

2017 Spring News From Lillian

Happy Spring Everyone and happy birthday to all those born in the month of May!

My Next Book

I have an idea for my next book. The working title is *Time Travel with Theep & Thorpe*. The protagonist is Hazel, a girl who befriended Jonathan, narrator of the first book, *Theep and Thorpe: Adventures in Space*. I've been doing research on time travel and posting fun quotes on the Theep and Thorpe Facebook Page. Here's the link to it if you're interested in seeing the quotes and other posts there:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheepAndThorpe/>

One of the challenges of writing this book is dealing with two time periods—the years 2161 and 1910. I have to use my imagination for the future world of 2161, where and when Hazel lives, while striving for accuracy for past events of 1910. I won't be churning out this book with the speed of light, but I'm excited about the ideas I've come up with so far. It's a WIP—Work in Progress!

Recent Accomplishments

As many of you know, I work at three different jobs. I am a freelance copyeditor, an Indie Author (independently published author), and a tutor for Professional Tutors of America.

I recently edited the third young readers' book in the Prism Walker Trilogy by Heather Rivera.



In the third book of the Prism Walker series, Sara and Molly wish they could cross realms from Earth to Exaltia to visit their elven friends, but they know from experience the portal only opens

if they're needed for a mission. Imagine their surprise when Thorn and Sael show up in their California neighborhood! Even more surprising is the mysterious crystal the elves use rather than a prism to cross realms, causing the Prism Walkers to expect all kinds of trouble to follow. Trouble is indeed what happens when the crystal accidentally transports the elves and the Prism Walkers not to Exaltia but to Mandriland, a land unlike anything they have ever seen.

A new book marketing opportunity came with an invitation to participate in the Spring Street Fair in Encinitas on Sunday, April 30th. I signed up for a two hour time slot and had a lot of fun handing out bookmarks and interacting with delightful young readers.

Although the traditional school year is winding down, I am tutoring one fifth grade student to the end of June and another fifth grader through the end of September. I enjoy working one-to-one with these young students, which helps them make academic progress and also builds confidence. They think it's cool that I'm an author.



Fun at the Street Fair with Kathy Bouchard

What's Happening Now

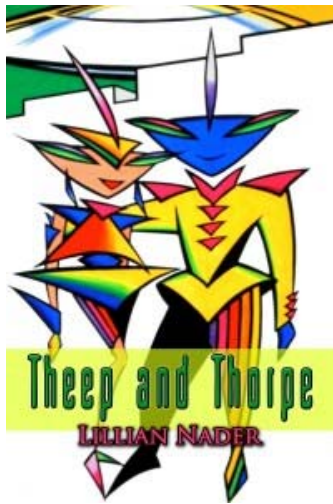
This time last year, I was fortunate to have a book launch hosted by my hometown library in Marshall, Texas. This year on Saturday, May 13, my California hometown library of Yorba Linda is hosting a Read Locally festival for several Orange County authors, including yours truly. I share the event with dear friends, Marjorie Miles, Flora Brown, Lynette M. Smith, and Don Westerhaven along with a few others I look forward to meeting. The main focus is on adult books, but they accepted my application as an author for young readers. If you're in the neighborhood, do stop by.

To hone my writing and book marketing skills, I attend meetings with excellent speakers at SCWA (Southern California Writer's Association) and PWOC (Publishers and Writers of Orange County) and for fun and inspiration, I attend "Writing with Your Muse" class by the amazing Marjorie Miles. In addition, I've enrolled in "The Plotting Workshop" online in hopes of becoming a plotter, but alas, I remain a pantsner, just flying by the seat of my pants.

I currently have the pleasure of editing an adorable illustrated children's book by Martha Ramsey: *Mazy and Snub*.



Mazy and Snub are delightful beings of light, traveling unencumbered by bodies, time, space, and gravity until an innocent ride on the arms of the Milky Way spins them into Earth's atmosphere and changes everything. Both overwhelmed and amazed by their cumbersome bodies, emotions, and pesky gravity, they set out on adventures equally comical and dangerous. Readers of all ages will appreciate the metaphorical conundrums of these delightful and endearing creatures as they evolve into earthlings.



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The Editor's Corner

Did you know? Lillian is an editor as well as an author.

If you have questions for the editor regarding grammar or punctuation, send me an email and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. If I don't know the answer, I'll look it up for you. It's better to be corrected privately by your editor than publicly in a review!

TIPS FROM THE EDITOR

That Pesky Apostrophe

RULE: Form the possessive singular of nouns by adding 's.

Follow the above rule regardless of the word's ending.

Examples

Charles's friend

Burns's poems (note: Word Doc marks this as misspelled, so be aware that spellcheck has limits)

The witch's wand

RULE FOR POSSESSIVE PLURAL NOUNS: If the plural ends in *s*, just add an apostrophe. If the plural does not end in *s*, add an apostrophe and an *s*.

EXAMPLES

The boys' jackets

My parents' car

Your bosses' hats

The women's dresses

The children's toys

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