

Kalin is an Author, not a Blogger

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A while back I really started thinking that I wanted to make a change to this website and my writing endeavors. I'm not under any delusions here: I know no one is reading these blog posts. I decided to really start promoting this site and bought a couple audio books on the subject to give me some ideas. One was called [Kill Your Blog](#), a tiny little book written for authors. It had some good points about why a blog just isn't the best way for writers to get readers. It helped remind me that the book format has always been my preference and this blog has just been about keeping myself writing and isn't properly goal-oriented. I have wanted for a long time to put my stuff together and start selling it on Kindle. I haven't done it in the past, partially because of laziness and partially because I have this idea that it's just wrong to try to make money off art. In the long run I still believe that but in the short run, if I want to make a difference in the world and actually have people read the things I write, I need to be an author, not a blogger.

So I went on elance.com and hired a designer to make some book covers. I then put together [Stories of New Beginnings: 10 Science Fiction Short Stories I Wrote in High School](#), taking the stories I had on this website and putting introductions for each, describing how they affected me and my life during that period.

Next, I hired a copyeditor to help clean up a novella that I've been sitting on for a couple years called *The Pioneers*. I intend to release that in a week or two... or three... after I go through her edits. After that I will be compiling another book called *Violence in New Eden*, a collection of four short stories and novellas set in the universe of EVE Online, though those stories are currently available here on this website but will be removed once I start trying to charge money for them. After that I'm going to put together the non-science fiction stories into an anthology called *The Water Glass* collection. Then I'm going to go back through all of those books, hire an editor for each, and clean them up a bit. After all that, I will either start compiling my true stories into a collection in one or two editions that follow my path to becoming an anarchist, or I will go back to writing the novel that I've been working on since I was 15.

I'm still going to try to keep up with the facebook and twitter thing, since it's actually pretty easy using the buffer app to queue a bunch of posts while I'm on the bus. I never stopped to think about just how many anarchist and atheist memes are out there and just how many little articles you can find about our government and police doing messed up things.

I still need to make some adjustments to this website to reflect my change in priorities. I'm still gonna keep blogging, but I'm probably going to keep it to about one a month, just to maintain a presence. I still have a big backlog of stuff to post and I want to get around to that, but not before I finish my books... but now that I look back over this post, I think maybe I shouldn't try to force myself to make entries here as I think this one turned out kinda boring.

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