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Pearls of Wisdom



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"Fear protects and keeps us safe. Unfortunately, sometimes fear keeps us from obtaining our dreams. Find the balance. Listen to your fears, but don't let them control you."



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Dear Reader,

Pearls of Wisdom: Every month a few words of advice from veteran authors.

Happy New Year & MLK Day !!! Another new look – what do you think? Did I ever mention I like color? – lol. Well, here we are settling into a new year & a new president. *Welcome to the White House, 44!!* We have got to keep this man in our daily prayers. True, America's got her problems, but she's still home. A president is just one man, and we can only hope that he puts that exceptional brain of his to work making *wise* decisions on our behalf.



I hope your **2009** is getting off to a wonderful start. Here in Michigan Mother Nature's doing her thing and showing us who's boss. One word . . . Brrrrrr. 😞 You know how I feel about the cold! Is it June yet?

I finally finished packing away the holiday stuff and I must admit that there is always the weirdness of first seeing my living space restored to its *pre-festive* state. Color schemes and furniture that I loved prior to November, suddenly seem dull and hum-drum. 😊 Oh well, I'll get use to it again.

Time to make my annual commitment to becoming the **Wonder Woman** I know lives in me. Granted, I'll never look like young Linda Carter, but you work with what you got, right? So, what is my New Year commitment? To overcome my "hermit like" personality. Believe it or not, this is a biggie. I have such a loner nature, I have to make a conscience effort to interact with humanity. Actually, this is a rather common author trait, because writing is such a solitary occupation, but I think I may have it worse than most. So, wish me luck as I explore this "strange, new world." 😊



Oops! My Sci-Fi geek is showing, excuse me while I tuck her away. 😊

Up next for 09': **Sugar Rush**, coming in April. Next month I'll have a chapter excerpt posted on the website. And in December, **His Perfect**



Match. I'll be able to tell you more about these as we get closer to the release dates.

Next month, I'm doing a writer workshop at the **Macomb Country Book Fair**, you can get more details on my site appearances page. And new for 2009, a **monthly book give-away** contest. Details for this are on the contest page. That's it for January, but the year is shaping up to be a busy one. 😊 So, until next time I wish you the fulfillment of all your dreams and ambitions in this new year!

Take care,
Elaine

For bakery owner Sophie Mayfield life is getting sweeter by the minute. She's managed to keep her family's cherished business from being acquired by mega-grocery-chain Fulton Foods. And her new employee Eliot Wright is as appealing – and oh-so-chocolate-fine – as he is hardworking and talented. But then Sophie discovers that Eliot isn't exactly who he says he is. And she's sure he's hungry for only one thing: her boutique bakery's bottom line. Now a love-stuck Eliot will have to do whatever it takes to win back Sophie's trust – and prove that he truly is her Mr. Right