

The Lynda Engler Newsletter

October 2016

It has been an exciting month! I love to travel and see new parts of the world and this past month I went on my first cruise. The most magical place we experienced was the island of St. Maarten/St. Martin: half Dutch, half French, and every bit of it lovely. In an effort to escape the port area, we took a taxi to the interior of the island and hiked a nature preserve where we met a troop of over 20 playful monkeys. Talk about enchanting! We savored the local French cuisine (for us that meant pizza), the culture (a contemporary art gallery), and ended the day with a taxi driver who gave us a local perspective on the island's history and current affairs. Experiencing a new culture is one of the greatest joys of life.

In writing news...



SCBWI * CAROLINAS
Covering North & South Carolina

I attended my first Carolina's chapter Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrator's annual conference. The workshops and sessions were full of valuable information and I enjoyed meeting authors, agents, and editors in my new regional chapter. The best part of the conference was the agent from a major literary agency in New York that critiqued the opening chapters of *Into the Yellow Zone*. He said it was well written, liked the plot, felt the characters were realistic and likeable, and that the voice was confident. He wants me to seek representation and we discussed possible agents. Very exciting!



SEQUEL UPDATE – *Into the Yellow Zone*

Based on the recommendations from the agent critique at SCBWI, I have a list of eight potential agents to send the manuscript to. I am still shooting for a publication date of December 2016, unless one of those agents makes an offer!

Meanwhile, work continues of the final book in the trilogy. If you would like to become a beta-reader for *Under the Mountain*, email me at author@lyndaengler.com.



STORY PEAK WRITING CONTEST – *Into the Yellow Zone*

Good news! I got the 100 readers I needed for the Story Peak writing contest. Thank you all.

If you downloaded a free copy, please make sure you rate and review it in the coming weeks. All it takes is a few sentences. You can access it at <https://www.inkitt.com>.



FREE KINDLE BOOKS

All three of my current books will be available FREE on assorted days during October and November. Watch Facebook and Twitter daily for notifications.

The Forgotten Isle: [Amazon](#), Middle Grade Fantasy
Into the Outside: [Amazon](#), Young Adult SciFi
Time's Anchor: [Amazon](#), Time Travel SciFi (Adult)



Book Recommendation

[15 Minutes](#), by Jill Cooper

The first in a trilogy called the Rewind Agency; this YA sci-fi novel pits 16 year old Lara Crane in a battle against time and her own actions. Desperately seeking to prevent the murder of her own mother over ten years ago, Lara breaks the rules and changes the past. Of course, as a savvy reader, you already know what this will lead to: she changes her present – that was her goal after all – but not in the way she intended to. Part sci-fi, part thriller, this time travel novel from veteran author Jill Cooper is worth your time. I'm eager to read the second and third in the series (and yes, they are out, for those of you who hate to wait!)

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Cheers,
Lynda

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