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Editor's Corner

Yesterday was Halloween and I hope everyone had a “howling” good time and didn’t eat too much candy! To celebrate this season, I teamed up with Dr. Caron Goode and house inspector Ranoli to create an MP3: “Spirit Clearing Techniques.” This teaching audio offers some very practical information to assist those who may be seeing, hearing, or sensing an unwanted spirit visitor. The first 10 people to purchase this MP3 get four bonus gifts including a signed copy of Caron’s book, [Kids Who See Ghosts](#). [More info . . .](#)

As a panelist on a telesummit to celebrate the energy of 11:11:11, I invite you to get on board with heart activation to help you embrace and integrate the accelerated energies now available to us. The first session in this 4-part telesummit starts today so if you haven’t registered, go to <http://live-spirit.com/telesummit-whole-heart-code-activation-with-dr-tom-goode/>.

Everyone helped me so much with deciding the title of my 2011 book, [Whose Stuff Is This? Finding Freedom from the Thoughts, Emotions, and Energy of Those Around](#),

that I've decided to ask you all for feedback on my next book. The tentative title is [*Shifting into Purer Consciousness ~ How to Embrace and Integrate Multidimensional Frequencies*](#). What do you think a book with this title might offer? Would you be intrigued enough to click a link to learn more?
<http://weareinspirit.com/integration.htm>

I've also been busy creating gifts for those on my Christmas list. I've been posting photos and videos about the crafts on my new blog, [Crafters in the Sky](#). Take a look at the list of things I've made. You might get some inexpensive creative ideas for gift giving.

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My Top 10 Book Apps for Kids and Adults

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Many books now have apps that work on iPhones or iPads and on the Android platform. Consumers can now buy the printed book, the app alone or both. Authors can capitalize on this trend by creating apps for their books or pushing their publisher to create one for them. Some apps have incredible features such as 3D effects, interactive storytelling, and more. Creating an app for your book may give you a competitive advantage as well. I've found some book apps for both kids and adults that you'll want to check out. Here's my top ten:

- *Weird but True* is an app developed by the creators of National Geographic that will keep you entertained for hours. Packed with interesting facts that will allow you to impress your friends and colleagues with newly acquired knowledge of the natural world.
- *3D Classic Literature Collection* lets readers enjoy their favorite American classic stories in a 3-dimensional context. Complete with high quality animation and audio, this interactive app is sure to bring your favorite stories to life to let you experience them in a way you never imagined.
- *Fahrenheit 451* brings Ray Bradbury's sci-fi story off the page and into reality with narration, puzzles, auto-bookmarking, and book references to help you find your next favorite read. Enjoy this timeless classic all over again like never before.
- *Pocket Cocktails* serves as a complete archive of all your favorite drink recipes. Entertain your friends, or just make yourself the ideal martini on your night off. Complete with how-to photos and festive holiday drink recipes, you'll be the life of any party this season.

- *Jack and the Beanstalk* is the perfect app to keep your kids entertained whenever you need a minute to yourself. Filled with interactive games, activities, artwork, and read-along text, it's the ideal children's app with an educational twist. Unlike other book apps, every page has a different surprise that will keep kids engaged and involved, all at a price that won't break the bank.
- *Wizard of Oz 3D, The Experience* puts a new spin on the timeless classic of Dorothy's adventure. Enjoy L. Frank Baum's novel in an engaging 3D interactive experience. With pop-up animation, rediscover the story and share it with friends, family, and children. Bring an old classic to life and enjoy it all over again.
- *Green Eggs and Ham* provides children with picture/word association and other features designed to promote early literacy. Winner of the 2011 Parents' Choice Award, it's an interactive approach to learning hidden beneath a Dr. Seuss Classic.
- *Comics* is a free app that lets comic fans keep up with their favorite strips from Marvel, DC, The Walking Dead, and many more. Kill some free time in between errands or make an evening out of it while watching your favorite superhero movies.
- *Nancy Drew: Shadow Ranch Lite* lets users follow their favorite teen detective on her latest investigation. Choose your own path through the story and solve puzzles to help Nancy crack her latest crime. Track your progress and backtrack when you receive new clues to get on the right path!
- *Our Choice* is an interactive app that covers the pressing issue of global warming. As viewed by Al Gore, Our Choice takes you through various charts, articles, diagrams, and other forms of media to help users grasp the seriousness of the environmental issue. Stay informed with everything going on and find ways to lessen your environmental impact. Check out the tour by Al Gore here: <http://vimeo.com/22872218>

Books have made a comeback in the world of entertainment with revelations such as audio versions, 3D supplements, and smartphone apps. Let me know your thoughts on these apps and others you find.

Ever thought about developing an app for your book? It won't be long until it'll be common place. If you jump on the bandwagon now you'll still be early in the game.

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Book publicist Scott Lorenz is President of Westwind Communications, a [public relations](#) and marketing firm that has a special knack for working with authors to help them get all the publicity they deserve and more. Lorenz works with bestselling authors and self-published authors promoting all types of books, whether it's their first book or their 15th book. He's handled publicity for books by CEOs, Navy SEALs, Homemakers, Fitness Gurus, Doctors, Lawyers and Adventurers. *His clients have been featured by Good Morning America, FOX & Friends, CNN, ABC Nightly News, The New York Times, Nightline, TIME, PBS, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Washington Post, Family Circle, Woman's World, & Howard Stern to name a few. Learn more about Westwind Communications' [book marketing](#) approach at www.book-marketing-expert.com or contact Lorenz at scottlorenz@westwindcos.com or by phone at 734-*

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Award-Winning Children's Author Dawn Menge to Release New *Queen Vernita* Book

Dawn Menge has dedicated her life to teaching, both as an educator and mother to her own children. For the past several years, that commitment has included a third career as the award-winning children's author of the Queen Vernita series. These books instill in children, not only a love of learning, but a way to embrace the differences in themselves and others.

The world of Queen Vernita of Oceaneer is one of exciting adventures; each centered around the twelve months of the year, and with its own opportunity to learn about different types of people, places, and even universes. In the first book, *Queen Vernita's Visitors*, a different fascinating friend visits Vernita each month. In *Queen Vernita Visits the Blue Ice Mountains*, Vernita does the travelling, embarking on a twelve-month journey around the world. *Queen Vernita Meets Sir Heathy Bean the Astronomer* introduces kids to our solar system. The fourth installment in the series, *Queen Vernita Visits the Islands of Enchantment*, is set for release at the end of October. It will take readers on another delightful journey, one in which they will learn about different types as sea life, as well as several words in Hawaiian and Japanese. But perhaps the most important aspect of Menge's work is her inclusion of characters who face special challenges, such as blindness, cerebral palsy, and Down's Syndrome.

In creating her characters, Menge draws from her own experiences with friends and family; and indeed, writing has become a family affair. *Queen Vernita Meets Sir Heathy Bean* was co-authored by Dawn's brother, Heath Rhoades. Heath, who is pursuing a PhD in Information Technology at Capella University, will soon release his own book. This soon-to-be titled graphic novel tells the story of Boson, a disenfranchised government scientist who must save the world from the flesh-rotting effects of a science experiment gone wrong.

Most people might find being both an educator and author a lot to handle, but Dawn Menge is not most people. A veteran educator, she works with severely handicapped students for the San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools. She is also currently working toward her PhD in Curriculum and instruction at Capella University.

Menge's books have won several awards, including the Evvy Award (2009 & 2010) and the Scooter Award 2010 A+ rating. Her work has also received honorable mention from Reviewers Choice, Readers Choice. *Queen Vernita Meets Sir Heathy Bean* is a Best Book Award Finalist.

To learn more about her work, visit <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/dawn.menge1>

WITS Announcements

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Check out the e-books designed especially to help authors promote their books online. <http://tinyurl.com/DanaWITS>.

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Each story in *The Sid Series ~ A Collection of Holistic Stories for Children* focuses on life skills such as environmental awareness, helping others, being true to one's self, overcoming fear, and following inner guidance. <http://TheSidSeries.com>

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Whose Stuff Is This? Finding Freedom from the Thoughts, Feelings, and Energy of Those Around You is a guidebook for empathic people who have been unknowingly carrying energetic burdens that belong to someone else. See all purchasing options at <http://whosstuffisthis.blogspot.com/p/purchase-book.html> .

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Read the first chapter for free and then decide if you want to download the 3-hour-long mp3 audio book of *More Than Meets the Eye ~ True Stories about Death, Dying, and Afterlife* for only \$7.00 <http://deathdyingafterlife.blogspot.com/p/chapter-1.html>

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WITS Book Reviews

Title: ***Kathy's Good News***

Author: Dr. Wilson Awasu

Pages: 109

ISBN: 978-1-4327-6934-5

Genre: religion, Christian education, children

Published: Outskirts Press, 2011

Reviewer: Sarah Moore of WITS

When people are offering advice to writers or politicians or even stand-up comedians, the sentiment to “talk about what you know” is often mentioned. What a person chooses to share is usually at its most powerful when it comes from a place of truth and experience. This is why, as a historian by former trade and now by hobby, I love to comb through primary sources. Reading the raw and personal correspondence between two people, the emotion, hopes, and concerns of that one moment captured in time can have a lasting effect on the consumer. When the central topic is religion and those related questions of eternal consequence, the ability of a text to grip you is even more heightened. Such is the case in *Kathy’s Good News*, the new release by Dr. Wilson Awasu.

Kathy’s Good News is a compilation of email exchanges that took place between Dr. Awasu and a twelve-year-old girl who heard him speak about his faith. She confides to Dr. Awasu that although she was raised in a Christian home, she never felt an intensely personal relationship with God. It seemed to be more of a mechanical process than a real connection. From this honest confession comes a written dialogue in which Dr. Awasu challenges Kathy with questions that force her to think deeply and reach her own conclusions.

The power of this book is not in an elegantly crafted phrase or vivid descriptions of background scenery. Instead, we get to witness the spiritual evolution of one girl as assisted by a mentor who does not want to feed her answers that she must accept blindly, but allows her to make her own discoveries. To me, I couldn’t help but think of the concept of the Socratic Method as applied to theology. In fact, I often found myself pausing to answer the same questions that were being put in front of young Kathy. Do I want a clear understanding of promise and faith while removing the confusion that my own church experience has given me? How do I go about bridging the gap between head knowledge and heart knowledge?

With this publication, Dr. Wilson Awasu shares a couple of important messages. First, one’s faith is a personal experience that should have a sense of relationship at its core. Why would we want any less of an intimate connection with a grand Creator? And second, Awasu encourages us to look at our own values and beliefs through the lens of a child. What if we had a filter of innocence instead of the cynicism and heartache that usually finds its way into our hearts by adulthood? What would we see differently?

Kathy’s Good News is an engaging read because we get a peek into the process of struggle and revelation that most of us work through at some point in our lives. And, it reveals the author as a kind and thoughtful teacher who values the individual growth of those who come to him for counsel. Check it out, and perhaps you will be compelled to ask some challenging questions yourself.

Title: *The Disturbing Effect of Moonlight*

Author: Mia Zabriskie

Pages: Kindle

ASIN: B005FXHOE2

Genre: thriller, suspense, fantasy
Publisher: Mia Zabriskie Books (August 3, 2011)
Available on Amazon.com
Reviewer: Dana Micheli of WITS

This book should come with a warning: DO NOT BEGIN READING UNLESS YOU HAVE TIME TO FINISH IT.

In the vast sea of suspense novels, Mia Zabriskie's *The Disturbing Effect of Moonlight* is a jewel that one feels proud to have discovered... And in this world of instant gratification, it has a real, old-fashioned twist that we so rarely see. You REALLY won't know where this is all leading until you have nearly reached the end.

Like every place struck by tragedy, Los Angeles is a city divided into the Before and After. It has never quite been the same since that day in 1994 when the Northridge earthquake tore through streets, buildings, and lives.

Like every *person* marked by tragedy, 32-year-old Natalie Ryder's life is also divided by an enormous chasm. On the one side: her happy childhood with her loving father, Jonathan and sister, Gabby; on the other is the emptiness she has felt since their sudden, unexplained disappearances nearly two decades before. Since then, her life has been filled with both unbearable pain and incredible blessings, but there has always been the gaping hole where her family used to be.

Now an "earthquake scientist" living in Seattle, Natalie would like to think that she has escaped both L.A. and her agonizing past. But when she learns that her father's remains have finally been found, she returns to California. Cold Case detectives believe that Jonathan's ties to the Armenian mob led to his murder, but Natalie refuses to accept it. Armed only with old police files and the materials found in her father's backpack, she begins her own investigation. Every clue she follows seems to lead down another rabbit hole, but the one she is about to plunge into is more terrifying than even she can conceive of.

With each turn of the page, Zabriskie's masterful use of words brings forth a burst of Technicolor. Her descriptions of Los Angeles—both the upscale and the underbelly—are so vivid that you can alternately feel the sand of the beach between your toes and the despair of homeless, forgotten youths.

So call out of work; cancel your dentist appointment, and settle in for a great read. The end will have you craving more, but the good news is, Zabriskie is working on a sequel.

We Are One in Spirit Podcast

We Are One in Spirit Podcast allows for people of all walks of life to discuss their spiritual journey and life-transforming experiences that remind us that we are all ONE IN SPIRIT. Uplifting, enlightening, and insightful topics include healing, empathy, intuition, spiritual/psychic gifts, metaphysics, soul development, afterlife, spirit communication, and more. The metaphysical shows are archived at

http://nashvillewriter.audioacrobat.com/rss/we_are_one_in_spirit.xml. You will also find us on [iTunes](#).

On November 10, Carolyn Brent, will be sharing uplifting spiritual insight in a discussion about her new book, ***Why Wait? The Baby Boomers' Guide to Preparing Emotionally, Financially & Legally for a Parent's Death***. In this book, author and public speaker, Carolyn A. Brent, provides a comprehensive handbook for family caregivers, highlighting the crucial conversations siblings and their aging parents must have. She draws upon her own heartbreaking family experiences, plus exhaustive research on the subject, outlining a step-by-step process that can spare caregivers and their families the stress of conflict at a time of grieving and loss, but also an opportunity to mend fences and renew the connection and communication they once enjoyed with each other.

November 17: Author Susann Taylor Shier will be discussing her new book, *Soul Reunion - The Return Home from Separation*. Reunion with the Divine is our purpose; embodiment of that purpose is our fulfillment. Through your experience with *Soul Reunion, The Return Home from Separation*, you will come to know how to bring the gift of union with Spirit to your wounds of separation. You will magnify your embodiment of Spirit's wealth and make it the blueprint for your life.

WITS Podcast

Writers in the Sky Podcast is a Nashville-based talk show about writing, publishing, and book marketing. An educational tool for people who want to learn more about the craft and business of writing, this show offers interviews with authors and writers, as well as the latest news about books currently on the market. You will also learn about publishing methods and marketing techniques as we interview publishers and publicists. Listen to archived shows via [RSS Feed](#). Download WITS Podcast on [iTunes](#) for your iPod or iPad.

On November 11, Sijuan King, niece of Don King, will talk about her new novel, *Millennium Slave Part I*. New York executive Charles Allen Hart has it all—the corner office, the high-powered job, and the Central Park address. When he boards the company yacht for a Caribbean cruise in 2003, he has no idea that he is sailing into a nightmare. This gripping novel tells the story of Charles' fight for freedom from those who have made him a "Millennium Slave." Part historical fiction, part modern day thriller, Sijuan's book is all excellent.