



Hodge Podge

This month's main feature is what we like to call "Hodge Podge." There are so many great things going on at Publishing Syndicate and out there where you live that we're going to attempt to share everything. If we left out a story or a notice, our apologies. It wasn't done on purpose. Enjoy!

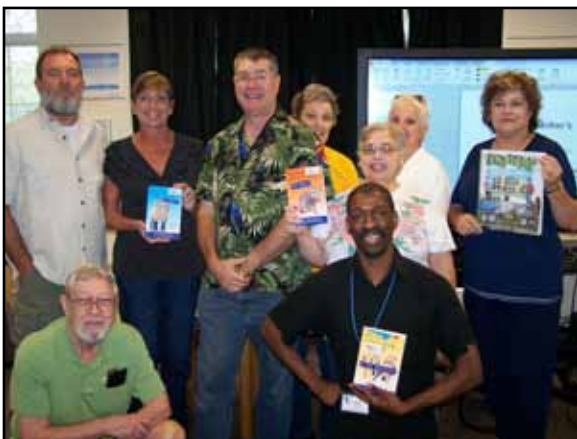


"Laugh Until You Pee" blog launched in October!

We are proud to announce the launch of Publishing Syndicate's *Not Your Mother's Book* blog. Believe it or not, the name "Not Your Mother's Book" at Wordpress was already taken. There is no worries about competition, though, as the person using the name posted only once in 2009.

Wanting a name that would bring smiles and interest on social media sites like Twitter, "Laugh Until You Pee" was born. Several times a week, a story from one of the NYMB books will be posted, along with the contributor's bio from that particular book and information on where to purchase and how to submit stories.

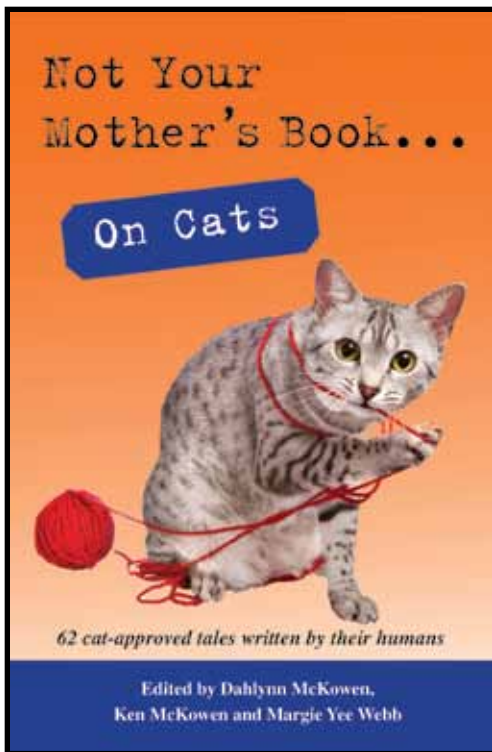
The upcoming releases of *NYMB... Working for a Living* and *NYMB... On Sex* will make books 10 and 11. With approximately 65 stories per book, PS has lots of material to choose from and promote. Sign up today—and encourage friends, family and fellow writers to do so, too—and see if your story will be featured! www.LaughUntilYouPee.com



Mike is in the middle, in the loud green shirt!

SIGNING AND TALK: Frequent NYMB contributor and all-around great guy Mike McHugh —aka The Damn Yankee—gave a talk about the book series at the Calcasieu Parish Public Library in Iowa, Louisiana. The audience was so excited by Mike's talk that they graciously posed for a photo just for this newsletter. Mike noted that the gentleman holding *NYMB... On Home Improvement* is the library's branch manager, Cornell Thomas. Public libraries are always looking for speakers, especially when it comes to writing! Thanks for sharing, Mike!





Not Your Mother's Book... On Cats

Released on October 7th, *NYMB... On Cats* is gaining momentum nationally, thanks to the book's contributors and co-creator Margie Yee Webb. The media campaign has been launched; if you know of cat bloggers or animal columnists we can contact to request a book review, we would appreciate the info. Dahlynn@PublishingSyndicate.com

Dahlynn and Margie Yee Webb gave a talk about *NYMB... On Cats* and *NYMB... On Dogs* on the Pets Stage at the California Capital Book Festival in Sacramento on October 25th.



Mese



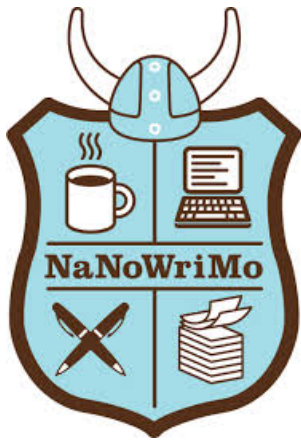
Angel

NYMB... On Cats contributor Julie Hatcher sent PS photos of her cats Mese and Angel (the stars of her story "Meow-thering") enjoying their handmade kitty toys, courtesy of Dahlynn. The toys were sent during a special promotion for advance orders of the book. She said they LOVED them!

NYMB... On Cats contributor Myron Kukla gave a 30-minute interview to his local radio station about the book. Loved his impersonation of Bill Murray's character in *Caddyshack* he gives during the interview while explaining his story "Cats Gone Wild" to viewers and listeners. Watch a snippet of video Myron shared with us here: <http://bcove.me/qj2y30zs>

Myron and "the blanket"





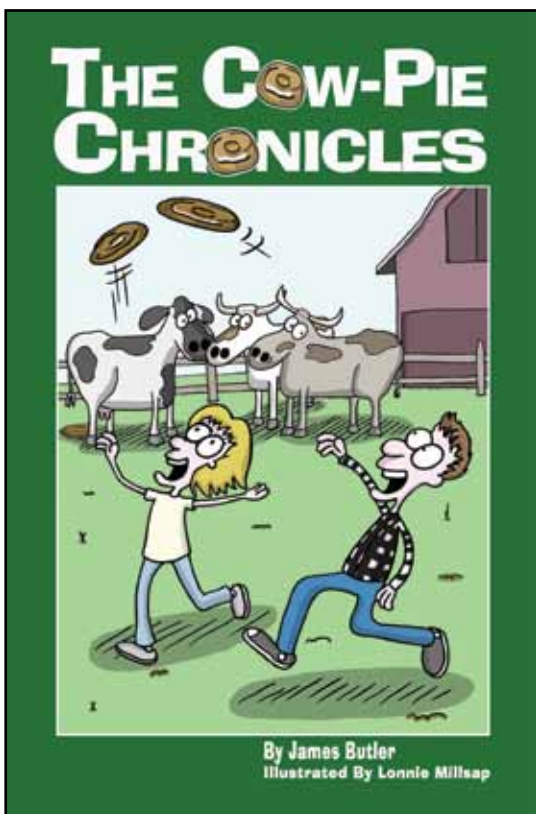
It's that time of year again: NaNoWriMo!

More info from the non-profit: "National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. On November 1, participants begin working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30th. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought fleetingly about writing a novel." <http://nanowrimo.org>

Visit Publishing Syndicate's Bookstore!

PS Bookstore: <http://bit.ly/1wwusIV>

Publishing Syndicate sells direct to consumers, and many times, our prices are better than other online retailers! We offer newer titles much earlier than those retailers, as well.



This month's feature is a wonderfully funny kid's chapter book: *The Cow-Pie Chronicles*. This is the perfect book for the kids on your holiday list. Written by James Butler and illustrated by Lonnie Millsap, the book is based on the real-life adventures of James as a farm boy in the 1960s. The book also has a glossary for those farm-related terms kids might not know, as well as a **FREE** teacher discussion guide, which can be downloaded via the PS website.



November Special!

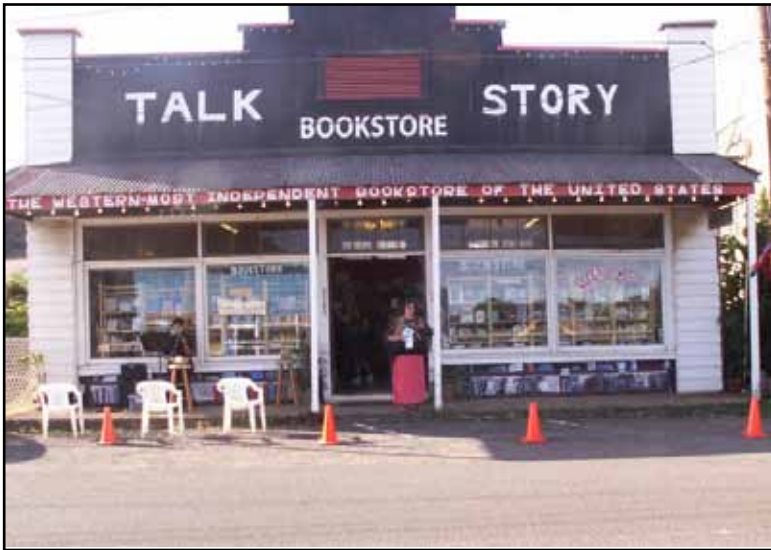
Cover price: \$9.95

SPECIAL PRICE: \$5 (plus S/H)

Order at the PS Bookstore: <http://bit.ly/1wwusIV>

James "cow-skiing" and the family's new puppy doesn't care too much for the alarm clock!

Where in the World is Pat Nelson?



Pat at the Talk Story Bookstore



Photo of NYMB books for sale at the Hawaii event. Love the sign!

Let it be known that Pat Nelson will go to the ends of the earth to promote the NYMB series! As the co-creator of *NYMB...On Being a Parent* and the soon-to-be-released *NYMB...On Working for a Living*, Pat is always surprising us here at PS with her latest jaunts. Featured this month are two trips she took that promoted all the NYMB books and furthered Publishing Syndicate's mission of helping writers get published. Thanks, Pat!

"In August, I visited Kauai, Hawaii. Had a great time signing *Not Your Mother's Books* at the Talk Story Bookstore, the westernmost independent bookstore in the United States! The signing was in conjunction with an art walk held every Friday night in the town of Hanapepe. To learn more about this store, visit www.TalkStoryBookstore.com.



Pat Nelson (L) and NYMB contributor Debbie Simorte

Then, in September, I headed from my home near Vancouver, Oregon, northwest to Cannon Beach, Oregon. There, I spent time with *NYMB...On Working for a Living* contributor Debbie Simorte (her story in the book is entitled "Charlie's Angels"). Debbie, who lives in Missouri, and writing pals Tonia Hurst (CA), Laura Hile (OR) and Roslynn Pryor (CA) all belong to the online writing group www.My500Words.com. They let



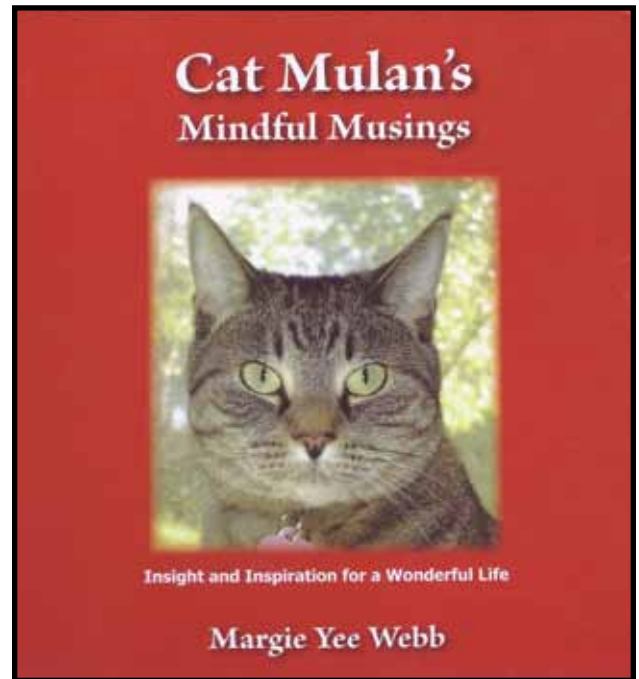
me crash their party and we spent the weekend writing, visiting, laughing (and drinking) and more writing! Fun was had by all, and it was wonderful making new writing friends and sharing the NYMB series.

L to R: Tonia, Laura, Debbie and Roslynn

And where will Margie Yee Webb show up next?

Margie Yee Webb, the co-creator of *Not Your Mother's Book...On Cats*, is everywhere!

About Margie: she is the author and photographer of *Cat Mulan's Mindful Musings: Insight and Inspiration for a Wonderful Life*, member of the Cat Writer's Association and Women's National Book Association (SF chapter), a movie producer (*FEMME: Women Healing the World*) and president of the California Writers Club, Sacramento Branch. Margie is a one-woman networking phenom and always gets things done!



Order at <http://amzn.to/1sMMXMZ>

Women's Ultimate Expo, September 2014, South San Francisco, CA



L to R: Margie, Annette and Ken

NYMB...On Working for a Living contributor Annette Langer (her story is "Jewish Coffee") visited the Publishing Syndicate booth at this event. Look closely at the fan she is holding. Annette explains: "Since the book hadn't been released yet, I made a sign showing the *On Working for a Living* book cover. It's the jpeg image you sent, which I printed on card stock and then attached it to a clean paint stirring stick that I found in my garage. It did the trick!"

NYMB...On Cats contributor Julie Royce (her story is "Guardian Angel") and Carol Lee Hall (California Writers Club, Fremont branch) stopped by the booth to meet Margie and Ken.

L to R: Carol, Julie, Margie and Ken



More photos on Page Six!

California Capital Book Festival, October 2014, Sacramento, CA

Dahlynn, Ken and Margie were guest speakers at CCBF. Publishing Syndicate had a booth at the event and the NYMB books were very popular!

Teresa LeYung-Ryan spent the weekend shooting videos and photos. You may have seen many of these on the PS Facebook page. To learn more about Teresa’s fan-base building coaching for writers, visit <http://www.lovmadeofheart.com>.



↑ L to R: Teresa LeYung-Ryan, Margie, author *Aquanetta Gordon*, author *Erin Dealy* and Dahlynn



← Back row: Dahlynn and Margie. Front row are book winners from the talk given by Dahlynn and Margie at CCBF



In November’s issue...

Debra Ayers Brown is returning with another feature for November’s issue: “Pick One: 7 Social Media Sites Worthy of An Author’s Time.” She’ll focus on how to find the best social media site for your time, energy AND enjoyment, and guarantees that there is a site you’ll love. Info: www.DebraAyersBrown.com

This just in from www.WritersMarket.com:

Writer’s Digest Short Short Story Competition

“We’re looking for short stories! Think you can write a winning story in less than 1,500 words? Enter the 15th Annual Writer’s Digest Short Short Story Competition for your chance to win \$3,000 in cash, get published in *Writer’s Digest* magazine, and a paid trip to our ever-popular *Writer’s Digest* Conference! The winning entries will be on display in the 15th Annual *Writer’s Digest* Competition Collection.”



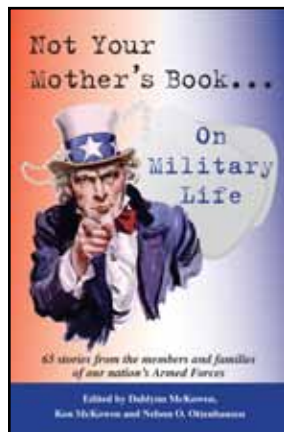
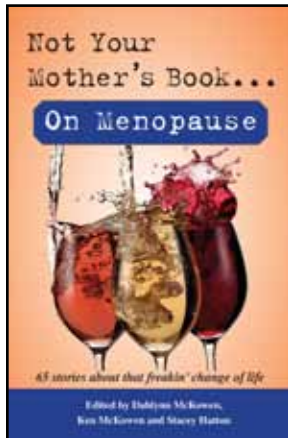
According to their site, there will be up to 25 winners, all receiving various cash prizes. Early-bird entry deadline is November 17th; entry deadline is December 15th. You’re all great writers—especially short-story writers—so enter! Info here: <http://bit.ly/1nqsoKm>

WritersMarket.com lists more than 8,000 publishing opportunities, including listings for contests, magazines, book publishers, literary agents, conferences, and more. Log in or sign up today to start submitting your work. www.WritersMarket.com

Last Page! Last Page! Last Page!

Not Your Mother's Book...

NYMB caters to mature readership, thus, submissions must be written by people age 18 and older. [Click on a book cover](#) for more info or visit the PS website.



We are still deciding which NYMB books will be included on our 2015 production schedule, with the exception of *NYMB...On Sex* (early spring release). Therefore, we are now accepting stories for some titles which previously have been closed to submissions, including *NYMB...On Dating* and *NYMB...On Dieting*.

The deadlines for *NYMB...On Menopause* and *NYMB...On Military Life* have been extended to

May 1, 2015. No guarantee that these will be the next books chosen for publication, but we would like to keep the stories coming in for the two titles.

You are welcome to submit to the 10 titles that have already been published (*Cats*, *Dogs*, *Travel*, *Family*, etc.), but unless the NYMB series takes off, we will not be issuing sequels for those topics. If you have new stories you planned to submit for a possible sequel title, please rewrite it so that it might better fit a currently unpublished title. For example, if your new cat or dog story would work for *NYMB...On Pets*, please submit for that book rather than the old cat and dog titles. NYMB submission guidelines: www.PublishingSyndicate.com

More writing opportunities...

NYMB contributor and talented writer Becky Povich alerted PS to two anthologies asking for submissions. Check it out. Thanks, Becky!

- The Her Stories Project: <http://www.herstoriesproject.com>
- Copperfield Review's first anthology: <http://copperfieldpress.com/submission-guidelines>



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