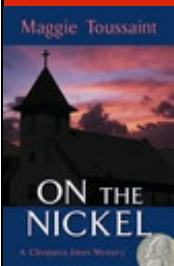


Food for thought: "We're lost but we're making good time" - Yogi Berra

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On The Nickel is the second in my Cleopatra Jones mystery series. It's my 2011 release and it's available for purchase at [Amazon](#) and at [BarnesandNoble](#). It's also available in Large Print.



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Don't forget my free read "Sand Dollar Secrets" at <http://mudpiesandmagnolias.blogspot.com>. Look for the tab with the short story title.



Nothing like a pot of something yummy on the stove this time of year. My favorite? Chicken and dumplings.

Dear Friends,

Remember that Johnny Cash song "I've been everywhere"? That's been my mantra this fall. I've got the Darien Fall Fest this weekend, then I'll switch my focus to online marketing for the next few months.



Killer Nashville and the Writer's Police Academy rocked. I made many new friends and learned so much. I hope I can retain at least half of it!

I met a great bunch of folks up in Manteo, NC at the Outer Banks Skill Build. If I didn't master public speaking in 2011, it wasn't for lack of trying. At the start of the year I made a conscious effort to book more appearances. As a result, I widened my network and helped reach new fans. Plus, I have a veritable encyclopedia of writing craft workshops I can whip out on a moment's notice. Definitely a win-win situation.

On The Nickel news!

On The Nickel was reviewed by Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Kirkus, the Reading Reviewer, Harriet Klausner, Ruthann Heidgerken, Celia Yearly, and Mysterious Reviews to name a few.

Selected review snips include "witty and suspenseful, a mystery with southern flair, elements of humor, an amusing and romantic series, and I thoroughly enjoyed this book and can't wait for the next one in the series." This book is out in hardcover and large print. Request it at your library today, or order your copy from any place books are sold.

On The Nickel was nominated for the Silver Falchion Award.

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My good friend Adelle Laudan invited me to submit a baby picture of myself, a memory of cooking as a kid, and a recipe. She put my material and that of other authors into a lovely charity cookbook, **Sweet Sunshine, Baking Sweet Memories** (ISBN 9780987725639). All proceeds benefit the Sunshine Foundation. The book is kid-appropriate, and you will enjoy paging through it with your kids or grandkids at Christmas time. There are charming illustrations and

hours of family fun inside this book. Browse and buy your copy here: <http://amzn.com/0987725637>

My award-winning **House of Lies** underwent a tent revival of sales this fall as my publisher lowered the price for two weeks to 99 cents, and then reset it at \$2.99. That means I now have 2 bargain-priced ebooks. Be sure and pick up your copies today.



Five Star revamped their acquisition process this fall, and I was asked to resubmit my third Cleopatra Jones book, **Dime If I Know**, a few weeks ago. I should know if it's been picked up by the next newsletter.

I have a release date from Muse It Up Publishing for **Murder in the Buff** - March 9, 2012. Murder is the story of a small town newspaper reporter who is desperately trying to salvage her career and personal life while trying to clear her dad from a murder charge.



I have several Advance Reading Copies for **Death, Island Style** available for librarians or reviewers. Death releases in late February 2012. This book is in hardcover format only. The story question is: how does the body in the surf connect to MaryBeth's former life?



Great news! Muddy Waters finished in The Beacon, a prestigious writing contest put on by First Coast Romance Writers. I was edged out of first place by my first critique partner, but I kept her from making a 1-2 sweep as her second entry placed third. That's a 1-2-3 sweep for the former County Roads Critique Group. Yay!



I'm nearing the end of the first draft of book 2 of my science fiction series. **Trouble** currently weighs in at 72K words. Dr. Zeke Landry must stop an alien invasion or be enslaved to a vicious race. I'll be working on edits through the end of the year.



Here's a picture of the panel from the Outer Banks Skill Build in October. I'm all the way to the left, head and shoulders above the rest, LOL! From left: Maggie, Suzanne Tate, Chris Roerden, Kip Tabb, and Joseph Terrell.

I'm thrilled to have two new books releasing in 2012, but I'm even more thrilled to announce I have two very important "other" releases in 2012. New grandkids are on the schedule for Feb. and May. I'm hoping the May one gives me enough breathing room to swing by Malice Domestic in late April.

Look for my next newsletter in Jan. 2012. Happy holidays, all!

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