

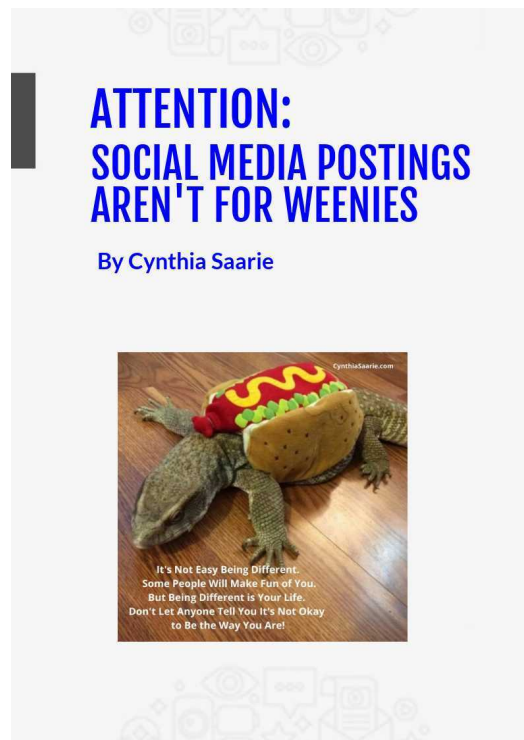


Hello, I wish you a Happy Easter!

Dear Friend,

Even if you don't celebrate Easter, I do. And I have a lot to be thankful for... I'm almost done with my Lay Ministry class and will be fully a Certified Lay Minister in the United Methodist Church! I wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday and blessings for a great Springtime April Month!

My Book is Half-Way Done!



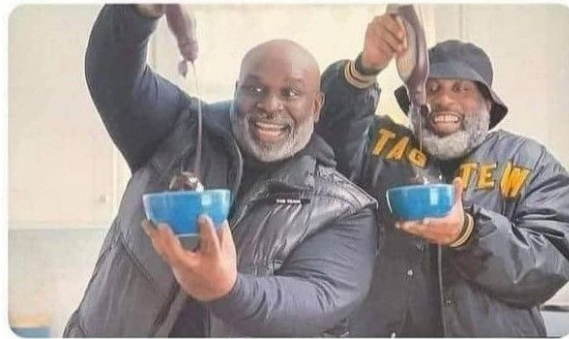
Tentative Cover for My New Book

It is taking a lot longer than I imagined it would. I hoped to have great news for April, but it will be May.

This is the book cover I've been working with. I won't know for certain until it goes to press. I'm hopeful that it will be before April 30th!

(I'm of the thinking the glass is half-full, not half-empty. How about you?)

The Music is "Just Alright With Me!" (Doobie Brothers Fan!)



Tag Team duo sings in tv commercial.

Have you noticed how many commercials are using music from the '70s and '80s generation? My generation!

"Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh Zempic" A medicine to help with diabetes.

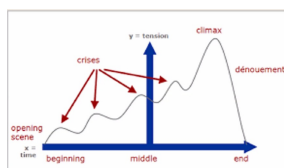
The guy on the motorcycle that is singing Whitesnake's "Here I Go Again."

There is something iconic, (or is it ironic?) when a song you grew up with is thrown back at you years later in a tv commercial that is talking about insurance or medicine. It does make it memorable. Who doesn't gravitate toward music that shaped their life 30, 40, 50, or more years ago?

It's smart advertising. You know it's all about the commercial that sticks!

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A Learning Experience in the Titanides Group



Dr. Cindy Childress, (left) joined the Titanides Group's Fearless Leader, Marcella Allison, (right) to take us on a journey in storytelling via Emails. I noticed her diagram chart for her writing is very much like the one I use with Andrew Davis in his Video Classes Mystery Box. Yay! It's great to know these writers have similar thoughts on what, where, and how things

come together.



April Poetry Lesson - Casbairdne Irish Poems

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Casbairdne, (pronounced: coss*BUYer*dne) has given me a tough go of it this month. I know I will tackle this kind again and again, simply because it makes me work for the payoff!

Casbairdne Poems have quite a few rules in writing.

the 28 syllables per stanza

4 lines per stanza

7 syllables per line

Lines 2 + 4 ending rhyme

All the lines share the same ending consonant sound

* Final Syllable of line 4 alliterates with the stressed syllable preceding it.

aabaaac

caaaaab

aaaabac

aaaaacb

And then repeat for the second stanza of 4 lines.

I arrived at this April Poem by way of asking my daughter-in-law, Holly, what was either the first thing she saw when she read my text to her, or the last thought she had before she texted me back. This is her response: "These Ritz Toasted Chips are sooo good!" I sat there looking at her words and thought, "Hmm, how do I write about chips?" The following is what I have for you this April.

Ritz Chips

by Cynthia Saarie

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The Ritz Toasted Chips are good
Should cheese feel misunderstood?
Nicer to eat - could or would?
Under shelters of wet woods?

As rains lifted - skies are blue,
Hues pink forecasting new.
Crackers, cheese, a gift from you.

A toasted Ritz review!

Thank you for joining me again in our Springtime renewal of April. I hope you are signed up or already had your COVID vaccine shots. I believe it is open now for most ages in the USA. I brought my 86-year-old mother with me to get hers when I received my own. The sooner there are no more outbreaks, the sooner we can be out and living life again. I look forward to the Springtime flowers and the Summertime outdoor BBQs! Be well, my friend!



Kind regards,
Cynthia Saarie



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