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AUTHOR *LIFE...*

Welcome Back!

It's been a long time since my last newsletter, and I have a lot to share...

Travel

My husband, son, and I traveled to Rome last Fall to visit my daughter who was studying there. We took side trips to Venice and Siena, where I rekindled my passion for artichokes, cobblestone, grappa, and naked statues. Much research for my next book was completed, and a lot of really good wine was sampled for key scenes. Can't wait for you to read them.

series, my family adopted Siena, named for my dad's hometown and my favorite wine region. The siblings get along best when they're sleeping. Scroll down for a pic...

Website Overhaul

My website at www.GinaFava.com has been revamped, and now it's much easier to navigate, just in time for the release of two new books. More on this later...

Meeting with Readers

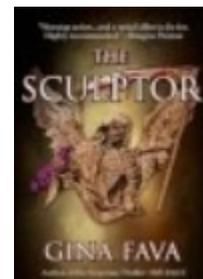
- I attended **New England Crime Bake** conference in November, always a great time for book fans. Hurry and check out www.crimebake.org for info on Crime Bake 2018 before it sells out.
- I appeared on a bunch of **author speaker panels** with really interesting groups, including the Friends of Swansea Library, the New Hampshire Lakes Italian Cultural Council, and the Braintree Sons of Italy. Their members are voracious readers, and very hospitable. Thank you!
- Aside from my local **book club** (dear friends who are among the most avid readers anywhere!) I love meeting with book groups in person or via Skype. The key for any book club is wine, food, and a great list of discussion questions.



LUPO and SIENA

Latest News...

- Since my last newsletter, I'm delighted to report that my suspense novel, [THE SCULPTOR](#), was awarded Best Mystery/Thriller Ebook by the Independent Publisher Book Awards.



is almost ready! **Due out Fall 2018**, Devlin Lucchesi and his HELL Rangers return in an action-packed, twisted mystery that will keep readers guessing until the very end. (In my next newsletter -- there'll be a cover reveal and a sneak peak at what's inside!)

- In the meantime, THE SCULPTOR and THE RACE are **now available on eBook and in print**. THE RACE, the first book in the HELL Ranger series, is **only 99 cents for the eBook** for July only; be sure to [grab a copy](#) on Amazon. And both ebooks are 75% off at [Smashwords](#) for the month of July. If you've already read these, **please leave a review on Amazon or Goodreads?** Much appreciated!



My first non-fiction book, [Un Momento: A Taste of Italian-American Pastimes](#) is a collection of personal essays and recipes, a chance for readers to take a moment and savor tradition, family, food, wine, art, travel, and other morsels rich with heritage. Here's an **exclusive first look at the cover**. Also, here are some of the **early reviews**:

- **“Gina Fava makes the reader feel like one of the family... Her personal experiences and recipes will whet your appetite for all things Italian.”**
-Steven P. Marini, award winning author of the Jack Contino Crime Series
- **"Young or old, Italian or not, you will immerse in the pastimes and traditions in *Un***

appreciate my upbringing.
[A]n inspiration!"

-Daniela Parisi Gawel, reviewer

- “Amazing! Intoxicating!”
-Katrina Grella, author of *Away with Words*

The book is **due out July 27, 2018!**
And the ebook will be 99 cents for a limited time only! Click below to preorder your copy. Read on for a sneak peak at one of the recipes inside...

Preorder UN MOMENTO Now

FOR WRITERS...

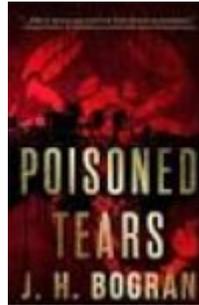
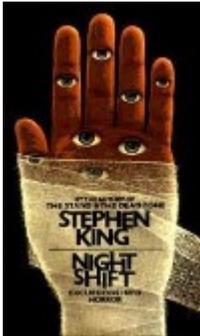
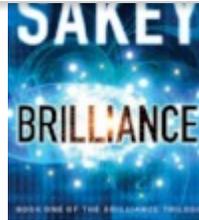
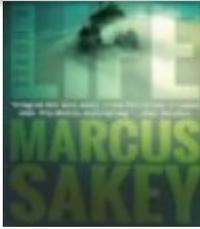
[Fun Facts, Tips, & Inspiration on the Writing Process for Aspiring Authors]

- One of my all-time favorite authors and a serious influence on work is Lisa Gardner. She has a page on her website called [The Writer's Toolbox](#), invaluable advice for anyone who's ever wanted to write suspense thrillers. Check out her amazing [Detective DD Warren series](#).

BOOK LOVE...

[Books I've Been Reading that I HAD to Share]

- [Marcus Sakey, Afterlife](#) (Loved this book, a gift from my book club secret Santa, and reportedly an upcoming movie by Imagine Entertainment.)
- [Marcus Sakey, The Brilliance Trilogy](#)
- [Stephen King, Night Shift](#) (I was so creeped out by this book in my teens; rereading it is a decadent pleasure. Click the link for a great article on this collection, but beware of spoilers.)
- [JH Bogan, Poisoned Tears](#)



FREE *STUFF*...

[Sneak Peaks & Giveaways]

An Excerpt from GINA FAVA's collection of essays & recipes, *UN MOMENTO: A Taste of Italian-American Pastimes*:

Gina's Fava Bean Salad

Mom always makes this refreshing salad for outdoor picnics and barbecues, but its heartiness makes it a great side dish for any meal. Her recipe features fresh green beans from the garden or market. I improvised, because Gina Fava is partial to fava beans.

***wine pairing: Collio Pino Grigio**

Ingredients:

- **4 c. shucked fresh fava beans**
- **3 c. potatoes, chopped**
- **2-3 medium fresh tomatoes, chopped**
- **1 cucumber, diced**
- **1 small red onion, sliced or chopped**
- **2 cloves, minced**
- **Olive oil and vinegar**
- **Basil, oregano, salt, and pepper to taste**

Directions:

- 1. Boil beans and potatoes until tender.**
- 2. Mix all ingredients.**
- 3. Toss with oil and vinegar, and season.**
- 4. Cover and refrigerate for at least three hours.**

Here's proof...

[Pasta makes you slimmer.](#) (Click it if you don't believe me!)

You're welcome.



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Follow me on social media for the latest news. Check out my website to learn more. Have a question? Email me from the contact form on my website. I look forward to connecting!

As always, thank you for reading.

Yours in celebration of liver, fava beans, and a nice Chianti,

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