



The Serendipitous Spark

Some people call it a "sign." Some people call it "the secret." Some people call it "luck." Some people call it "faith." It can be organized or free-flowing, traditional or new, part of a belief system or seemingly random. We're calling it the Spark, and we want to show you how letting it flow through you can change your life and your writing.

Why do editors say they want stories that are "different"? Why do editors encourage writers to write the book of

their dreams? Because editors know that some manuscripts just sparkle. And that's usually because the writer has been a conduit for the serendipitous Spark.

Have you been a conduit? Has your best writing been sparked by an idea that just dropped in your lap? Has your story taken an unexpected turn that surprised even you? Are you the sort of person who is intensely curious about things other people hardly notice? Does your curiosity about the world infect others? If so, you're probably already gifted with the Spark. But if not, we can tell you how it has helped us and other writers and show you ways to help connect with the Spark in your writing. Learn to tear down the walls and savor the why-ness from two writers who approach this subject in two very different ways.

Survey Says...

To see a summary of our presentation and the very surprising results of a survey of over 500 RWA members concerning the impact of signs in their life and writing (available after July 17), go to either:

www.elaine-knighton.com/spark

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Books We've Enjoyed

- *Animal Speak—The Spiritual & Magical Powers of Creatures Great & Small* by Ted Andrews, Llewellyn Publications ISBN 0-87542-028-1

- *The Artist's Way—A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron, Tarcher/Putnam ISBN 0-87477-694-5 Paperback
- *Ask Your Guides—Connecting to Your Divine Support System* by Sonia Choquette, Hay House ISBN 10: 4019-0787-3 (trade paperback) ISBN 13: 978-1-4019-0787-7
- *Soul Lessons and Soul Purpose—A Channeled Guide to Why You Are Here* by Sonia Choquette, Hay House ISBN-13: 978-1-4019-0789-1 (trade paperback)
- *The Psychic Pathway—A Workbook for Reawakening the Voice of Your Soul* by Sonia Choquette (author of *Trust your Vibes*), Three Rivers Press ISBN 0-517-88407-0
- *Be a Goddess! A Guide to Celtic Spells and Wisdom for Self-Healing, Prosperity, and Great Sex* by Francesca De Grandis, HarperSanFrancisco ISBN 0-06-251505-5 (paperback)
- *Ask and it is Given- Learning to Manifest Your Desires* by Esther and Jerry Hicks (the teachings of Abraham™), Hay House ISBN 1-4019-0459-9 (trade paperback)
- *Mutant Message Down Under* by Marlo Morgan (a true story), HarperPerennial ISBN 0-06-017192-8 (paperback)
- *The Magical Approach – Seth Speaks about the Art of Creative Living* by Jane Roberts, New World Library ISBN 1-878424-09-2 (paperback)
- *The Voice of Knowledge – A Practical Guide to Inner Peace* (part of *The Four Agreements* series) by Don Miguel Ruiz, Amber-Allen Publishing ISBN 978 1-87842-54-9 (paperback)
- *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie, Granta Books/Viking Penguin ISBN 0-14 01.5737 9 (paperback)
- *A New Earth—Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle, Plume
- *Divine Prescriptions—Using Your Sixth Sense—Spiritual Solutions for You and Your Loved Ones* by Doreen Virtue, PhD (author of *Divine Guidance*), Renaissance Books, www.angeltherapy.com
- *On Writing* by Stephen King, Pocket Books ISBN 978-0743455961 (paperback)
- *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne, Atria Books/Beyond Words 978-1582701707

Speakers

Author of three award-winning historical romances, **Elaine Knighton** has been making stuff up since she was seven. Now she enjoys the thrill of being paid for it. When she's not crafting stories or analyzing trauma cases for a major medical center, you'll often find Elaine on her motorcycle, exploring back roads of the West. She also enjoys playing the fiddle, catering to her five cats, and interrupting the college studies of her two daughters in order to bounce ideas off of them. Spirituality and metaphysics have fascinated Elaine since her early teens. Her current projects include a screenplay and a mainstream novel, which will both illustrate the concepts we are exploring today. Visit her at www.elaine-knighton.com.

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