

UPDATE - TRC - COLIN B GETS AN AWARD

June 11, 2022



Its been a while since my last posting so I wanted to give a quick update. First, I'm nine solid chapters (plus prologue) into the prequel of TCT - The Riverdale Chronicles. So far so good. But more importantly, last night my dear friend and mentor, the auteur, Colin Broderick (check out his books and movies - <https://www.colinbroderick.com>), received the 2022 Irish Echo Community Champion Award for all he and his creative work has done in defining, supporting and bridging the Irish and Irish American cultures at home in Eire and in this country.



The Irish Echo was the only newspaper I ever saw in the home of my McCaffrey grandparents. I am very proud of Colin Broderick and I am thrilled his achievements have been recognised by the Irish & Irish American communities here in the States. Well done brother.

Okay, since I have to make this quick and try to get some writing done, I am happy to report that we are also well into our new fencing project around the homestead. As you readers will know, the Colorado winds have been horrific this year which has resulted in the mass destruction of the privacy fence along the eastern property line. This has led to a few walkabouts by Claire and Honey - which is fine because it gave them both a chance to visit each of the horses on the surrounding properties and forced my heart through some serious stress tests and I'm still kicking.

Well once Lisa saw how niceley the property line fence was going in, she decided that the front fencing needed to be replaced and extended to provide a complete enclosure for the front piece of property so that we can allow the dogs and mules into that area without worry of their escape. The mules will love access to this new field of grass and shrubs and I'll have to do far less mowing.

And none of these new fences will blow down.









Plus, when completed, including gates and the metal mesh lining (large enough for rabbits to pass through), it will establish a second perimeter immediately around the front of the house which will provide the humans and our preternatural associates with one more line of defense during the next Zombie Apocalypse and will provide Smokey with an added line of protective fencing surrounding the magic grotto which will deter some of his/her larger feral associates from a nocturnal visit to sample the food, like the foxes that like to drink from the bird bath on gnome hill most mornings. Plus, Jack the Spruce thinks it looks cool, like a velvet rope in front of a New York nightclub. Its a win-win.







Big shout out to Chuck Anderson and his small but extremely hardworking crew at Diamond Fencing for their amazing work. I highly recommend them.

Plus, it's one more major project around the property that won't kill me before I get the prequel completed.

Speaking of which, I need to get a foot on.

So, you fine, five readers do not forget me. I have not forgotten you. I appreciate your patience and continued support. Stay tuned.

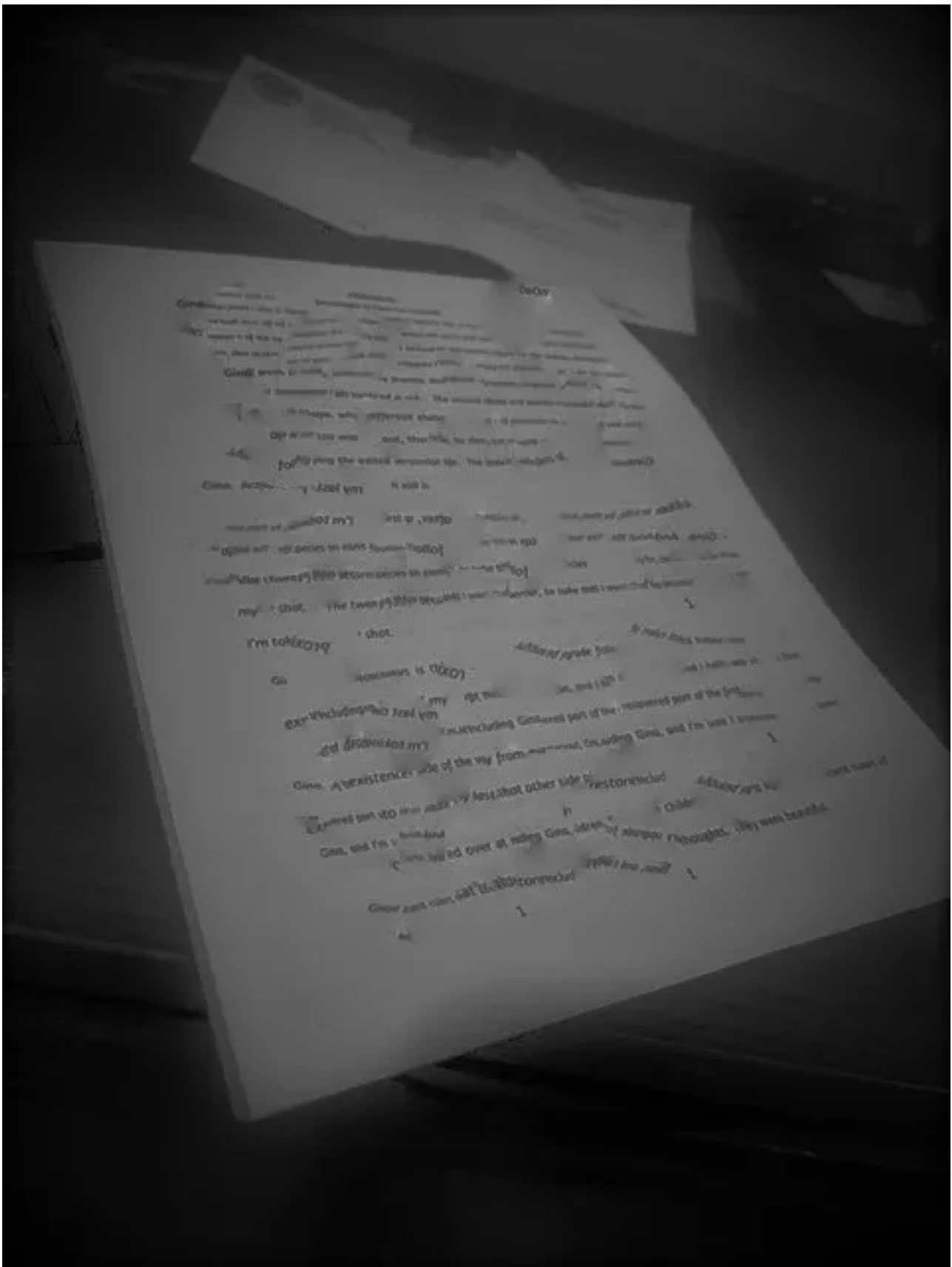
Go out there and enjoy the summer.

Well I need to get some writing done and then a kitty cuddle and my rounds.

Until I get time for my next update - may all of your days be great.

Update TRC - CCB Appears On The MOS Bookshelf

June 5, 2022



Okay, day seven - counting from Memorial Day - and I am happy to report that I am 38 pages into *The Riverdale Chronicles*, so if I can

continue at this pace I should be finished with it by Labor Day. Unfortunately it has made blogging each morning during those same stolen hours an impossibility. I wasn't going to bother anyone with updates, because I wasn't sure anyone cared, but since my SIL, the lovely Mary Moran (married to my older brother Eddie), sent me a text yesterday asking if I was all right, I figured I'd let my four other fine readers know that yes, I am still breathing. And, more importantly, writing.

Lisa and I did manage to grab a bite to eat yesterday afternoon at MOS. I was thrilled to see that the Authors' Bookshelf is continuing to grow - with the latest addition, the four novels by that talented Cali Author, and dear friend, Christy Cooper Burnett.



CCB assures me that an advance author's copy of her latest book, the highly anticipated thriller, *Passport To Terror*, was included in that collection, and I can only assume that it's absence from the shelf yesterday is due to it being voraciously devoured by MOS' resident literary authority, Kyle. I did gush over it the last time I saw Kyle. I highly recommend that my readers check out all of the books that may appear on this shelf over time. It will set you all apart from the average NYT or New Yorker readers at your next BBQ, cocktail party or Book Club meeting. A simple "Oh, you don't know about the MOS Authors' Bookshelf? I'm not sure I should share." should have all of your other literate frienamies seething with jealousy. If you cannot discern the titles/authors from the photo, just call [\(303\) 772-0252](tel:3037720252) and ask the wonderful barkeep to read them off to you.

Thank you Lonnie Bell!

But I have chores to do and a Kitty to cuddle, and a story to create in my head while I do these other things, so off I go.

You fine, five readers go out and catch a matinee of the new Top Gun movie, Colin Broderick assures me that watching it on anything other than a full-sized theater screen will be doing yourself a disservice. Maybe Tom Cruise would consider the leading role in a movie version of The Claire Trilogy?

But most of all, have a great day.

Chapter Two Done - Naming Gnomes - The Collins Sisters

June 1, 2022



Okay, I'm having fun with the prequel, so far, so good. I'm taking a moment.

Just to keep these posts going - here's a little backstory to KMAG. If you have been reading these blogs for a while, you'll know of the Collins Clan led by Mamma C and Dutch, who basically made me an unofficial member of their Clan during my formative years.

There were twelve children, six boys - Denis ("Murray"), Michael, William, Kevin, John and Brian, and six girls - Teresa, Jeannie, Eileen, Maureen, Anne and Mary. Denis, Kevin and John passed through tragic accidents back in the last century. Dutch and Momma C have followed them across the veil.

Eileen is a present member of the OFC, who gives as good as she gets in the texts among the rest of us. She is also the one who recently pried Joe Serrano at Collifest,



held in upstate New York at Maureen's house. Eileen is also one of my inner circle of readers who has been a blessing when it came to getting AAA and KMAG put to bed. So, I made her a character - the vet/mid-wife in KMAG.

But I love all of my Collins Sisters, so I wanted to include them somehow in KMAG.

I decided the most efficient way to do it was to have Jimmy recite their names when he was counting gnomes while out on guard duty

in KMAG. So I wanted to put their faces to their names in this blog for posterity:

Going chronologically, from first to last, some recent photos of the sisters:

1. Terry



2. Jeannie



3. Maureen



4. Anne (who also was an amazing 11th hour help with both AAA and KMAG



5. And finally Mary



Thank you ladies for always welcoming me into your rowdy homes as family. Love you all.

Well, must get back to writing, Chapter three awaits.

Then the Kitty and my rounds.

So you fine, five readers have a great day.