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Pearls of Wisdom



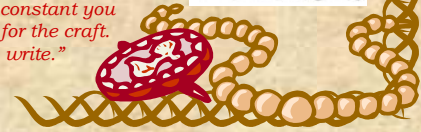
"August rushes by like desert rainfall, A flood of frenzied upheaval, expected, but still catching me unprepared. Like a match flame bursting on the scene, heat and haze of crimson sunsets. Like a dream of moon and dark barely recalled, a moment, shadows caught in a blink. Like a quick kiss; one wishes for more but it suddenly turns to leave, dragging summer away."

- Elizabeth Maua Taylor



August Author: ME!!!

"Keep the faith. Writing is a very up and down business, one day you sell and the next you don't. That type of inconsistency can play havoc with the heart and mind. Sometimes, the only constant you have is your passion for the craft. Never forget why you write."



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Dear Reader,



Well, amazingly **August** is already here. Is it just me or does it feel like 2009 is flying by at rocket speed? Eight months into the year and my 2009 resolution to overcome my "lone wolf" like personality hasn't been working out so well. I have great friends and get invited to all kinds of events, but if there is something good coming on the boob-tube, or I have a book I've been dying to read . . . well, you can imagine my dilemma! But, I am trying to overcome a lifetime of habit so keep in mind this may take time.☺



Last week, I submitted my **May 2010** anthology **Beats of My Heart**, and for the rest of this month I'm just resting up and enjoying what remains of the summer.



Next month I'm starting on a new story. Right now, the main characters are still a bit fuzzy, but I'm starting to get a feel for them. Usually by the time I sit down to write I know my characters like old friends – which is why it's so hard to part with them at the end of the book. ☹️

Coming in September, the cover for **His Perfect Match** will be unveiled (and let me tell you, it's a beauty!) also, a chapter excerpt will be posted to the site, so drop by and check it out.



Also, don't forget to visit the contest page and enter the **Kimani book-give-away** contest which will be running every month until December.

Coming in early 2010, the book trailer for my April release **Miami Attraction** will be available and I'll have more details on that soon.

On **October 9th**, I will be participating in a book signing during **Beverly Jenkins's Pajama Party** at the **Marriott Courtyard Hotel** in **Ann Arbor**, so if any of you are planning to attend I will see you there!

Finally, if you are a Detroit area resident, please send me an email at: elaine@elaineoverton.com. There are so many local events that I would love to let my readers know about, including my own **Reader Appreciation Luncheon** in **December**.



It's a cozy (free to you) holiday gathering with a few of my local readers. Just my way of saying "thank you" for your continued support. So, if you live in the Detroit area and would like an invitation, just send me an email. Well, that's it for now, I hope you and yours are enjoying the wonderful summer months, until next time . . .

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**Aug. 19th – 21st
Hart Plaza, Downtown Detroit**



Take care,
Elaine

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