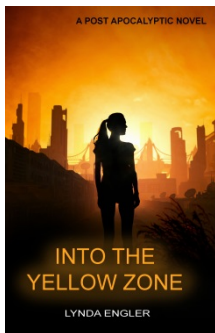


The Lynda Engler Newsletter

February 2017

It's been a fantastic start to the new year for me and a very busy month. I spent five days in LA with my best friend ("twin sister from a different womb") attending the GenreLA writers conference and playing tourist. My son landed his first real job (the one he got his degree for, rather than the one making sandwiches which was paying his bills but not feeding his mind), and I was informed I'm going to be a grandmother (by same child). I'm excited about all the news, though still mulling over that whole "grandma" title.

In writing news, I'm very excited to announce that *Into the Yellow Zone* (book two of the *Into the Outside* series) is releasing March 31 in both paperback and Kindle.



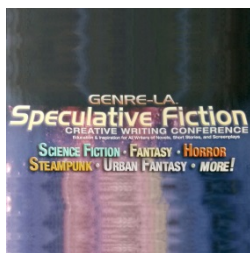
Coming March 31st! – *Into the Yellow Zone*

The journey continues...

Isabella and the Callaway tribe continue their journey to warn the mutant tribes about the danger that awaits them after the shelter people emerge from underground... in 50 years. But they don't know of the imminent danger that awaits them if they are captured.

Isabella's brother Luke escapes from the military and continues chasing his sister through the dangerous Yellow Zone – the areas of highest contamination, to try to warn her. Along the way, both the tribe and Luke meet up with an old scientist who is close to finding a vaccine to protect the shelter people from the toxic Outside. If he is successful, it will change everything they know about the future!

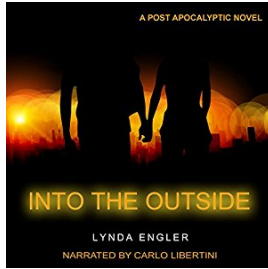
Watch my website LyndaEngler.com for **previews and pre-orders**.



GenreLA – SPECULATIVE FICTION WRITING CONFERENCE

I got to meet and speak with Robert J. Sawyer, who wrote my favorite read-and-read-again book, *Calculating God*. Rob is a great guy and an excellent speaker and I hope I took away some pearls of wisdom.

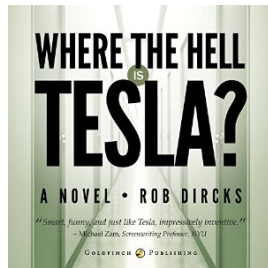
I also had the privilege to hear sci-fi legends Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle speak. I have pages and pages of notes I took on how to pitch to an agent, structuring your novel, world building; writing a convincing alien invasion; and how to make rubber science sound real. Next step – implementation!



WINNER OF AUDIOBOOKS ANNOUNCED – *Into the Outside*

Thank you to everyone who entered the contest on LyndaEngler.com to win a free copy of *Into the Outside* for Audible. The winners were notified on February 2nd, so if you did not hear from me, keep your eye out for the next contest.

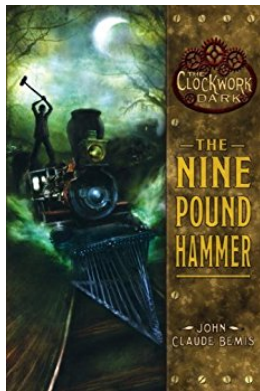
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AUDIOBOOK Recommendation

[*Where the Hell is Tesla*](#), by Rob Dircks

Sci-fi odyssey. Comedy. Love story. And of course... Nikola Tesla. This first-person account is narrated through emails the main character, Chip, sends his girlfriend while he and his buddy are lost in another dimension. Twenty-something Chip has a degree in Finance but is working as a night watchman. He finds a lost journal in a desk at work... the lost journal of Tesla's interdimensional transfer apparatus. The guys find it... go through it... and predictably, can't get back. Reminiscent of Gulliver's Travels with a modern twist, the adventures of Chip and Pete is an absolutely hilarious listen. The narrator is spot on. If you loved Agent to the Stars by John Scalzi, you'll love this one.

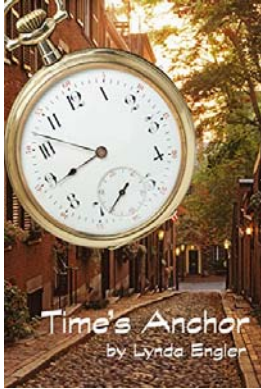


Book Recommendation

[*The Nine Pound Hammer*](#), by John Claude Bemis

I had the pleasure of meeting this Middle Grade fantasy author at the SCBWI conference and thoroughly enjoyed this fellow North Carolinian's novel.

Twelve-year-old orphan Ray is haunted by the strangest memories of his father, whom Ray swears could speak to animals. Ray jumps from a train going through the American South and falls in with a medicine show train and its stable of sideshow performers. The performers turn out to be heroes, defenders of the wild, including the son of John Henry. They are hiding the last of the mythical Swamp Sirens from an ancient evil known as the Gog. Why the Gog wants the Siren, they can't be sure, but they know it has something to do with rebuilding a monstrous machine that John Henry gave his life destroying years before, a machine that will allow the Gog to control the will of men and spread darkness throughout the world.



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