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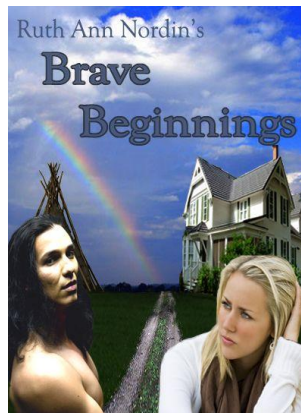
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I finally got this one up. Whew. LOL What an ordeal. I am now calling it a Supernatural Thriller because of the emphasis on angels and demons. Until I have the whole series completed, I will not put this on Amazon's Kindle or in paperback. This is novella #3 in the Return of the Aliens series. I'm not sure how long the whole series will be, but I don't want to rush it since this is not my area of expertise. I'm more comfortable doing romances. Since I started this series, I will finish it.

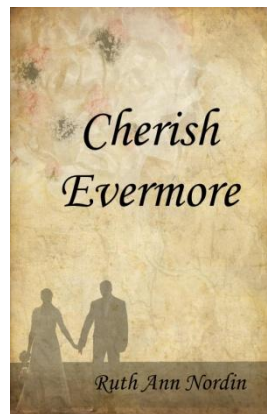
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Work in Progress



Of course, I'm still working on this one on my regular [WordPress blog posts](#). This is at 53,000 words already and nowhere near being done. I love Julia and Chogan too much and am trying to spend as much time with them as possible. :-)

Cherish Evermore



I'd like to get this out there. It will probably be 12,000 to 16,000 words. Maybe this will be the month. (Fingers crossed.)

Okay. I decided not to seek a traditional publisher and here's why...

It all came down to my work load. Some of you know I have four young children (4, 5, 6, and 8) so that is a full-time job right there. Thankfully, school gives me a break so I can get my writing in during that time. But even then, with the books I want to write and find myself working on, I really don't want to add an editor at a publishing house on top of it and have to work with their deadlines. One thing I love about self-publishing is that I set my own deadlines, and if something pops up that forces me to move the deadline back, it's no big deal. I couldn't do that if I signed a contract. So that is my primary reason.

My secondary reason is the onslaught of anti-self-publishing sentiment I've been coming across from various writing circles. I don't consider myself a rebel in any other area of my life, but in this case, I feel that it's important to stand my ground and only self-publish because the

argument that writers who self-publish write bad books is not accurate. I understand my books aren't for everyone, but they are for some people. I refuse to have someone claim the only reason anyone likes my work is because I have a book that is traditionally published so I've "made it" already. I don't judge success on sales but on the relationships I've built with those of you who comment on my blog(s), Facebook, and send me emails.

On the subject of sex and marriage and romance:

I've been surprised by the number of emails from people asking me not to give up my values in my books. I have absolutely no intention of doing that. The reason I started writing romances was because I got sick and tired of reading romances where the man and woman were always lusting after each other and falling into bed with no thought to marriage. To me, this is not romance. Romance is a tender relationship between a man and woman who develop a friendship and love that is enhanced with sex. I refuse to have my characters engage in sex until they are married. Some people don't like this and some do. Some people don't like the fact that I include sex at all and some do. I see sex as something that is beautiful and holy. To me, the problem isn't the sex in a book but what the author does with the sex. So I'm aware some of you don't like to read R rated books. I write R rated books, and I intend to keep writing R rated books. I know of no other self-published author who does things the way I do them. If there was one, I'd have no need to write books because the slot would be filled. I looked long and hard for another self-published author who writes the type of romances I want to read and haven't found one. So it's up to me to write the books I want to read.

And I happen to like reading the sex scenes because I often gain a deeper level of emotional attachment to the characters when I do. Sex is

more than the physical act. How they treat each other in bed speaks volumes about how they feel about each other. I'm sorry if these are not the books for you. There are plenty of romances where people have sex outside of marriage and romances where the sex scenes are closed off. You won't hurt my feelings if you decide to not read anymore of my books. If I do nothing else, I must first write the books I feel that God has led me to write, and these are the romances that I am the most passionate about writing.

I figured it was time I cleared the air in case anyone had any assumptions about the type of romances I write. I will never write a book where the hero and heroine have sex before they are married, and I fully intend to keep writing sex into the story, unless the characters aren't married.

This month, my husband is due home from South Korea for three weeks, so I will not be online as much as I usually am. After he returns to Korea, I'll be back to my usual busy little writing self. Forgive me for not proofing this newsletter. Things are just too busy right now to do that.



Have a great September, everyone!