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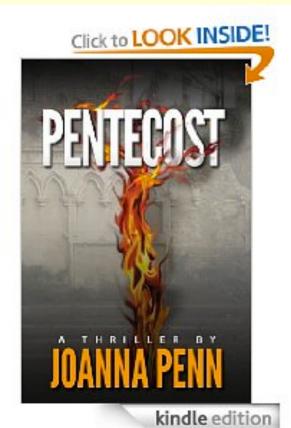


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#### Pentecost. A Thriller. [Kindle Edition]

Joanna Penn (Author)

★★★☆ ▼ (46 customer reviews) | Like (11)



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Average Customer Review: ★★★★☆ 

(46 customer reviews)

Amazon Bestsellers Rank: #1,036 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store)

#8 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Religious & Inspirational

#8 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Fiction > Religious Fiction

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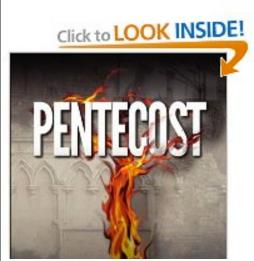


#### PentecostNovel

Mini relaunch this week for Pentecost Sunday. #372 Paid in Kindle Store #7 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Fiction > Religious Fiction #13 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Fiction > Action & Adventure. Not a bad run!

On 17 July 2011

Book Sales of	f Pentecost				
	Ebooks US	Print YTD US	Ebooks elsewhere	Print YTD	TOTAL
Feb 2011	492		26		
Mar 2011	418		38		
April 2011	883		52		
May 2011	2339		125		
June 2011	2166	135	342	42	
TOTAL:	6,298	135	583	42	7,058



#### Pentecost. A Thriller. [Paperback]

Joanna Penn 

✓ (Author)

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Digital List Price: £0.86 What's this? 

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## Organisation

Prioritise and focus.

## Use an Editorial calendar

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## START EARLY!



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Where do your audience hang out?

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Written on February 1st, 2009 at 12:02 am by Darren Rowse

How to Guest Post to Promote Your Blog

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FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011

Tangled like ivy

POSTED BY NEIL AT 3:43 PM

I am writing this in Amanda's kitchen in Boston. There is ivy growing over the windows (in the





"A blog is a loyalty generator"

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## Keep people coming back KNOW LIKE TRUST

## Be useful

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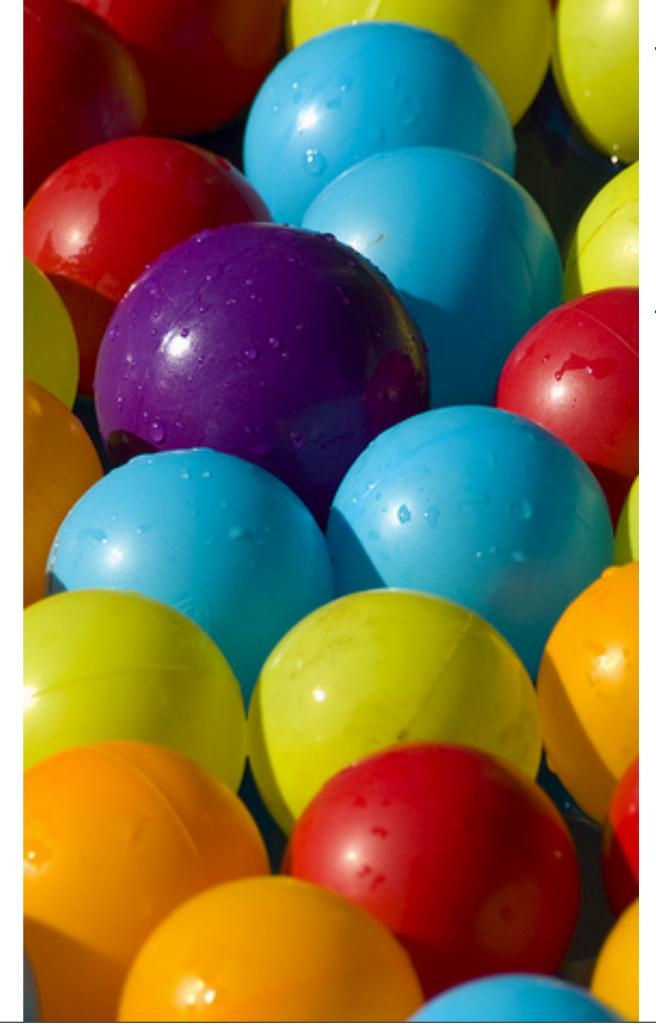
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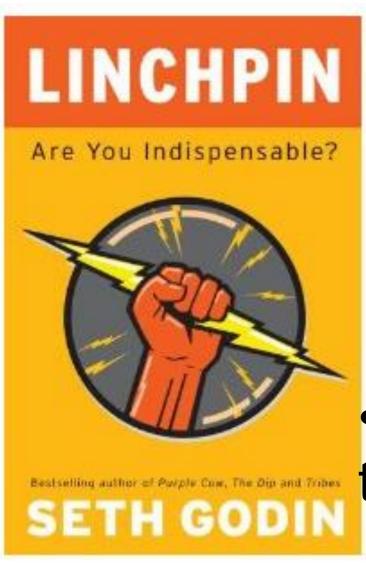
# Bloggers are a powerful community

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- Own your own blog.
   Get hosting <u>Hostgator</u> \$8 per month, unlimited domains
- Use your personality.
   Connection with audience is key. Stand out.
- Use images on every post please
- Use multi-media. Text is totally saturated but audio and video are not





http://sethgodin.typepad.com/seths\_blog/2010/01/the-20-media-tour.html

I spoke to over 40 different people from various industries and blogs about Linchpin. I was given a warm reception by artists, business blogs, marketing sites, brand innovation sites, and creative blogs. It was a blast. My interaction with them reminds me that the online world is quickly becoming even more human and connected everyday. The page summarizing all of the links is right here.

 Target the bloggers in your niche and tangential for new readers

http://
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com/2010/02/08/
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- Write appropriate and original guest posts
- Organise and establish relationships in advance
- Go multi-modal

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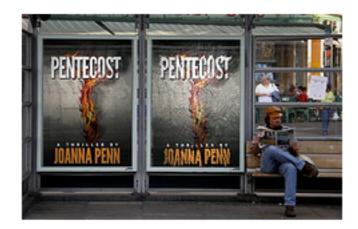
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# 32 guest posts in launch week

LOT of work

Based on relationships

Indirect brand awareness NOT direct sales

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- Self-employed, entrepreneurs
- Used on mobile devices
- 51% earn over \$60k

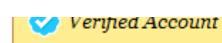
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mother . . . . even for men with
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- Relationship building
- Traffic (80/20)
- Information
- Tweet the niche
- Be useful

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## How I manage Twitter





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People Don't Buy Books Based On The Publisher http://bit.ly/c4Mzk7 (check comments!)

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@MichelleSedas Thanks so much for your personal recommendation - I so appreciate it! #FF

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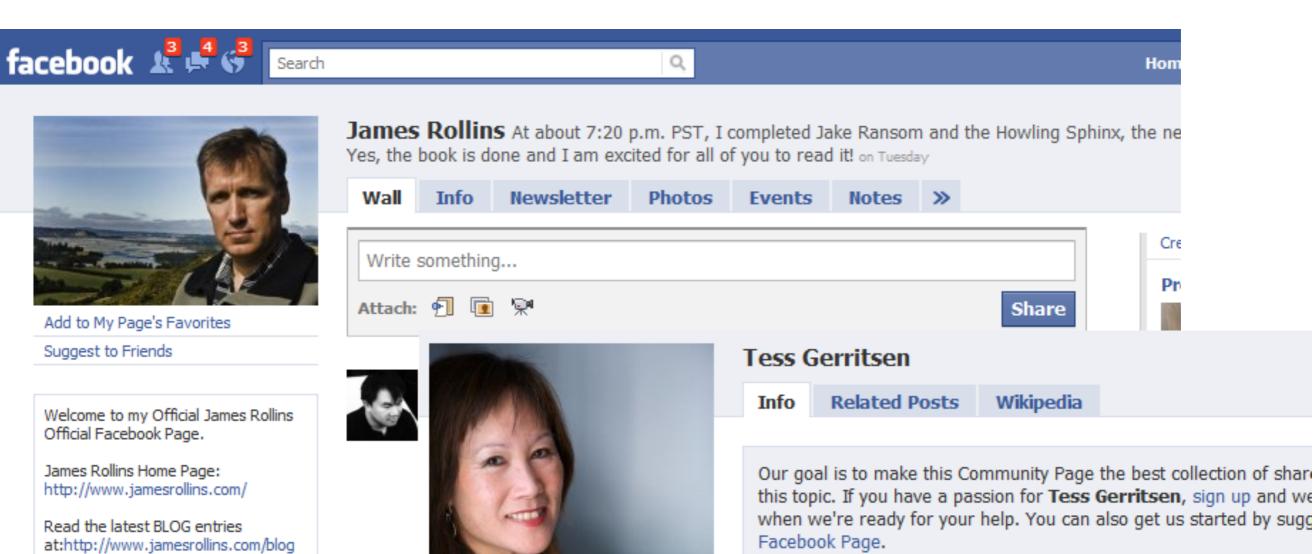
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Useful links scheduled weekly from writing/ publishing blogs, incl. my own posts

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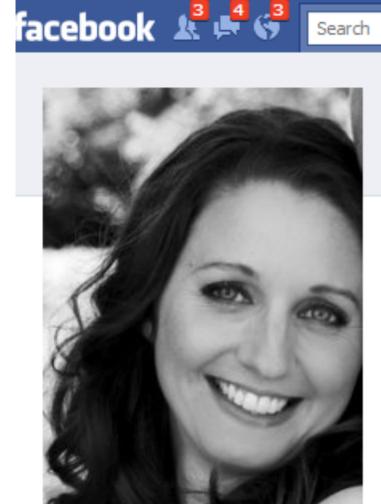
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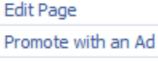
Tess Gerritsen, M.D., (born June 12, 1953) is a Chinese-American novelist and re confessed in her blog that her first name is really Terry and that she had to feminize was a writer of romance novels. She makes no comment about her maiden name.

#### Biography

Tess Gerritsen was the child of a Chinese immigrant and a Chinese American seafoo California. While growing up, Gerritsen often dreamt of writing her own Nancy Drew

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The Creative Penn How's your writing this weekend? Is anyone planning to × do NaNoWriMo this year? I'm thinking of starting the next novel then.

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Jamie DeBree Absolutely - this will be my 7th year, I think. Love it!

As for this weekend - wrought with revisions, I'm afraid. \*sigh\* 2 hours ago · Like



Jen Gallagher Hey Jo have you got a link on your website to NaNoWriMo with more info. Thanks!

2 hours ago · Like



Jamie DeBree Jen - http://www.nanowrimo.org/. :-)
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Janet Lingel Aldrich Finishing up a story ... and working on the plot for my NaNo project.

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Human connection through non verbal communication

Authors/writers are shy and so you can stand out in the crowd.

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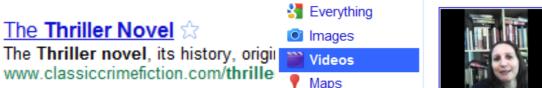
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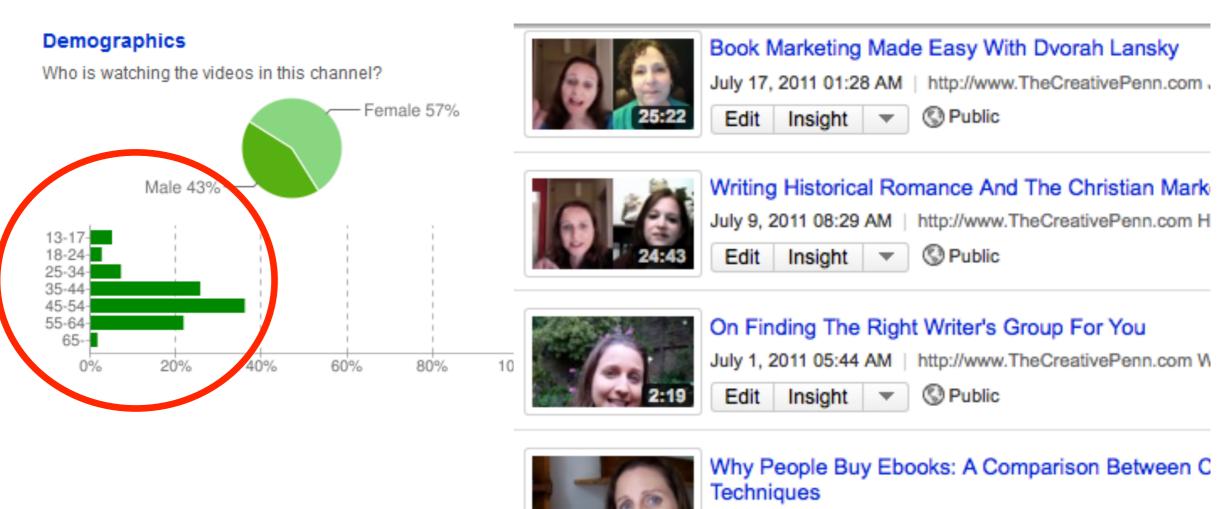


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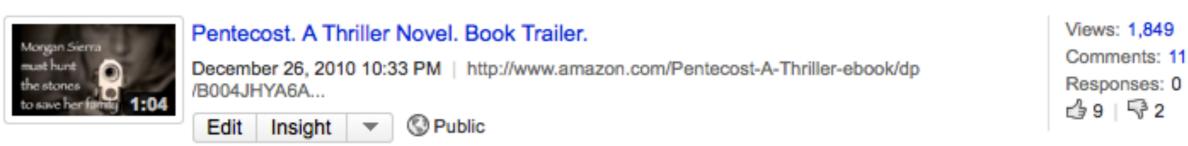
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"If you enjoy a fast-paced thriller that brings an intriguing mix

"This book has elements that will appeal to all thriller fans - the a rollicking good read.." Review by Alan Baxter

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Cost: \$169.99 DEFINITELY worth it!

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#### Giveaways

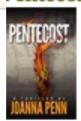
Listing your book for a giveaway is a great way to get free exposure for a book before and during its launch. List any title that is not yet released or was released during the last 6 months.

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#### Pentecost



770 people requested it status: approved ends: March 15, 2011 12:00AM

#### Pentecost



951 people requested it status: approved ends: June 13, 2011 12:00AM

#### Thriller Novel Pentecost Now On Sale, Launch And Competition Details.

by JOANNA PENN on FEBRUARY 7, 2011 [EDIT]



#### It's launch day!

Pentecost, a thriller novel, is now available in Kindle and print format on Amazon. The ebook is just \$2.99 and the book is \$8. Click here to buy now.

(Update: 8 Feb – launch competition had closed! Winners have been notified – see

Did a competition for launch day. Don't think it made much of a difference to sales.

People who are in my 'tribe' would have bought anyway.

#### How To Launch A Book With No Traditional Media Like Seth Godin

by JOANNA PENN on FEBRUARY 8, 2010 [EDIT]



Seth Godin, thought leader, marketing guru and prolific author has just launched his latest book, "Linchpin: Are You Indispensable?".



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http://www.thecreativepenn.com/ 2011/01/03/4-hour-body-booklaunch/

#### Book Launches And Marketing For Pentecost And Save My Soul With Joanna Penn And Zoe Winters

by JOANNA PENN on FEBRUARY 19, 2011 [EDIT]



Podcast: Download (Duration: 37:30 - 18.3MB)

Today's podcast is a discussion on book launches and how various types of marketing activities impact book sales with paranormal romance author Zoe Winters and religious thriller author Joanna Penn.

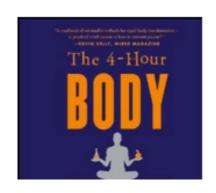




Zoe Winters is an independent paranormal romance author and has written the Bloodlust trilogy of novellas which have sold over 40,000 copies. Her most recent book is Save My Soul.

#### The Four Hour Body: Lessons Learned From Tim Ferriss' Book Launch

by JOANNA PENN on JANUARY 3, 2011 [EDIT]



You may have heard about Tim Ferriss' new book 'The Four Hour Body: An uncommon guide to rapid fat-loss, incredible sex and becoming superhuman" (4HB). The book made it to #1 on the NY Times Bestseller list for Christmas and will no doubt remain there for

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#### Prophecy

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- \* Soft launch with Amazon reviews before advertising & big push
- \* Give away copies to fans to "get the ball rolling"
- \* Everything else is marketing constant, ongoing. Continue at same pace.
- \* Sign up now. Will put chapters into Pentecost perhaps make it free



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