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August 2026 Edition

Greetings from the "Cultural Center of the Universe" - Camden, Delaware!

1. IT'S NEW RELEASE MONTH! Volume Three of The Chianti Chronicles - *Old People Ain't Always Old* - is set for release on Aug. 24th on Amazon. It includes ten new fictional stories, PLUS an additional BONUS STORY from the very creative Guest Author Daniel Beck - a suspense story called *Sissy Boy* (and trust me - it's good!). In the meantime, check out this new promo video - CLICK HERE .

- **A QUICK SHOUT OUT** to the 70+ people who volunteered to READ AND REVIEW an Advance Reader Copy of my new book. ***I thank you from the bottom of my heart.*** More info to follow in a later email.

2. QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country."* - Kurt Vonnegut

3. UNIQUE WORD OF THE MONTH. ***Eremition*** **-** The quiet choice to withdraw from the noise of the world, seeking solitutude where the soul can listen to itself again, often for reflection, spiritual growth, or inner clarity.

4. LITERATURE TRIVIA. Please try your hand at this fun 5-question Literature Trivia Quiz. Just CLICK HERE (August 2026 Trivia), and let me know how you did. Good luck!

5. DID YOU KNOW that the first draft of John Steinbeck's classic novel *Of Mice and Men* was eaten by his setter dog (Toby), who chewed the manuscript to pieces?

6. MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATION: *Woulda, Coulda, Shouda: Questions of Life* by Indie Author C. G. Clements. CLICK HERE TO ORDER

- ***Overview:*** The story starts out with two childhood friends discovering something mysterious in the woods. It then slowly unfolds into a heartfelt small-town mystery filled with buried secrets, fractured friendships, family, and the possibility that some connections are never truly lost. It's one of those novels that balances suspense with heart, making you wonder whether or not the greatest mystery is what actually happened all those years ago.

7. WHAT ARE *YOU* READING NOW? I'd love to hear what book you are reading (or listening to). **Please reply and let me know.** I am rereading one by Kurt Vonnegut (my all-time favorite author) called *Breakfast of Champions*, based on a recommendation from an old friend Jack Benson. Thanks Jack - you're right, my perpsective is vastly different from when I first read it back in the 70s. Simply stated, it's a great freaking book that is so relevant in today's chatic world.

8. FREE SAMPLES. Please check out two of my short stories: CLICK HERE TO READ:

- From Volume One: *From the Frying Pan*
- From Volume Two: *Gonad's Revenge*

9. MY FIRST TWO BOOKS. Please check them out if you haven't already done so (Amazon links below):

- Volume One: Fictional Tales of Vietnam Vets
- Volume Two: Life's a Comedy, That's Not Always Funny
- By the way, your Reviews really help elevate my books' exposure in **that mystical Amazon algorithm which I do not claim to understand**.

Until next month, thanks for your support.

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