

## from the desk of Susan May Warren

Rejoice Oh My Soul!

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## Blubbering

"Mom, will you look at my essay, please?"

I was loading clothes into the dryer. "Yeah," I mumbled. I glanced at the clean load of laundry that needed to be folded I'd just emptied from the dryer, glared at it, and shuffled into the computer room to eye my daughter's essay.

It was entitled, "My favorite lines from books." And right there, at the top, was a line from [Everything's Coming Up Josey](#). My book. Which she'd read.

I burst into tears.

"Mommy, what's wrong?" My 14 year old jumped to her feet to put her arms around me (she's taller than me, now).

"I'm just tired," I hiccupped, but that wasn't it. In fact, I was deeply touched – and feeling horribly guilty that she'd used my book as an example after I'd just harped at her over her dirty laundry, and snapped at my son over the place-setting of dishes I'd found rotting in his room, and barked at my fourth grader to finish his homework.

But, really, I was just feeling overwhelmed, with dishes overflowing my sink, unanswered emails packing my in-basket, a new year of home-school, a book to rewrite, and a sinus infection that made my head feel like it might explode. And all just in time for me to leave town for an event this weekend.

So, being a mature woman, able to control my emotions, I sat down and lost it.

Wanna freak out your kids? Become a blubbery mess before their eyes.

But here's the cool part – Wanna see what your kids are capable of? Become a blubbery mess before their eyes.

My daughter sent me to my room (There's a first. I know she loved that). Then, for the next two hours she *washed the dishes, made supper and cleaned the kitchen*. Then she and her brothers *finished their homework and played without fighting* until bedtime.

I should break into tears every day, about 4pm.

I know I'm blessed – I have a fabulous family, and a career I love. And every day I'm overwhelmed at the letters I receive, the friends God gives me, the stories He lets me write, the way He shows me his grace and peace, even when I'm tired, and have a sinus infection and the laundry overflows.

One of my favorite verses is Zep 3:17: "He will take great delight in you, he will quiet

you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Oh, how I love to think of the God of Heaven singing over me (no matter how difficult that may be to grasp.). Imagine it! Can you hear Him?

This world so often drowns out the singing of the Lord. I pray that today, this weekend, this beautiful fall season you hear the Lord singing over you, despite your head cold, and the laundry, and even the moments when you break out into blubbering.

By the way, if you recently received a weird and cryptic email from me that said something like "thank you for joining Susan's email list" and you're thinking, WHAT? I joined that thing ages ago, uh, well, you did, it's just that my webmaster (ahem, ME) did something wrong on my webform, and my newsletter service didn't capture all the names. So, I had to manually enter them -- which was kinda fun because I got to read all the variety of e-names out there. Very intriguing! Anyway, thank you for your understanding, and I'm sorry for the confusion. (Although we're often confused around here, so welcome to my world.) And if you've sent me an email over the past, um, well, two months, I'm sorry for the silence! Thank you for your patience!

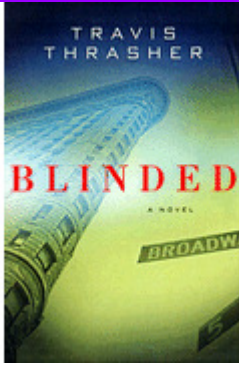
Thank you for being such a blessing to me – for reading my books and writing to me, letting me know that they've blessed you or made an impact in your life. I'm very grateful for your encouragement and support.



*Susan May Warren*



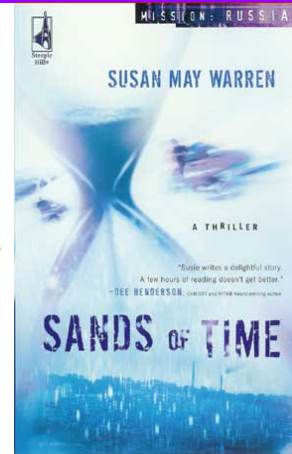
*What's News?*



## Sands of Time hits the shelves later this month!

This follow-up to *In Sheep's Clothing* is a well structured romantic thriller with absorbing characters trying to deal with dire circumstances while staying true to their own faith and purpose.

Warren skillfully balances the action with a second chance at romance. (Review from Library Journal!)



Read an [excerpt](#)

### **In Sheep's Clothing wins INSPIRATIONAL READER'S CHOICE CONTEST!**

I had TWO books that finalled in the suspense/romance category of the Inspirational Readers Choice Contest! [In Sheep's Clothing](#) and [Escape to Morning](#) (cover below) Sheep won first place, and *Escape to Morning* won third! I'm especially thrilled because this is a contest judged by READERS! Thank you so much!

[Buy In Sheep's Clothing!](#)

**Great Read!**

So, my author friend Travis Thrasher and I were in New York this summer, and he HAS to have his picture taken next to the Flat Iron building in Manhattan, right? (On the hottest day in New York history, no less) And my big question is, why? It's just a building, right?

Uh, no, it's a building that is on the cover his new book, *Blinded*. Which I got in the mail, and made the mistake of opening to read the first chapter. Now here's the deal. The book is written in second person. You know, something like:

*You don't expect to receive a book in the mail, but when you do you open it. And find yourself sitting down on your stairs, blocking out the children while you enter a world of what-ifs. Because you're a woman, you don't expect to understand the main character, a man much like your husband, or your best friend's husband. A normal man, who finds himself in the middle of a nightmare of his own making. You don't expect to stay up until 3am, when you have work to do the next day.*

*But you do. And because of it, you've read a story that will linger with you long after you close the pages.*

Okay, so that's my version of 2nd person, but Travis's is Oh, So Much Better. The book sucks you in and it feels like you're right inside the main character's head. Let me tell

you, every man you know should read this book, and woman who is married (or thinking about it) should too. It's frighteningly realistic. And painfully honest. [Blinded.](#) Stop by Travis' site to check out this book and many others at [www.travisthrasher.com](http://www.travisthrasher.com).

And tell Travis I sent you.



*Just for Fun!*



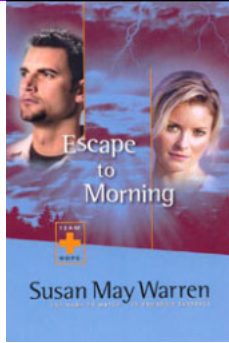
Do you love strong and silent Jim Micah? How about handy Joe, or spy-master Mickey Moore? Maybe it's a man with a Russian accent, or the boy next door?

**Who's you're favorite SMW hero?** I'm collecting votes on my website for the next month, but for the next few days, the page is hidden and only accessed here, so you get to vote FIRST. So, go [vote!](#) I'll publish the results in the next issue! (And maybe our winning hero will show up for a little Q & A. \*g\*) Thanks for playing!

(and a friend sent me this comic...nice to know there are people out there who think like me. \*g\*)



**CONTEST WINNERS and FREE BOOKS!**



Thank you to everyone who participated in last issue's contest -- the question about what happened next with Will and Dani. My son drew from a hat -- and the following people are the winners of a BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE (providing I have it in stock. \*g\*) **Jenny B, Denise D, Rachel E, Amanda C, Shauna S.** Congratulations!

As I'm writing this, I'm looking at a stack of *FRESH FROM THE PUBLISHER* copies **SANDS OF TIME!** (Don't you just love how a new book smells? Yum!) It \*may\* be in stores now, but to jump start sales and buzz, I am giving away **15 FREE copies** of SANDS to readers who would be willing to read it and blog/review it on Amazon or Christianbook.com, or B & N etc, or mention it online somewhere where romance readers gather. Write to me with your snail mail, and the first fifteen will get a free book, and everyone after that will go into a drawing for next issue's free book giveaway.

HOWEVER -- if reviewing and blogging aren't your cup of tea, I also have about 50 coupons for \$1.50 off the cover price of SANDS that I snagged from my publisher and am ready to give away. SO, if that is more your speed than sharing your thoughts to the world, email me your snail mail addy and I will pop a coupon in the mail to you!

THANK YOU for reading my books! I'm so blessed by your support and encouragement! And do be sure to drop into the poll and vote -- I'm very, very curious! (And maybe next month I'll tell you who I voted for! \*VBG\*)

[Buy \*Escape to Morning\*](#)

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