

You should thank yourself for looking. No, really.

In the works are ideas to connect author and reader in ways that few are doing, and maybe no one's thought of, yet.

This is one of them, a free sample of a personalized note I can write and send to you, the ebook reader, who gets sort of cheated out of an in-person meetup with an author and a free inscription inside the book. Okay, maybe this isn't quite the same, but it can be delivered to any place, from anywhere, any time, and it can be personalized and detailed (and legible) as an inscription just can't be.

Since you like to ride the cyberhighway with your book purchases, perhaps you'd like to be tipped off to other electronic happenings that others won't hear about, first? I plan to sell a few goodies and artifacts related to the book on eBay, and you might hear about them first, before any live appearance or email newsletter, as my thanks for buying the book in electronic form.

I'm guessing you're tech-savvy, so how about a downloadable trivia game or phone app? Maybe a personalized audio or video clip? Too often, recordable moments are forgotten or ignored at book signings, but they, too, can be delivered in this way, and as personalized as I want to make them. Gee, you have a hard time finding an author answering their phone, or email. Well, you can often catch me logged on to my IM service, and that beats a scatter-shot Tweet or Facebook message... although those two are pretty much required, nowadays, so I do those, too.

Say, how'd you like to fire up your smart phone or laptop in a bookstore and find a hotspot called Kynelle Harris, and know it's mine, and you can connect to the internet through it and maybe get some one-of-a-kind souvenirs of the event because you logged on? *Nobody* is doing that, but I can.

This kind of work is fun for me, because if I'm not connecting with readers in fun ways, then I'm not doing a fun job as an author. And why can't the future be here, right now?

To infinity and beyond!

*Dave Clark*