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Meg Benjamin's News

Wedding Bell Blues Releases Tuesday, July 21

Hi everybody! Just wanted to let you all know that my second Konigsburg, Texas, novel, *Wedding Bell Blues*, is being released by Samhain Publishing on Tuesday, July 21. If you've read *Venus In Blue Jeans*, you'll recognize several of the characters—Cal and Docia, Wonder and Allie, Reba and Billy, Horace and Bethany, and, yes, Pep the Mighty Chihuahua back for a cameo. But there are a lot of new characters too, chiefly Cal's three brothers, Lars, Erik, and Pete. In fact, Pete, Cal's best man, is the hero of the novel, while Docia's best friend and assistant, Janie Dupree, is the heroine (and maid of honor). Since the wedding is for Cal and Docia, you've gotta figure nothing will go smoothly—Janie and Pete have their hands full with this one. But since it's Konigsburg, there's also lots of eating, drinking, cussing, dancing in the moonlight, and (ahem) a little hot romance on the side, as well as a lonely greyhound that needs adopting. You can read an excerpt from the first chapter of *Wedding Bell Blues* at <http://samhainpublishing.com/excerpt/wedding-bell-blues> or you can read about Pete's dancing lesson with Janie, which is also their first kiss, at <http://www.megbenjamin.com/wbbexcerpt.html>.

Contests and Excerpts on Monday, July 20

On Monday, July 20, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (EST) I'll be running some contests and posting some excerpts from *Wedding Bell Blues* and *Venus in Blue Jeans* (with maybe a surprise or two) on Samhain Café and my blog, <http://megbenj1.wordpress.com/>. Since music plays a big part in both books (remember Cal and Docia waltzing to "Midnight on the Water"?), I'll be giving away gift certificates to iTunes so that you can download the songs. And everyone who comments on my blog after the party starts will be entered in a drawing for a free copy of *Wedding Bell Blues*. Come join me for an hour or so to talk about music, wine, Texas, and Konigsburg and win a few prizes, too.

Be My Baby coming in December

My third Konigsburg book, *Be My Baby*, will be released in December, just in time for Christmas. The story takes place in November, with a Konigsburg Thanksgiving and

Christmas thrown in for good measure. This time it's Lars's story, but the woman he falls for isn't from Texas. In fact, Jess is on the run from some powerful (and scary) forces from her past. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the holidays.

Venus In Blue Jeans In Print

The print version of *Venus In Blue Jeans* will be out in November, in time for your holiday shopping! For those of you with friends who don't read e-books, here's your solution.