

The Authors Corner by Dutch Rhudy

Welcome to The Authors Corner.

Editing is a long slow process, which also requires many changes and updates to the various sketches. Scene sketches are used to maintain event details, and keep the timeline accurate.

In last month's authors corner, the Stren family crossed into the hot prairie, and where their troubles begin. They are traveling in a larger covered wagon pulled by oxen. Wind blown dust covers everything, including inside the wagon, and makes breathing difficult.

Firewood quickly became scarce for the many settlers traversing the prairie. The fast lighter wagons running well ahead of the slower moving ox drawn wagons, gleaned everything burnable. Soon they resorted to burning dung to cook their meals over.

Those in the light horse drawn wagons met with mechanical problems, break downs, and starving horses. The high heat in the prairie took its toll on the elderly, and the Stren's passed many graves on their westward trek.

This is how far along I am in rewriting the edited work. Coming up is the disease that killed everyone in the wagon train, including Josiah's sister and parents, leaving him stranded alone in the prairie.

The structure sketches for the homes of the first two waves of settlers are finished. Because things change so drastically as ideas flow from my fingertips, I will wait until I'm further along in the story editing to see if it affects the type of structures I chose for later settlers.

I did spend some time working on the Roaring Falls website, changing the links to my stand-alone published works. All existing short stories were reformatted specifically for Kindle readers, and made available directly through Amazon. Other digital versions were also modified for e-pub devices, and PC reader formats.

Maintaining an authors platform, editing and rewriting the Roaring Falls series, while working a full-time job is most time consuming. Promotional efforts for my previously published works have taken a back burner for too long.

It looks like my only option to free up more time, is to delegate some of the marketing to a professional. I'm also trying out a new non-local developmental editor, and waiting to see how well they can work with my complex manuscripts.

Respectfully submitted
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