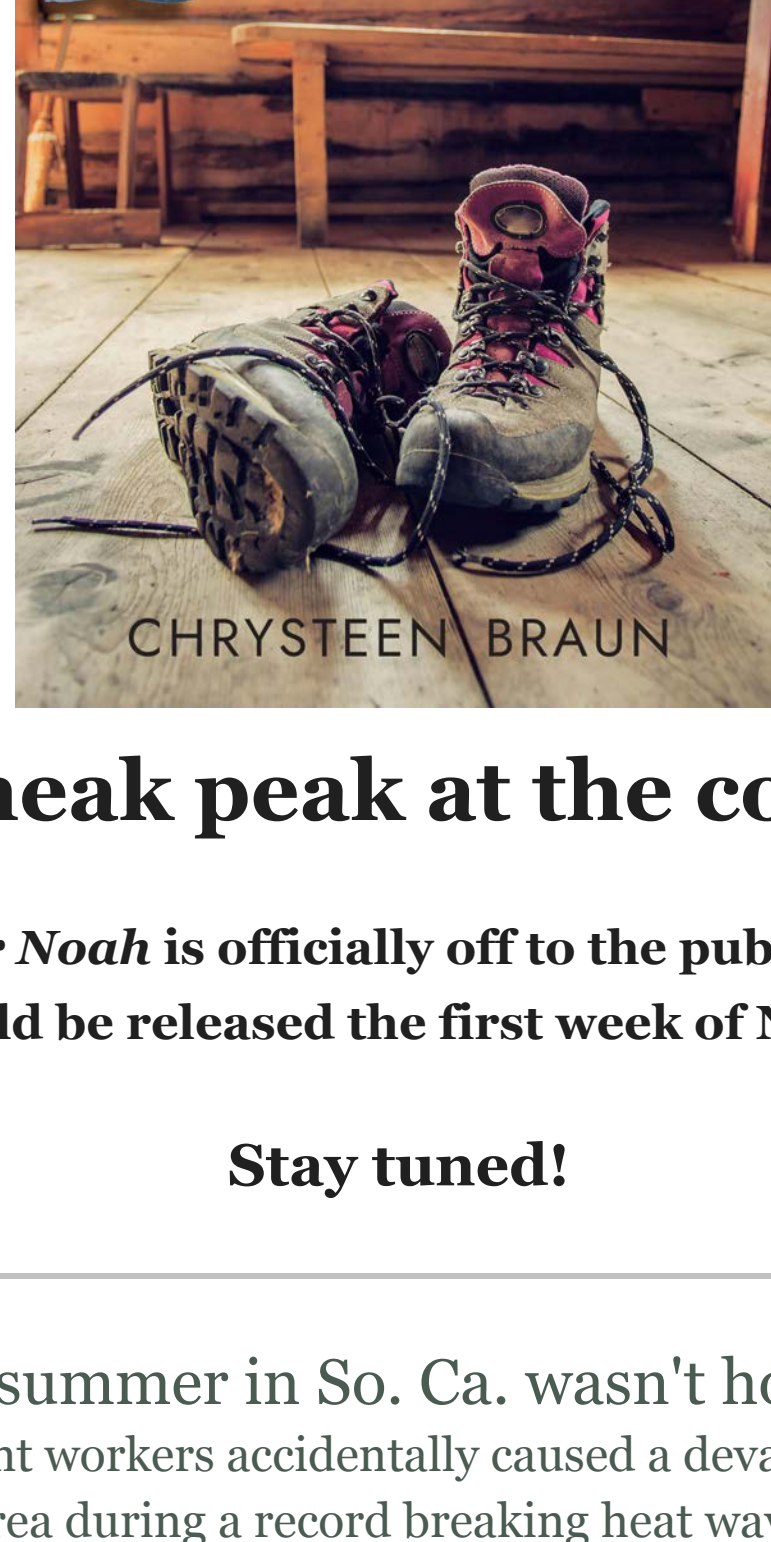


# Chrysteen Braun author

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## A sneak peak at the cover!

**Dear Noah is officially off to the publisher and should be released the first week of November.**

**Stay tuned!**

As if our summer in So. Ca. wasn't hot enough, county equipment workers accidentally caused a devastating fire in our area during a record breaking heat wave.



After an early dinner out on Monday, September 9, as we drove over the hill towards our house, we saw the smoke before we saw the bright red flames burning the hillside just north of our neighborhood. I grabbed my husband's arm, as he was driving and my stomach lurched.

We were never in the mandatory evacuation zone, but in the voluntary warning area just next to it on the map. When the news that night said the fire was spreading and there was no containment we decided to pack up our personal belongings and load up our two cars. We spent the next night with friends, and of course couldn't keep our eyes off the news updates.

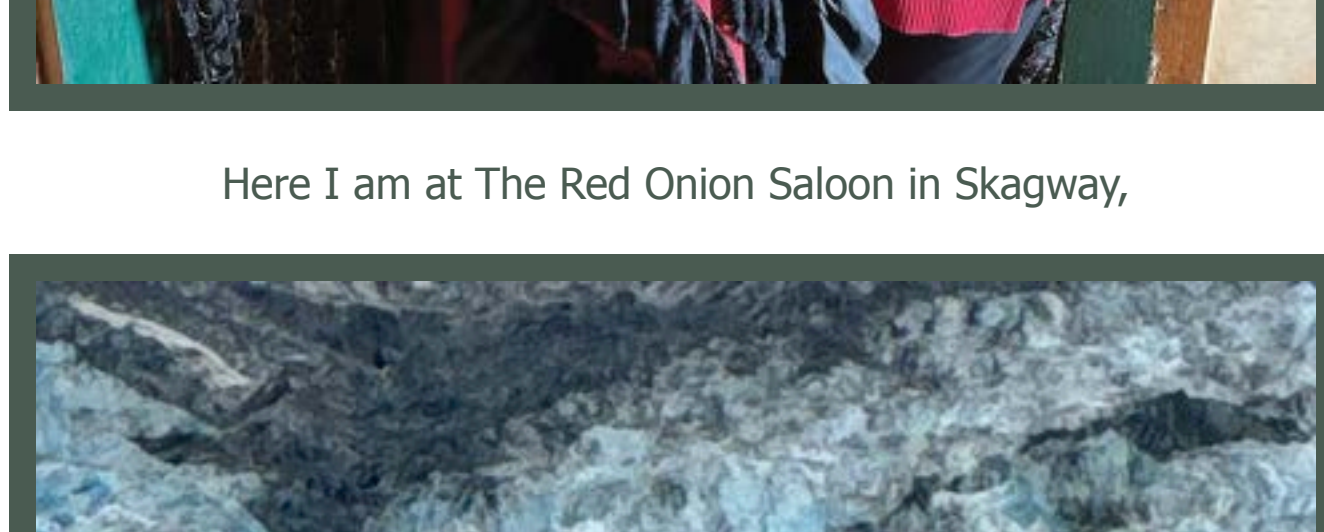
It's amazing how quickly your life can change, whether it's due to a health issue or something like this. Thinking you might lose your home and everything in it to fire, certainly puts things in perspective.

The fire never moved closer to our home, but instead quickly moved to the east, and 13 people were injured (11 firefighters) and over 107 structures were lost. Our nightmare had ended, but someone else's just began.

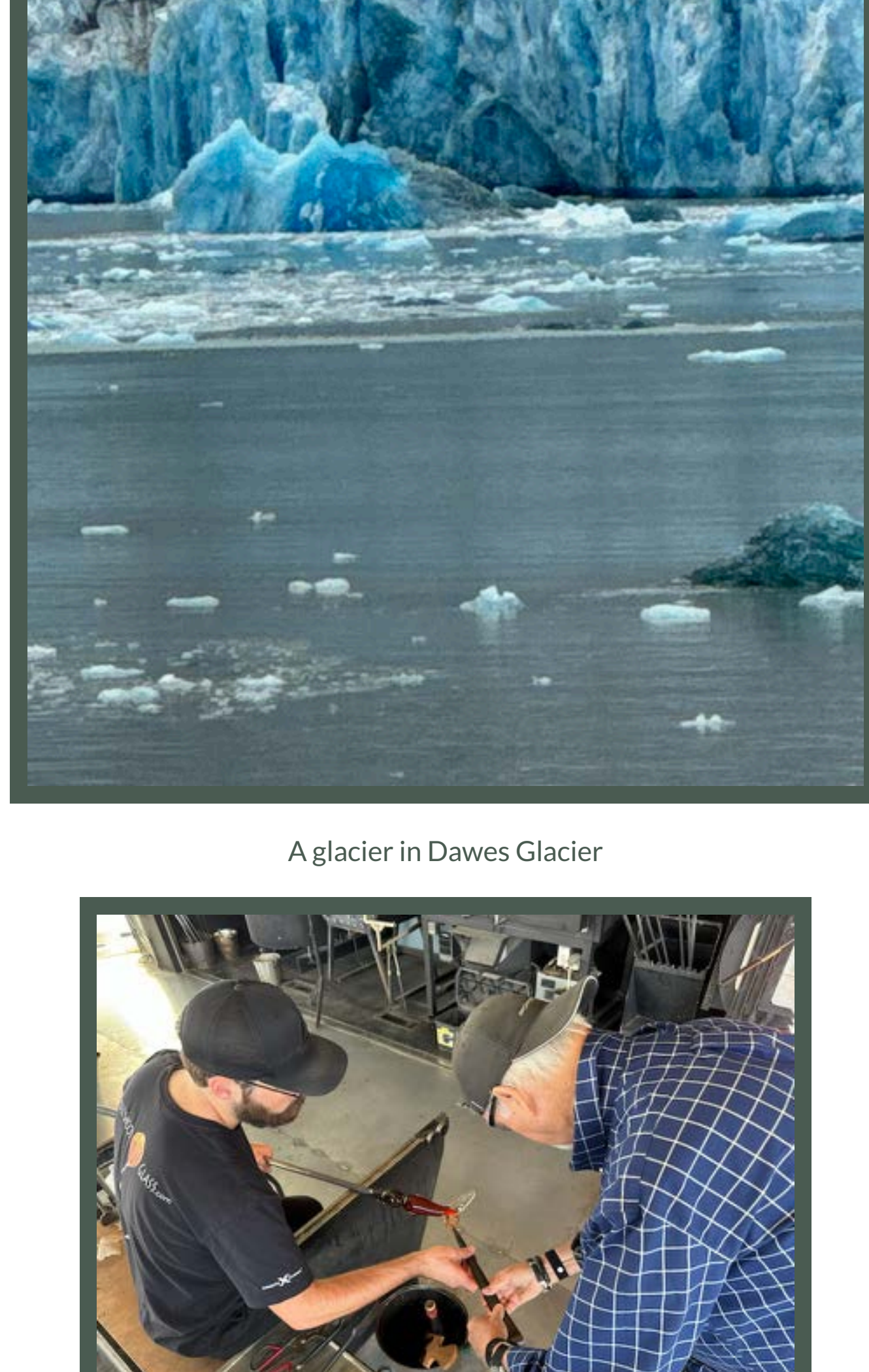
I can't tell you how much I'm thankful for!

## Alaskan Cruise

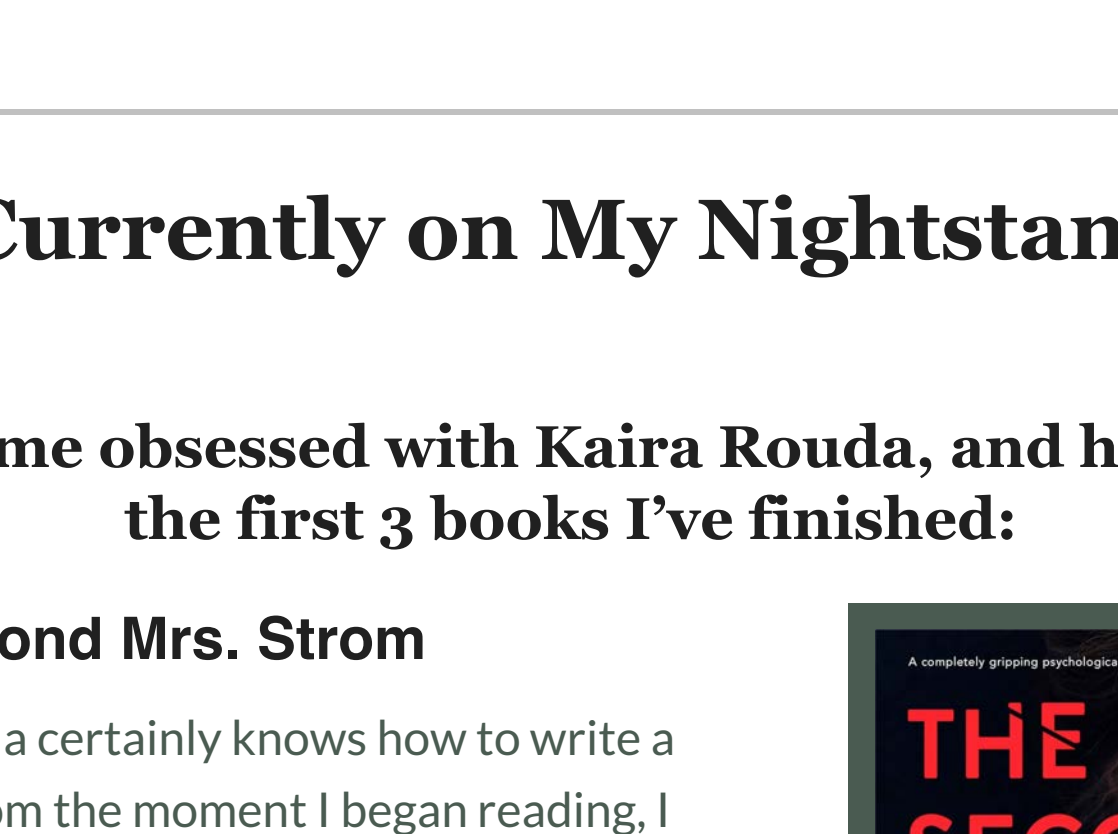
On a much brighter note, in August, Larry and I went on an Alaskan cruise with our daughter Wendy and her husband, Brad. We saw glaciers and whales, and Larry and Wendy took a glassblowing class and they both made whale fins. Very cool! My latest book, *The Maidservant in Cabin Number One*, went with me just about everywhere!



Here I am at The Red Onion Saloon in Skagway,



A glacier in Dawes Glacier



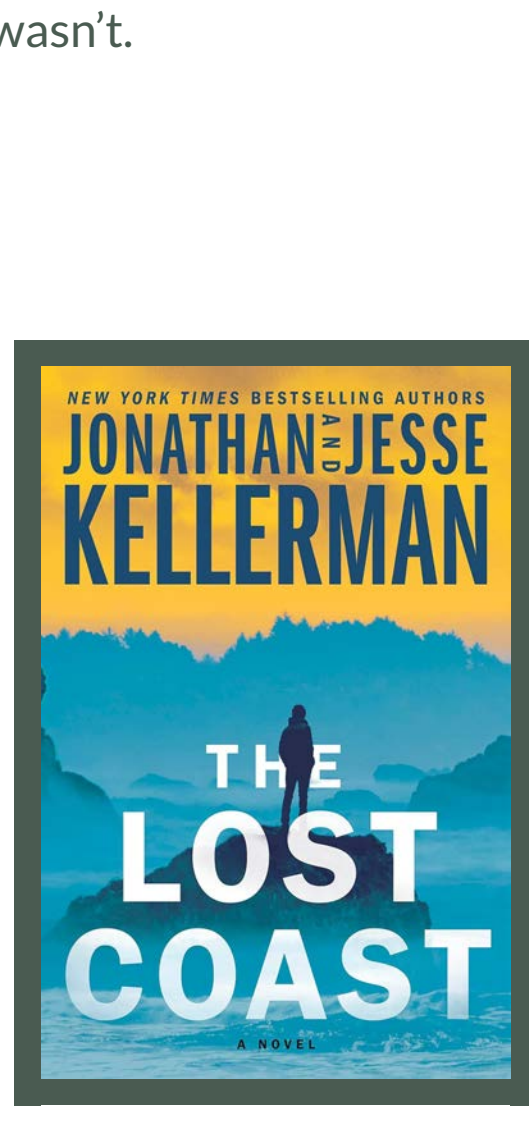
And Larry learning glassblowing!

## Currently on My Nightstand

**I became obsessed with Kaira Rouda, and here are the first 3 books I've finished:**

### The Second Mrs. Strom

Kaira Rouda certainly knows how to write a thriller. From the moment I began reading, I was dying to know what was going to happen! In this book, a husband and wife have secret agendas, and I wanted to skip to the last pages and read how it ends, but I didn't.

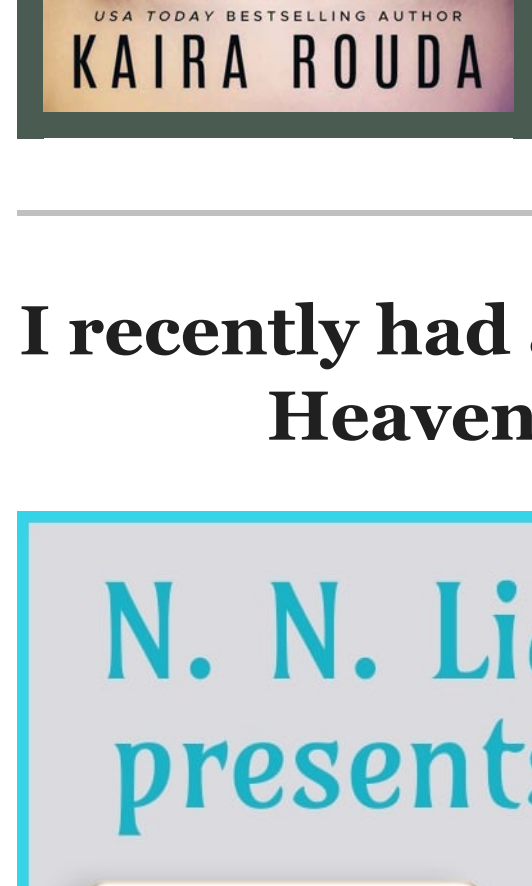


### The Widow

"The most gripping novel I've read in years." —*USA Today Bestselling Author* Kaira Rouda

### The Widow

Jody Asher had a plan. Her charismatic husband, Martin, would be a political icon. She, the charming wife, would fuel his success. For fifteen congressional terms, they were the golden couple on the Hill. Life was good. Until he wasn't.

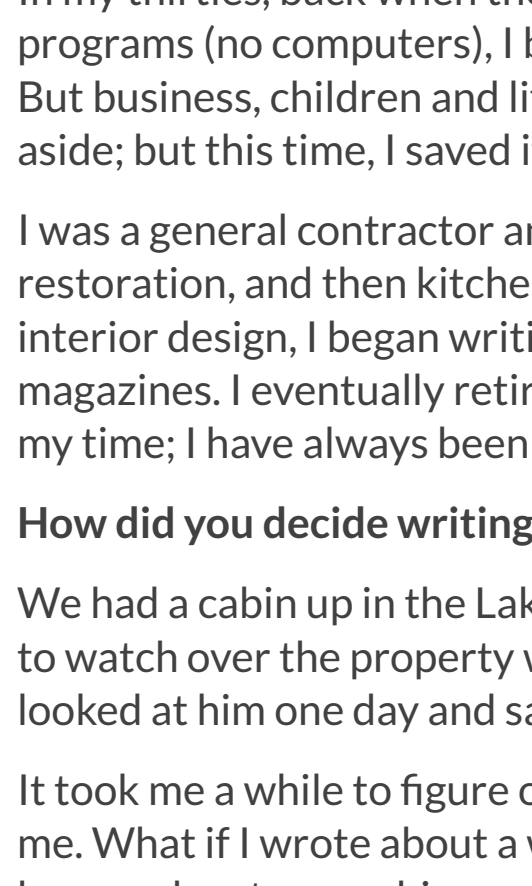


### The Lost Coast

by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman  
I've read most of Jonathan Kellerman's books and I've come to love the writing he and his son do.

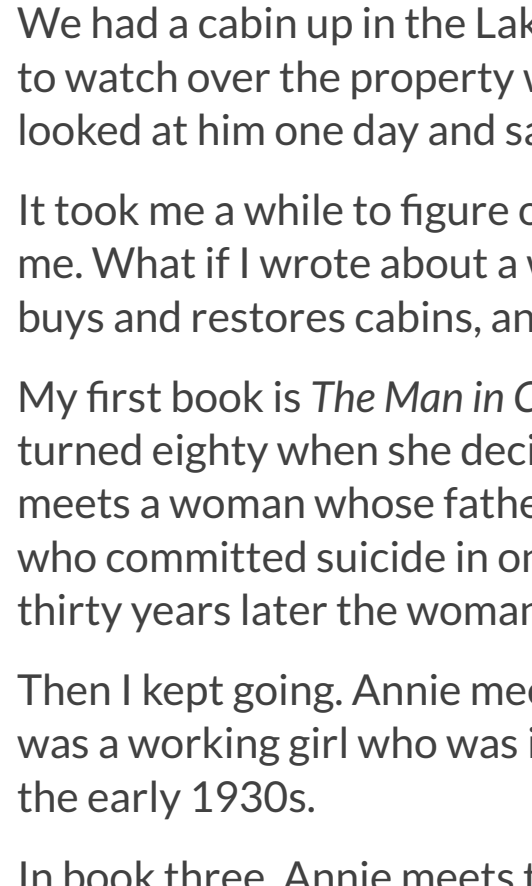


The trouble begins when a young man, tasked with managing his grandmother's estate, hires Clay to examine some minor financial discrepancies. What starts off as a case of simple fraud rapidly explodes into a web of deception, an elaborate con game stretching back decades and involving countless victims.

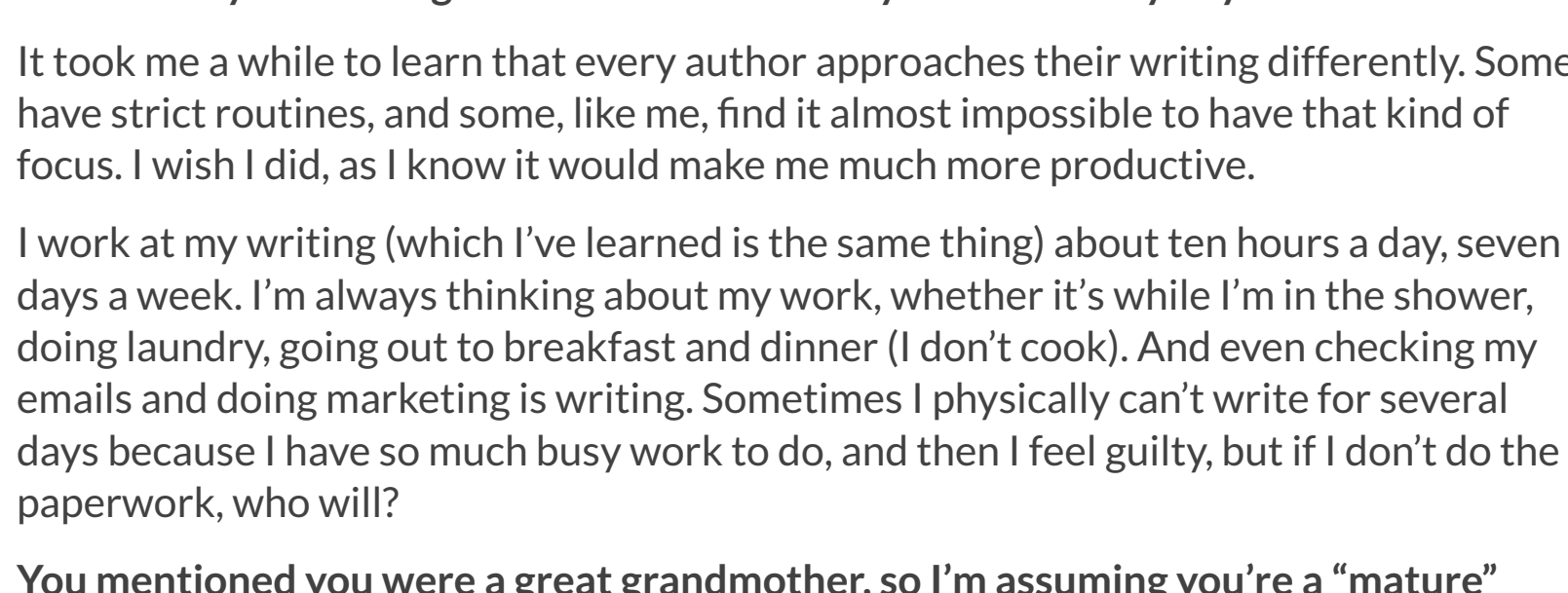


### The Next Wife

Kate has the perfect life — until her husband leaves her for his younger mistress, Tish.



## I recently had a write up in N.N. Light's Book Heaven and I'd love to share it.



I'm an author, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and an ovarian cancer survivor, almost in that order. When I was twelve, I wrote my first novel, no doubt a terrible one, but I typed it up myself and presented it to my mother. I have no idea what the story was about, or whatever happened to it, but it was my first claim to fame as an author.

In my thirties, back when there were only electric typewriters and word processing programs (no computers), I began writing a more mature novel, and stored it on discs. But business, children and life zapped my creative energies, and I set my creative work aside; but this time, I saved it. (It's in a box somewhere in a closet)

I was a general contractor and my husband and I specialized in doing insurance restoration, and then kitchen and bath remodeling. When we ventured into the field of interior design, I began writing again, but this time for our local newspapers and trade magazines. I eventually retired and worried a little about what I was going to do with my time; I have always been a workaholic, and I needed a passion.

**How did you decide writing was going to be your new passion?**  
We had a cabin up in the Lake Arrowhead mountains, and our caretaker stayed there to watch over the property when we weren't there, and he started working on a book. I looked at him one day and said, "If you can write a book, so can I!"

It took me a while to figure out what I wanted to write about, and then an idea came to me. What if I wrote about a woman who starts her life over, moves to the mountains, buys and restores cabins, and then discovers they each have a story to tell?

My first book is *The Man in Cabin Number Five*, is about Annie Parker, who has just turned eighty when she decides to write about this time in her life. In her thirties, she meets a woman whose father didn't die of a heart attack as she'd always been told, but who committed suicide in one of the cabins. Of course, there's no trace of him when thirty years later the woman comes up to see the cabin itself.

Then I kept going. Annie meets the daughter of a woman who has just died, and she was a working girl who was involved with the mob and the local speakeasy up there in the early 1930s.

In book three, Annie meets the son of a starlet who stayed in the mountains while filming a movie.

And then I couldn't stop. Book four is about the woman who owned the cabins fifty years before Annie bought them. And I had to have a finish, so book five is about Annie's life from her thirties until she's eighty and decides to write these books.

**What does your writing schedule look like? Do you write every day?**  
It took me a while to learn that every author approaches their writing differently. Some have strict routines, and some, like me, find it almost impossible to have that kind of focus. I wish I did, as I know it would make me much more productive.

I work at my writing (which I've learned is the same thing) about ten hours a day, seven days a week. I'm always thinking about my work, whether it's while I'm in the shower, doing laundry, going out to breakfast and dinner (I don't cook). And even checking my emails and doing marketing is writing. Sometimes I physically can't write for several days because I have so much busy work to do, and then I feel guilty, but if I don't do the paperwork, who will?

**You mentioned you were a great grandmother, so I'm assuming you're a "mature" author?**  
I am 75, which is the new 65. (except I have more aches and pains than a 65-year-old would have) and I have at least three more book ideas. I'll probably write until I drop. As my father used to say, "I only have so many good summers left..." so I have to make the best use of my time if I plan on getting everything done!

If you like Women's Fiction with love, friendship and a little intrigue, read my books. And if you're an ebook reader and you'd like to start reading my series, email me, and I'll make sure you get a copy of Book One, *The Man in Cabin Number Five*, on me. Email me at [chrysteenbraun@gmail.com](mailto:chrysteenbraun@gmail.com) and I promise to reply.

If you haven't read book Four, *The Maidservant in Cabin Number One*, it's the beginning of the story about the cabins before Annie buys and restores them.

Book Five, *Dear Noah, The Conclusion*, is scheduled for release the first of November, so stay tuned for an official announcement. I'm having knee replacement surgery at the end of October, and I'm planning on a complete recovery so I can do a book signing at *Timberline in The Glen*, hopefully Thanksgiving weekend. I'll let you know!

**Some interesting September facts:**

September is a popular month for birthdays, with the most popular day being September 26th.

Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters

Famous people born in September include Adam Sandler, Amy Winehouse, Bill Murray, Bruce Springsteen, Confucius, Freddie Mercury, Queen Elizabeth, Stephen King, and Sophia Loren.

September 28 is *National Ask a Stupid Question Day*. Oh dear....I can't possibly ask all my dumb questions on just one day!!!!

I always have **bookmarks** and **notepads** if you'd like them. Check them out on my website. All I need is your mailing address.

I'd love to hear from you. I promise I'll always reply.

P.S. If you know someone who loves to read, please forward this!  
Happy September (or what's left of it!)

**Chrysteen**

*The Man in Cabin Number Five*, Book One  
*The Girls in Cabin Number Three*, Book Two  
*The Starlet in Cabin Number Seven*, Book Three  
*The Maidservant in Cabin Number One*, *The Beginning*, Book Four

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