



## SEEDS IN SEASON Summer ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

- **CONTESTS!** Be the first to write to me <http://aprilboyer.com/cfc/reachMe.php> and win a chance in the drawing for a new book. May 15.
- Comment on the website, your books or writing life, and your testimony and be included on the **BLOSSOMS** page to promote your work and win a chance in a drawing for a new book. May 15.
- **READER'S REPORT! CONTEST! NOW** - review 3 of our five SEEDS articles and one of the two resource articles; (How To, Tools) write your report, send it to Reach Me. Be included in the drawing for a \$20 Barnes and Noble Gift Certificate, determined May 15.
- **SEEK AND FIND CONTEST !** This summer issue has a strong focus on words and increasing your vocabulary. Find the word "maguey", a slang term, respond to me first after May31-until Aug 1 and Win a book prize. Next chance on all contests May 31- Aug. 1

*We need you. Seeds in Season cannot exist without the words from good, God-inspired writers. Do you have something to tell, that will teach, encourage, inspire or motivate? Send your submissions via the website: <http://aprilboyer.com/cfc/reachMe.php>*



### New Book Releases:

**"Let Darkness Come"** by Angela Hunt Briley Lester is worried about her first capital trial—the prosecution has an airtight case and her client has no alibi. She plans on a mitigating defense—one that might get her client's sentence reduced from first-degree murder to manslaughter—until she stumbles onto evidence that could prove her client's innocence.

**"Blue Like Play Dough: The Shape of Motherhood in the Grip of God"** By Tricia Goyer In the squash and squeeze of a mommy's day, could God be shaping something beautiful? In this spiritual memoir, Goyer invites women to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary! Learn to see God's hand lovingly at work in every aspect of your life---from laundry-folding to the umpteenth reading of Goodnight Moon.

**"Predator: A Novel"** by Terri Blackstock The murder of Krista Carmichael's fourteen-year-old sister by an online predator has shaken her faith and made her question God's justice and protection. Desperate to find the killer, she creates an online persona to bait the predator. But when the stalker turns his sights on her, will Krista be able to control the outcome?

**"On the Road Home"** is the first book in the Sagebrush Collection - collection of the short work of Terry Burns. Through fluent cowboy-speak, author Terry Burns shares his heart with these sometimes somber, often humorous, always engaging glimpses of life. From short stories about time machines and troubled marriages to poems of roses and hauntingly cold winds, you'll find much to savor on the pages within.

**"Poodle and Doodle"** by Donna Shepherd is oodles of fun, and teaches that though we are different, we all have much to offer. Like Poodle and Doodle. Adorable! Hidden pictures fun too.

***“Creede of Old Montana”*** (hardback, Center Point) by Stephen Bly Coming June 2010: *Cowboy For A Rainy Afternoon* (hardback, Center Point) <http://www.BlyBooks.com>  
<http://www.twitter.com/BlyBooks.com> Find these books at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) or [www.BlyBooks.com](http://www.BlyBooks.com)

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Best Writing Resource Links:

<http://www.writingfix.com/>

<http://www.writing.com/>

<http://www.fanstory.com/>

<http://www.fifteenminutesoffiction.com/>

<http://www.firstwriter.com/>

<http://christianwriter.com>



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**OUT OF THE HEADLINES**

Have Twitter, Facebook, and other electronic modes of communication, along with the decline of bricks-and-mortar bookstores and the bad economy changed the way authors communicate with readers? *Do* authors want to communicate with readers?

<http://www.publishingtrends.com/2010/04/free-speech-not-so-much/>

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Be ready to sell your e-book with ad-ons such as a dvd with an audio interview.

<http://nancyjcohen.wordpress.com/2010/03/31/publishing-trends-enriched-e-books/>

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If you don't read novels because you're too busy, you don't need Kindle. Would you however, read short stories via your iPhone?

LONDON (Reuters) - A new publishing company is betting that readers will bypass electronic readers such as Amazon's Kindle and Sony's Reader in favor of reading bite-sized stories on mobile devices they already own.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/18/AR2010041803125.html>

Washington Post

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A new report, [Research Libraries, Risk and Systemic Change](#), from OCLC Research describes several threats to the future of such libraries, include a reduced sense of relevance; lack of prepared staff; the cost of collections; the development of new technology; and the uncertain grip on intellectual property. <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6726433.html>

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*Flickering Pixels* - In many of our Christian lives and ministries we understand that as long as our message stays the same, it doesn't matter if our methods change. Shane Hipps challenges this line of thinking in *Flickering Pixels*, however, by using the hidden power of technology to demonstrate that changing our methods always leads to the changing of our message. In looking deeper at the methodologies of today's hi tech industries, Shane shows us that technology has the ability to shape our faith in unexpected ways. If we remain incognizant and uncritical of this undercurrent, the technologies we *do* use may in turn end up using us. Shane calls us to keep alive and awake in this modern digital age, as hidden things have far less power to shape us when they are no longer hidden. A stunning, brilliant and eye-opening look at how technology shapes faith and culture. <http://www.christianbook.com/flickering-pixels-technology-shapes-your-faith/shane-hipps/9780310293217/pd/293217>

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Calls for submissions: (no payment details are available. Please contact websites.)



*Are you creative? Consider this family of publications*  
[http://www.stampington.com/html/main\\_magazines.html](http://www.stampington.com/html/main_magazines.html)

*Resources for women making changes in mid-life:* <http://www.beyondthebend.com/>

*National Men's Ministries* <http://men.ag.org/writers/>

*Healthy, joyful Living* <http://joyfulbreathmag.com/submissions.htm>

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You are cordially invited to Dinner at "The Barn Restaurant" 1<sup>st</sup> Monday every month with a speaker and special local presentation. \$11.00 Inclusive. For reservations call: Linda 330-466-5021 or Lisa 330-262-1514 by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

This event is sponsored by; "Wooster After Five Women's Club" and affiliate of Stonecroft International, [www.stonecroft.org](http://www.stonecroft.org)

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**Social Networking at its best:**

- American Christian Writer's Conferences- Columbus Ohio June 2, 2010  
<http://www.ACWriters.com>
- WriteHisAnswer – Greater Philadelphia Christian Writers Conference Aug. 12-14, 2010  
[www.writehisanswer.com/Philadelphia](http://www.writehisanswer.com/Philadelphia)
- Breathe Writing Oct. 15-16, 2010 <http://www.breatheconference.com/>
- Best Workshops by Writers Digest <http://www.writersonlineworkshops.com>
- In the Cincinnati-Dayton area <http://www.greaterharvestworkshops.com>

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"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7*

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*FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT and spiritual refreshment:*  
<http://www.openmyeyeslord.net/theseasonsoflife.htm>

When you pass through a new season in your life, remember the trees and how each season brings new beauty.



Visit the pages of Seeds in Season Writing Resources

<http://aprilboyer.com>

and the blog “Faith and Unfinished Business”

<http://seedsinseason.blogspot.com>

and on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/yzpexjf>

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“When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.” ~ John M. Richardson, Jr.

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By some estimates, in less than two years more people will connect to the Web using a mobile device than traditional fixed broadband <http://www.toccon.com/toc2010>

