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May Newsletter

Mother's day is coming!

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As Mother's Day approaches, I am glad to see some productivity underfoot as I move forward with the final stage of releasing book 2. The illustrations are moving along, and I am now handing it over to a professional editor. (yay?) With luck, I'll gem in the next few months. However, I am also looking back to the original book that led me down this path. The Orb was the book that set my passion for writing aflame once more. If not for that book, I may never have taken the plunge.

I am already toying with

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get the manuscript back in a week or so and let it go into the wild, once more finding readers to carry along in the world of little Tommy and his cat, Snowy.

As I wrap up the graphics for the new look, I am also setting my eyes both forwards and backwards.

The next book is Reflections in Darkness and I am hoping to get through that particular templates for a new cover design and will definitely put in maximum effort into the illustrations.

That story has come up in the last few years as I've discovered a few books in the works are along the same timeline. Who knew it was possible to create an extended universe with stories? Perhaps only Marvel fans were in the know. (2)

Fave Posts

Facebook is a double-edged sword lately. While still good to keep in touch with groups, fellow creatives and newcomers, it can also suck time out of the day like a tornado sucks the landscape. I'm still balancing the online world with my working life and productivity, so for now, I'm joining groups like a kid grabbing sweets in a candy store.

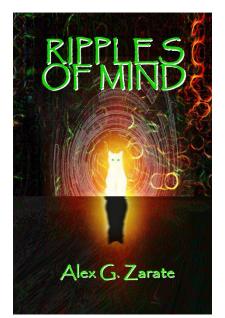
My fave post this month was when someone asked if any other writers were working on multiple books at once. (3)

I, of course, chuckled at the question and replied as follows:

Him! That crazy-eyed guy with the over-sized coffee mug looking at me from the mirror! He's... Oh. ③

Previously: What has been happening?

Ripples of Mind will soon be out. (I'm dying to set it free) With luck, my editor will say it is a masterpiece and needs no further modifications. That happens, right? ③



The new vlog is an answer to the age-old question we writers get. As always, it is fun to see myself try to put into brief words the event that turned my world from one of struggle into one of passion.



My fave Instagram post this month was one that made me

think of Mother's Day. I look forward to putting that post out. This one was shot when I looked over from a trail I was hiking and saw beauty stretching out into the trees. The world is a magnificent place. I'm happy to share all I find. (2)



When we go beyond our limits, we are one with nature, sharing hope, beauty and greatness with the world. Onwards! +

The Orb will always hold a special place in my heart and I am looking forward to revisiting that story soon. Perhaps I'll even take the time to enlist a few Beta readers if there's time. It's so odd to think of how easily months can pass by if we're not careful to maintain our productivity. Fingers crossed!



I also completed a new video blog. It is labeled as Ground Zero and hope to share it before long. With Mother's Day coming, it did not seem the time. Until then... Onwards!



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