

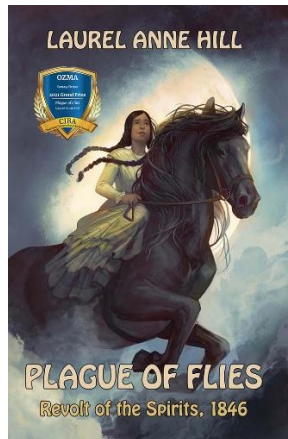
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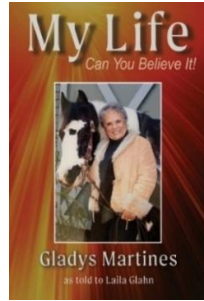
Hello my friends from Chanticleer, California Writers Club (CWC), Gold Country Writers, BayCon and the Independent Press Award BookCamp 2024. This month's tale relates my January 2026 adventures with writing, life, editing and the world of publishing.



What the %\$#@!# do you mean, MY books are out of print?

All fixed, everyone! My books are back on Amazon. Sand Hill Review Press only had to contact them about their error. I ordered a couple books just to be sure. They arrived today. We are going to update the covers, however. The ebook for "Plague of Flies" has a white border around the OZMA fantasy grand prize award. "The Engine Woman's Light" is missing reference to its Kirkus Star and a line from that starred review: "Like Ursula K. Le Guin, Hill

pays attention to the anthropology of her invented culture in ways that enrich the story greatly...”



My Life: Can You Believe It!

Wins an Independent Press Award (Hispanic/Latin Nonfiction)

I'll be traveling to New Jersey in April to pick up the trophy for Gladys Martines. I can hardly wait to drive to her ranch in Penn Valley, California and present the award to her.

By the way, the promotional video for the book went live in early January. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrGXPpOkS9k>. My cataracts and glaucoma created a problem getting everything assembled. I've started work on a second, shorter video, but will have to wait until three weeks after my second eye surgery scheduled for February 6th. I've been wearing eye glasses for sixty years due to nearsightedness. With two farsighted lenses, I'll require reading glasses for my computer work. Time to donate my collection of prescription glasses to the Lions Club.

This Steampunk Snail Crawls With A Purpose

I finally began chapter five in my steampunk fantasy: "When Fire Ruled the Wind." After my right-eye surgery, I had to wear ultra-dark glasses for two weeks, except when sleeping. Naturally, I couldn't see the cursor. So I would close my right eye and try to type with my unrepaired left one open, which couldn't visualize the screen much better than when black glasses were in the way. However, I could at least find the cursor.

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