



Celebrating 2 years of blogging with
Shades of Crimson

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dedicated to blog commenters

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Hi folks.

June 20, 2010 completes a chapter; two years blogging, late nights at the computer writing until past one o'clock a.m., and blog-hopping around the blogosphere leaving comments behind. Lots of comments.

Writing and not knowing what the next word will be, and then appreciating when it comes... well, it's not always the word you're looking for, is it? Not always the 'right' one.

That's what I love about the comment sections in blogs. Words show up there more easily – or is that just me?

I wanted to celebrate these two years by acknowledging those who've been along for the ride. You, who have shared your comments, insights, shenanigans and stories from week to week, and month to month.

This book has been written by blog commenters. To keep it to a moderate size, I searched for comments on my blog from 2010 and pulled out the pithy ones of those who'd commented a number of times.

I found comments from bloggers who've been around from day one, as well as some newcomers. There are super reflections brimming with wisdom, creativity and sentiment.

This ebook couldn't have happened without your comments. I've appreciated your support and the connections I've made over the past two years. There are no 'right' words, actually...

Except for, you guys rock!

Davina

Shades of Crimson

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Prelude

Sweet Cheeks

Sweet breezes on my cheeks.
Gaze fixed on scenery below.
Shades of green, forested peaks.
Yellow daisies glow.

Peek through morning summer mist.
golden rays shine.
Mist is fresh, cheeks are kissed,
nature's call designed.

Trickling whispers, a babbling river,
release glistening waters to sea.
A comfortable sigh, bursting, I shiver;
in the woods I stopped to pee.

DAVINA

Shades of Crimson



“Ordinary days can be the best days.
Completely enjoying these moments that
some would think mundane is what
mindfulness brings.”

BETSY

[Passing Thru](#)

“Fleeting though its visits, silence has
found me over and over again. And for
me, what follows silence is just as
beautiful: inspiration.”

BELINDA

[The Halfway Point](#)



“Did the crow have anything meaningful to say in return or did he just go on and on about shiny things?”

KIM

(Anti) Social Development



“Following our passions and values, sharing our best with the people that are around us. When we are in this condition we become happy, confident and charming. When we are in this state, we will attract people who think like us, people with similar interests and values.”

BORIS
Read-y



“We spend too much time trying to
get the 'perfect whatever' that
we forget to enjoy life as it flows.”

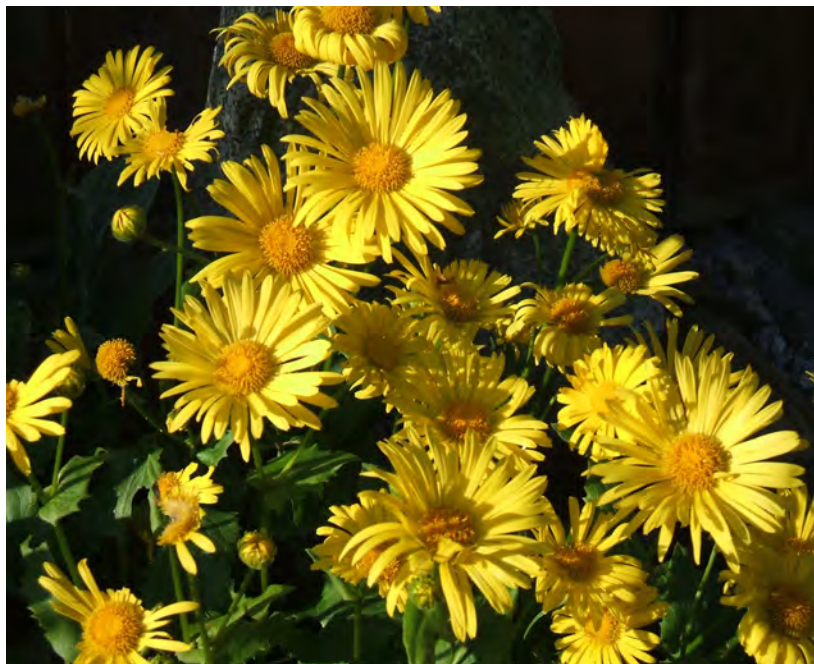
MIGUEL

[The New Paris Banner](#)

“What a wonderful lesson learned.
How true sometimes you just have
to live for the moment.”

ROSE

[World Outside My Window](#)



“Sometimes when we least expect it, our life takes a turn. Holding on is all we can do, and hopefully when we look back on the experience, we say, ‘Wow, what a great ride!’.”

BARBARA

Blogging Without a Blog

“That is what going with the flow of the moment of life is all about. We may intend something, but the truth is, we will never know how we will feel, what we will want to do until the moment arrives.”

EVITA

Evolving Scenes



“I see too many people give up. They have it in them, but they stop trying or surrender. What they didn’t know was that they are stronger than resistance if they just keep moving forward.”

J.D. Sources of Insight



“It seems that we always and endlessly have some new aspect to learn about ourselves and others. The fine tuning is a lifetime endeavor.”

CATRIEN

Energy Doorways

“Contemplation is vastly underrated! I tend to think it’s because in this modern world, people find their feelings popping up the minute they stop rushing around, and that’s uncomfortable for many.”

DOT

Deeper Issues



“I used to feel invincible – like everything was totally under control.
I am now older and wiser and realize that you can’t really control life.”

VERED
MomGrind

“There’s nothing like those times when you feel connected to that grand scheme intertwining all of humankind, and the whole world just seems to brim with possibility.”



BEN Things I've Learned While Roaming the Earth



“Too many relationships begin out of either euphoria or fear of being alone. I think good things can happen from many places if you take the time to let it happen.”

JULIE

Design Resumes



“Life can give us a real “ride” when we least expect it. That’s the time when our connection to something deeper within can help to keep us going, when we might feel like falling down.”

LANCE

The Jungle of Life



“Winter seems to be nature’s way of slowing things down and getting us into a reflective mode.”

BK, Symphony of Love Blog



“Having a friend is the greatest gift you can acquire on life’s journey,
because you can carry the gift of that friendship with you wherever you go
and each day you live sharing the gift of that friend.”

PATRICIA
Patricia's Wisdom

Finish the following:

Velvety silence blanketed her naked silhouette as she lay sleeping, kissed by the luminescent aura of warm summer breezes.

Shadows, eclipsed by flickering moonlight, nuzzled softly upon her waiting lips. Soon... »



“Her window curtains fluttered slightly as he entered into the room. Still half asleep, she slowly began to wake as she felt him touch her.

His kisses were so soft, like gentle wings touching her body. Slowly...very slowly he moved across her tummy, past her breasts and finally settled on her waiting lips. Suddenly, she cried out. And with this cry, scared the poor Luna Moth so much that it flew right back out of her window.”

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SARA A Sharing Connection



“When I was a little girl, it was my dream to have a tree house up in the great heights of a tree. The idea of sleeping in its arms with my eyes open to the sky above me was my idea of magical.”

CHANIA GIRL
Living Happiness

“When we live our own lives according to our own needs for growth and expression, we’re living as tenderly and authentically as possible.”

JULIE
Random Meanderings

“It is amazing what can happen when we find someone who believes in us and our dreams.”

The Exception

**Questioning assumptions
is such a powerful thing
to do. It's absolutely
amazing the limitations
that we create simply by
not opening our minds
to other possibilities.**

TOM
Delightful Work





“I love how stillness finds you sometimes when you’re walking and this has reminded me of a good feeling.”

CATH

Cath Lawson

“The randomness of life is something I’d rather not think about, but seems many of my best laid plans are constantly changing.”

FRED

Frog Blog



Friendly unfolding
Vancouver blogging lady
thank you for your poems.

Five syllables here
seven more syllables here
mountains are waiting.

Granville island rain
grey people sliding along
someone laughs out loud.

Crows at the crosswalk
guarding all they have in life
pecking at toupees.

Mountain hike alone
stillness in the tallest trees
Killarney Lake quest.

Fog on the ferry
fog on the fairy dances
the best yet to come.

JANNIE Jannie Funster



“It reminds me of a story from the book *Art and Fear*.”

“On the first day of ceramics class the instructor divides the class in two; one half is told they will be graded on the one perfect pot they create; the other half graded on the sheer amount of work done. No surprise, the greatest art came from the students who just kept churning out the work, even when they didn’t feel like it.”

PATTY Why Not Start Now?



“It can be so hard to see beyond what we wish could have been, to go beyond the ache of what wasn’t there.”

MIKE

Exit78

“There are no perfect parents and no perfect kids. When we can all learn to love and forgive and accept as we go along in life... miracles can happen.”

TESS

The Bold Life



“Colour my life with rainbow colours will be good for me – always ensure there’s a golden glow, with earth’s natural hues throwing out their sparkling light.”

HILARY

Positive Letters



“Wintering robin,
sits atop the evergreen,
catching first sunlight.” (haiku)

LORI

Think Like a Black Belt

“There’s something quieting about being
amongst the trees that calms me right down...
simply the act of being somewhere that
I like can be a real pleasure.”

TONY

Trottersville

“I live my life in metaphors and symbols;
adore their power, have done whole pieces
about how vital they are in our lives and
how we can become victims of the ones
we’ve created if we never sit back and
examine them.”

JANICE

Sharing the Journey



“I get the sense that this is the experience of a lot of kids. They just want to feel more connected with their parents, as human beings, but often parents seem to want to look invincible to their kids out of insecurity, so they don’t allow that.”

CHRIS

Work Consciously

“One thing I always try to remember is that people act out of their own need. This is the underlying precept for dealing with people, I think. It’s the basis for learning not to internalize other people’s disturbed behavior at those unfortunate times when it’s directed at you!”

LYNDA

Peripheral Vision



“To choose to be fearful or to experience things through the filter of any other emotion blocks the truth.”

LIARA

Dream Builders

“Moonlight white is the color that touches your skin on a very clear night, when the moon is large and full, not just risen, but not at its zenith either. A translucent white tinged with the palest of cool gold.”

BARB

Over Coffee

“Where there is failure there is also success. Remember your special moments and learn from the bad ones.”

STEPHEN

Simply Stephen



“Sometimes what can help bring people out of a slump is to know they are doing something to better someone else’s life which in turn betters yours.”

JOHN

WP Blog Host

“A lot of the time the moment comes to you and you don’t have to seize it. Just enjoy it.”

JIM (a friend)

“Often the very thing I find constraining that I might originally resist is often the very thing I am seeking, just packaged unexpectedly different.”

JOY

Unfolding Your Path to Joy



“A lone robin,
the only witness
Perched on sill
breathless and still.

Red-breasted heart
pumping in time
to Her exaltations
meeting in rhyme,
a Shadow crept
One step cross the line;

Shifting 'tween fantasy
And reality.
A tender heart
whispers... Sublime.

Ahhh, what glory is mine?”

HAZEL
Hazel8500



Flock of Thoughts

Suspended instincts, hovering wild.
Sfumato sky toasts da Vinci's style.
Wings flapping, waves lapping.
Thoughts encircle, taunting, laughing.
Crashing. Roaring.
Vision soaring.
Dizzy. Is it me?
Muted thoughts are taking flight.
Rhythmic wings, vivid sight.
Entangled senses never land.

Whose footprints are those in the sand?
Not mine.
Or could they be?
Focused silence on the trail.
A clearly curious step entails.
Twisted hair, hand to face.
Barefoot, stepping. Easy pace.
Reflecting seagull's pantomime,
Thoughts devoured, measured time.
Muted thoughts have taken flight.

Rhythmic wings, my vivid sight.
Suspended instincts always land.
Whose footprints are those in the sand?
Without a doubt, they're mine.
I ran.

DAVINA
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