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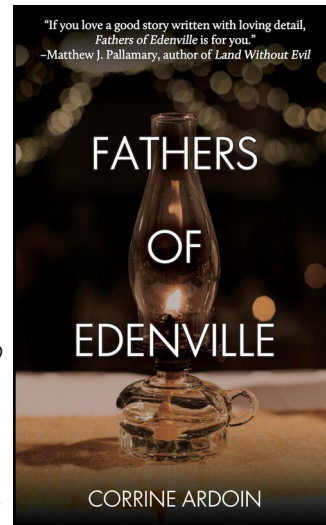
News from another coronavirus refugee:
Corrine Ardoin, giving you the latest on . . .

- Fathers of Edenville
- Words of Wisdom
- Poetry and other writings
- Plus . . . future projects

Let's get started, shall we?

Fathers of Edenville: Release date, April 16, 2020

What I love most about this book is its ability to melt my heart. It reminds me of what matters most: family, friendship, and "it's not about me," meaning, "it's about that mysterious something that orders our lives, changes us, and urges us to seek and discover our better natures. The message of this book, I think, is to have compassion for ourselves and the people in our lives. Yes, we make mistakes. Yes, we sometimes hurt ourselves and others, and we can really screw up at times. But, holding onto the mistakes, holding others hostage in our hearts, waiting for them to do better, or idolizing them at a standard no one can attain, prevents us from finding the gold that awaits us all. Facing the past, facing ourselves, taking a chance on letting go, which is at the heart of forgiveness, opens the door to possibilities. As one of the characters, Tucker Stewart, learned from Easter Sunday: ". . . to be satisfied with the lingering mystery, the unanswered questions."



You may already have a copy of *Fathers of Edenville*. If so, I hope you enjoy it! Spread the word and tell others to buy it, too! Since bookstores are closed, it's only available for purchase through me or online: Black Rose Writing; Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and more. If you want, leave a review on Amazon or Goodreads. It helps to get the word around! Look for *Fathers of Edenville* as an ebook, too!

From my little black book of wisdom:

Light and dark are the symbols of our healing and our failing. They are the markers of either hope or despair. Yet, when seen as opposites that balance one another, as equal weights upon the scale of remarkable justice, these opposing forces are seen as both necessary, both halves of an undivided, unmeasured toll of wholeness, unity, and completeness.

Understand that regrets are merely lessons still waiting for us to listen and learn. We can either indulge the deep remorse and suffering of our mistakes, or consider the message brought through this window of opportunity. Listening instead to the message, we realize it is a lesson from Spirit we hear with eyes turned skyward, our face in the light of love. So, twinges of regret are truly Spirit's call to listen, to receive the lesson, if we choose. Or, we may turn our gaze downward and burrow our souls into everlasting darkness and pain. Such a simple task to listen, to heed Spirit's call. Opportunity is never lost. The window opens each time we touch upon regret, each time we dare to look.



“Calling By My Side”

I came to this place long ago and, there, I saw him for the very first time.
He was neither rich nor poor, but walked as one who knew neither really mattered.
I saw the rain and the clouds of the day. I felt the air like a breath and I heard it in my mind.
But, it was his voice that took my heart and I've loved its sound in the night and in the day.
I've loved him as dearly as a saint.

When my garden, within where I walk, becomes my home, my sanctuary dream,
he is there, and I see him, I notice his presence there by the tree.
I've loved him in the night. I've dreamed him in the day. But, never have I seen him with these eyes.
I only know him in my mind, where my heart's cast its spell, where he sighs and where I lay,
nearest to one as to the other.

I know it sounds too unbelieving of me to admit, I haven't a clue who I've dreamt,
but he's real and he's here. I'm not alone after all.

Future Projects:

Look for these fun and exciting sequels to *Fathers of Edenville*:

-Book Two: *Mothers of Pine Way*. Did you enjoy *Forty Sumner*, his wife, Sylvia, Tucker, and Jim Hart? This first sequel brings you more amateur detective work, fun, and mayhem in the small, rural community of Pine Way from Edenville's earlier days.

-Book Three: *Children of the Way*. Meet some new characters and get to know the regulars a little better. This third installment takes you back to the days of early settlement and shows you the real, juicy secrets about Edenville's founders.

-Book Four: *The Valley of Dreams*. Concludes the *Pine Valley Series*. Find out about the people who lived in the valley before the settlers and what happens to Sylvia and Tucker.