



Author James Weems Newsletter

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Goodness, here we are in July already! It seems like this year has just been zooming by at the speed of light. Before too much longer it'll be Christmas, then a whole new year, the way this one's going. (The editor-in-chief just reminded me that's the way all years go....)

This newsletter is almost all about July, Ice Cream Month, National Anti-Boredom Month.... The hottest or second-hottest month in the Northern Hemisphere, usually. Hope you've got your stash of whichever flavor of ice cream is your favorite, keeping it cold, and using bowlfuls to keep yourself cool as possible! Speaking of favorite flavors of ice cream, last newsletter I asked "What's your favorite Ice Cream flavor? And what do you do with Ice Cream (you can totally use your imagination on this, if you want, or be honest!)" The truth can at last be revealed! My purely unscientific survey gave these results:

Vanilla -----	1
Chocolate -----	1
Peach -----	1
Banana Pudding ---	1

As for the second question, I think maybe I'll hold THOSE results for addition to story plots down the road. Some of my readers are naughty!!



Who dat! Yeah, it's Benji here... hope y'all got the Characters booklet off the website over the weekend. But, hey, if ya missed it, me an' Rave persuaded Mistah Writer to give y'all another chance.



That's true, Benji... or, as you like to say, "true dat!" We don't have all the details, but he's gonna fill you in.

I'mma gonna have you soundin' like a true-born Cajun yet, shay.

Either that, or a truly mixed-up southern Brit. I'm not sure which!

Have you seen the Character booklet, shay? He's calling it "Volume 1" because it's only got us and Greg, DC, and Davey the road crew manager, plus your ex Ronnie and Dickie. He left out my whole family and a lot of swell folks we met during our first world tour!

Yeah, but I think he was under a time crunch – too much to do and not enough hours to do it all. He kept muttering about meeting

some coach. I didn't know he played any sports!

Ummm, shay, dat was his book coach. The nice lady who's helping him get our story in good shape, you know? Anyways, I think the Character book – he calls it the “Character Bible” – is pretty neat. Gives all our vital statistics!

Except the fact that somehow all our pictures turned out black and white, so none of us look quite as dashing as we should. Oh, well, guess that will be corrected in the next edition!

Benji and Ravynn are right (well, except for the “Mistah Writer” bit). For those of you who missed the hint in the last newsletter, OR the clue on the website homepage on July 14, 15, 16, and 17, July 15 was “National Give Something Away Day.” There was a link on the website the entire weekend for a free download of my “Character Bible” with pages for Ravynn, Benji, Sean, Clay, Wil, Todd, DC, Greg, Davy (the road crew manager), Ronnie, and Dickie Newsome. There will be a second volume added soon for the rest of the characters from the prequel, including images of the character. There will also be more characters added from the novel. [Link or download]

That previous paragraph is a perfect lead-in to my next topic, but I'll make it as quick as possible. AI: Artificial Intelligence. It's exploding everywhere. I've played with it, created the images for the prequel cover with it. I like it for some uses. But I do NOT like the thought of books written by AI, or audiobooks “told” by AI, because the computer cannot be trained to feel the human emotions which show through in our speech and writing. As such, I promise you, I will NEVER use AI to write my stories, and I don't see any reason to use AI if I ever turn my books into audiobooks. If I find human models who “strike me” as my cover models, AI loses covers, also. If I use AI, I'll always let you know the image was AI-generated.

So, what do you think? Are you an AI-enthusiast, or an AI-avoider, or are you undecided? Inquiring minds want to know!

No pictures of the editor-in-chief this week. She's been very busy inspecting the house, checking my writing, attacking invisible flying objects, and generally having way too much energy and fun with it as hot out as it's been. So hopefully by next issue, she'll have calmed enough to sit for a proper picture again. Meanwhile, click the links to get a copy of the first part of the Characters from the prequel and novel in progress, and I'll be back, hopefully with some cooler weather (or some cool drinks) August 8. Enjoy the rest of July!

As always... if you decide we're not a good fit, hit the "Unsubscribe" link, and I'll quit bothering you, I promise.