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

1. BOOM! A STRONG START FOR *OLD PEOPLE AIN'T ALWAYS OLD*. Volume Three of The Chianti Chronicles was released on Aug. 24th on Amazon with strong sales and a solid number of early Reviews. For several days, it was at the top of a few Amazon Kindle Store Rankings:

- #1 in Satire Fiction
- #1 in Contemporary Short Stories
- #1 in Humorous Dark Comedy

I would again like to thank the Launch Team which grew to 90 + people.
They agreed to read an Advance pdf Reader Copy and post a Review on Amazon. That ongong process is serving as a solid foundation for the book's strong start. If you're interested in ordering your own copy (Kindle or Paperback), just CLICK HERE.

2. QUOTE OF THE MONTH. "*Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.*" - Theodore Roosevelt

3. UNIQUE WORD OF THE MONTH. ***Redolent:*** A word meaning full of a fragrant scent, often used for the crisp, earthy smell of damp soil and decaying leaves.

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

5. DID YOU KNOW that Charles Dickens claimed he didn't invent his characters? He believed they followed him around, stood behind him, and shouted their dialogue into his ear while he wrote.

6. MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATION: *7 Sheets to the Wind: An Unauthorized Maritime Chronicle of Sailing, Navigating and Surviving Wild Adventures and Misadventures at Sea* by John Martin. CLICK HERE TO ORDER..

- ***Overview:*** Have you ever wondered, read about, or actually been on board a high seas boating adventure? I'm **g**uessing some of you have. But now you can experience all that in this book on sailing adventures across the U.S. with Captain John Martin, and his weird crew of so-called "sailors," very unprepared passengers, three dogs and a wild cat

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 just re-read (for the "gazillionth" time) *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad. The book focuses on Charlie Marlow, who travels up a river in the Belgian Congo to find an ivory trader named Mr. Kurtz, who has gone mad and rules the locals like a god. For the movie *Apocalypse Now*, Director Francis Ford Coppola took the core plot and themes of Conrad's book and shifted the setting from late 19th-century Africa to the Vietnam War. It is a very cool read.

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

- From Volume One: *An Uncomfortable Destiny*
- From Volume Two: *The Dead Don't Bitch*

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

Until next month, thanks for your support.

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