

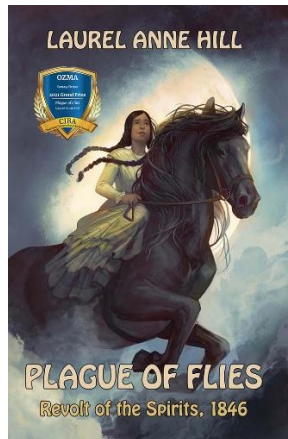
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Hello my friends from Chanticleer, California Writers Club (CWC), Gold Country Writers, BayCon and the Independent Press Award BookCamp 2024. This month's tale relates my February 2026 adventures with writing, life, editing and the world of publishing.

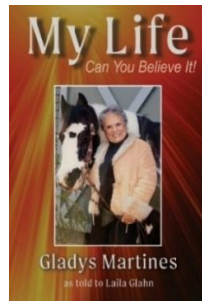


### Do the "Eyes" have it? One of them, not so much.

Within the first week of my right eye's surgery on January 16, I could see an amazing difference for the better. The vivid colors of the real world dazzled me. Stop lights no longer contained four sections. Only two. By the middle of the second week, I could read almost all the letters on the fourth line on the eye chart. My left eye, yet unrepaired, still provided sight close up.

Following the surgery on my left eye on February 6, the game changed. A piece of the left-eye cataract had stuck to the underlying tissue. That

circumstance lengthened the procedure and damaged my left eye. Three days following the left-eye surgery, my sight on that side had deminished. Significantly. I managed to read the first line on the eye chart with my left eye, only because I remembered that "E" was the only letter there. One week later, I read the second eye-chart line, but only with difficulty. I'm hoping I'll do better on my upcoming visit.



### ***My Life: Can You Believe It!***

#### **Winner of Independent Press Award**

My work on the second promotional video for this book I edited has been slower than molasses in January, so to speak. I've finished almost all the individual video frames but not yet started to splice the sound. My roommate brought home a pair of 2.75 magnification over-the-counter reading glasses that really help. Tax season, however, has slowed me down. I'm now driving again. As soon as I bring my income tax statistics to my accountant, I'll finish the video.

#### **This Steampunk Snail Crawls Even Slower**

I accomplished almost nothing on my steampunk novel-in-progress, *When Fire Ruled the Wind*, due to difficulty with my eyes and dealing with other priorities. However, I used my time away from my computer to think about my options. Next week, I'll return to this project in earnest. I promise!

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