

# **Zarate Creations**

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### May Day! May Day! Gotta love this month!

Well, it has been a wild ride these last few weeks. Moving is never an easy task and going from renting to owning is even harder. (If I weren't already shaving my head, I'd have pulled out my hair by move day.)

Aside from the move, Ripples of Mind is now out. Both print and e-books with new In the meantime I am living in Box-ville, navigating around an endless box maze while trying to retain my sanity and working long hours, coming home, working longer (unpaid) hours and taking breaks to unpack and put away a box here and there. (This may take a while.)

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cover design and illustrations. (yay!) I also took the time to ensure Linked: book one and Echoes of Innocence were formatted using the new Kindle app for optimal viewing. Next in line: Connections in Crimson.

I intend to get my hands on The Orb soon after and am already working on the trailers, promos and illustrations. (yay?) I've tried my hand at two promotions. Instagram and Facebook. Neither have produced returns but I will keep trying. Fingers crossed!

I am also working on video updates, monthly newsletters, blogs, video comic vlogs, daily Instagrams, Weekly IGTV video shorts... Hopefully, I'll have the first one ready to go by the end of May. Fingers crossed! 🛱

## Fave Posts

My FB Fave this time was one on the notion of using drugs or alcohol to write.

I don't know what the norm is with others but I have a strong aversion to such things. I have put a great deal of effort in learning my craft, fanning the flames of inspiration and pushing the boundaries of my own physical limitations. In the end, I prefer to think clearly rather than dull my senses, lose blocks of time or write gibberish when I am trying to write an adventure to remember. 3

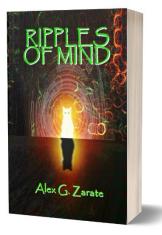
Question: I'm curious. Who drinks alcohol or uses mindaltering substances when writing?

My Answer: Writing is my mind-altering substance. I don't need anything to interfere with the process. Imagination is enough. 😂

### Previously: Rewind and recap

Ripples of Mind is complete! (Woohoo!) I've also released a trailer for the book and a promotion on Instagram. Who knew the amount of work involved after a book is done?

Oh, well. I still love the cover.



I also released the latest comic vlog and have been updating my new site. Whew! That site is really taking a toll on me! (Woohoo!) ③



My Insta-fave is on choices. My recent ones have put me in a new world, new challenges and facing a new normal. (Yikes!) Who would have thought the word "Normal" would feel so abnormal? Oh, well... Onwards!



When you follow your dreams and fan the flames of passion your future burns bright along every path you choose. Onwards! +

My IGTV shorts are still going strong. (One is being released tonight!) I am maintaining my Instagrams and blogs are going up as fast as I can produce them.



The video content is what is taking a while. Gotta love that learning curve for creative ventures. Onwards!

For all my friends (and family) encouraging me to continue, I thank you. You are part of my personal motivation that keeps the fire inside me burning.

Mother's Day is coming as well as Memorial Day. I will post on Instagram, sharing my words on both holidays. May the coming days be restful, hopeful and part of the fuel that keeps you striving for a better future. Onwards!

#### Where be I?

I am still on FB and IG. (and YouTube and IGTV) My new site is coming along so I'll include a link below. Feel free to check it out and let me know what you think. I'm working on it every chance I get. ②

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