can all visit me on my new site:

<http://www.authorszone.com/happy-scribbler>

(P.S. thanks Tweety for recommending this free site, I am most grateful for your never ending good advice.)

In a past newsletter I recommended people popped in to:

<http://www.cafepress.com/susancookjahme>

As this is where you will find my anthology of poetry
"African Dust on the Soles of My Feet"

It has been well received and I am proud to say that many people have written to say they enjoyed reading about the animals, people places, flora, and fauna of my continent, Africa.

There is also a newsletter facility on this site where you can sign up!

<http://www.southafricanartists.com/home/Sukie>

Last, but not least, I am proud to say that I am now a member of the prestigious South African Artists web site where well known artists from the region sell and display their paintings, photo's, graphics, textiles, sculptures and crafts. Please take time out to take a look at my paintings, photos and illustrations:

(Don't forget to leave a message telling me what you think of my work as I love feedback!)



Here are some interesting Websites to visit:

www.InkTip.com

InkTip.com is the fastest and easiest way to get your screenplays more exposure. Averages of 3 writers sell/option their scripts or get work every week.

www.writelink.co.uk

Great writing community based in U.K. (They claim to be the best in the world, but many other sites do too) however I feel it's a site well worth visiting.

<http://futureme.org/>

Try this out...its fun! You

can e-mail yourself in the future. I have just done this, asking "me" if I have completed the book I promised to finish in 2006.

<http://www.WritersPortal.com>

This is the perfect place to start a writer's day. Browse the latest journalism and publishing news; find the right words to use in the Word Power section; search dictionaries, research with the hottest encyclopaedias and reference tools.

<http://www.PublishYourOwnEbooks.com>

PUBLISH YOUR OWN EBOOKS -How do you get from a great idea to a profitable e-book? Find out how to write it, which software to use, how to promote and sell your e-Book. All the help you need at one convenient site.

Moon's Promise to the San

Sweet yellow moon,

Your full face

Reflects down

On still ponds

Turning them

To liquid gold,

Clasping lilies

In treacle hold

Of fluorescent joy

Mingling of young & old,

You wax and wane

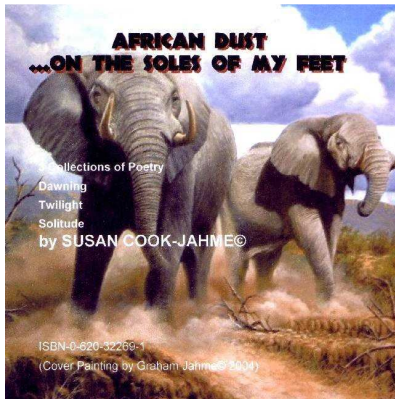
With your continued promise

To the people of San,

Of all life's tomorrows.

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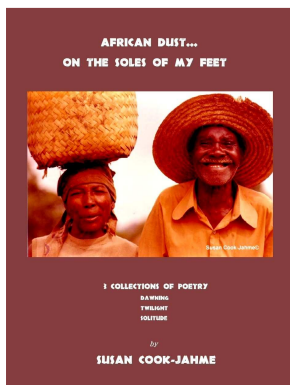
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<http://write4kids.com/collect.html>

An online e-zine from Children's Book Insider, the newsletter for children's writers – this is a great site and I find their newsletter full of useful tips and contacts.

<http://www.worldwidefreelance.com>

If you are a freelance writer, take a look at this site for International jobs.

It is really a useful source and the newsletter is full of great tips and advice.

<http://www.rhymezone.com/>

For poetry writers who want to rhyme words and a stuck...try this site out as it has a rhyming dictionary and is a fast fix to the blank spot on your page where the "rhyme don't chime"!

<http://wdo.Writing.Com>

Online community for writers. Membership includes a writing portfolio & great meeting place for friends.

Finally, a place to subscribe to this newsletter

Over the past years spam has become a way of life and we all have our firewalls and anti-spam filters set up to their maximum, which is absolutely understanding.

However, for a newsletter writer it can be somewhat annoying when there are numerous subscribers who forget to enable the Newsletter e-mail source as friendly, or in some cases inform their ISP provider that a certain little birdie is going to send them a monthly bundle in the form of a newsletter, (full of gems of wisdom...of course!)

The Newsletter is duly sent out over the Internet and hey-presto! The Newsletter writer's mail box is jammed packed pull of bounced mail...oh happy day, the Newsletter writer wonders why he or she even bothers.

I have found a facility www.zinester.com that is

the answer to the Newsletter Writer's problems. One sets up an account with them where people subscribe to the Newsletter Writer's letters via them and they handle all the "bouncing stuff". So, from now on...those of you who are interested, please sign up to

[Happy Scribbler's
Newsletter Here](#)

Well, until next time,

Keep up the writing!

Susan

**"Once you make a
decision,
the universe conspires
to make it Happen"
(anon)**