



# As the Author Learns

Bits & bites about publishing & writing from

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## What's Happening?

I finished my review of all the books in the Big Series I want to release next year. This includes the middle set of three books which I wrote last year. I hadn't reviewed them since I totally rewrote all the books, and I have to admit I'm pleased with how they turned out.

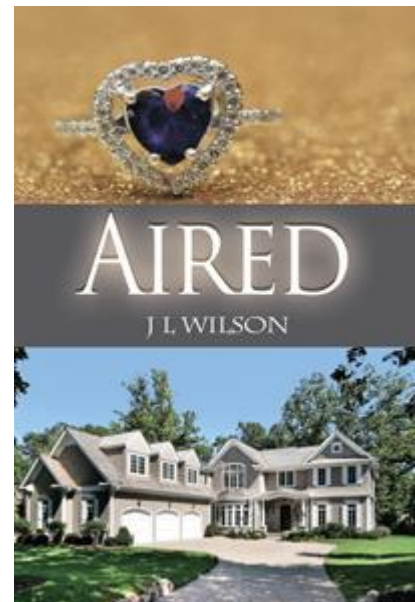
Then I looked at the final trilogy. This one has been published before by The Wild Rose Press, but I had the rights returned to me so I could do a few tweaks and have new covers made.

When I finished that effort, I started playing around with writing shorter books/novellas for those trilogies. I started off with just jotting down ideas for the types of stories I could do. Each set of characters are 'alive' in a particular time period, so I thought I might do some stories with them later in life, when the books ended.

I fiddled about for a week or so but decided that my heart just wasn't really in it. I think I need to settle down and consider doing that after I've done my final read-through, prior to publishing next year. So, I put those ideas to one side and considered what mystery story I might like to write next.

I decided I want to work on my *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. I'm still in the early stages, but I think this will be a book about social media and how someone can produce a profile on social media that is totally false, one that lures others into nefarious doings. I did a bit of research into the author (Robert Louis Stevenson), a man who led quite a fascinating, albeit short life (he died at age 44). Now I need to re-read the original story and figure out where the plot will go.

I also tackled galley proof edits for *Aired*, which will release sometime next year. And I have a final cover! The house is very like the one in the story and the jewelry figures in the plot.



It's not \*quite\* what I wanted for a cover, but I don't have final say on that. However, I've learned that covers, while important, often aren't the most important part of the story and I have to trust the editorial review team (which approves all covers).

The next step will be a final galley proof and then I'll need to decide what book to submit next. I have my Red Riding Hood story, my Cinderella story, and my Rapunzel story ready to go. Oh, and Sleeping Beauty. Hmm. Which next?

## [In Other News](#)

I kicked off my Celestial Service series (say that fast a few times!) The books are ready for order and pre-order on my Book Site at <https://bit.ly/JLWbooks>.

And to celebrate, I had a friend create some ads for me to use on Facebook. I have ads for all the books, plus this ad for the entire series. Kind of nifty, hmm?



## [What's Next?](#)

All of the Celestial Service will be out by the time I write my next newsletter. I also hope to have good progress done on covers for the series coming out next year, progress on my Jekyll and Hyde book, and final edits done for *Aired*. And if I get really ambitious, I'll review and submit a new manuscript as well.

And also do a bit of gardening, maybe a road trip here and there, and get ready for my outing in October to brainstorm my Dracula book. In other words: busy as usual!

