

Nate's News 28 Feb. 2016

Dear Readers & especially fans of my blog. Thanks for your transcriptions & for spreading the word about my blog.

This drawing is for the girls, of course. A graffiti artist known as Sene, who I met while in federal custody inspires the lettering while reality & Anne Rice's The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty inspires the message. If ya like it, share it, just include my URLs.

The anthology containing my short autobio essay is now published & available for purchase. Adult Children of Incarcerated Parents: Telling Our Stories (Routledge). No money's coming to me off it, but I hope it'll help some kid not have to go through what I did. Some key topics in my story: mom's drug overdose & severe mental illness, social workers leaving us kids in her custody & how that impacted on me. (I'm not blaming her for my crimes, but....)

My friend Archelle & a reader named Julie bought me postage-embossed envelopes and paper, which is the only reason I can mail off these blog posts. Thanks girls & let me know if you need/want anything from me.

Prison officials here at WSPF renewed their decision to keep me in solitary confinement on Admin. Confinement, based on years-old misconduct, some of which was meritless or instigated by staff. So, the usual, despite WI media announcing that the WI DOC was no longer using extended solitary confinement. The rough draft, the narrative backbone of my prison



biography is finished. Hope to have the final draft done within two months. Been taking longer than I expected it would. It will include more than a dozen drawings of cells and units in WI prisons that I was in, & include many pages of documents verifying what I say, in an appendix. I'll tell it like it was & is.

So, my days are spent reading (Archelle bought me a pile of books — anyone can, so long as they come with a receipt from a store/publisher.), drawing & writing, as well as exercising & doing yoga.

I have a lot of articles, drawings, etc. to put on my blog, but not a lot of post-paid envelopes to mail them. Appreciate your help, ordering me ^{yellow legal-sized preferred.} paper from www.wiinmatepackage.com.

This place wears on my psyche. Once a week I go to an Anger Replacement Training group, which is a lot of fun, 'cause we can speak our mind. (We're handcuffed to desks.) And there's a guy down the hall I can talk to every couple days, about petty subjects. Otherwise I've no socialization.

After a psychologist here, Ms. Lemieux, revealed herself to be brashly ignorant of the senseless oppression imposed on WI prisoners, I gave up seeing her every two weeks. There's walls I can talk to.

The lack of ability to interact with worthwhile (i.e. intelligent, open-minded, etc.) people aches my bones. Someone's either a religious fanatic, political extremist, bureaucratic robot, morally insane, or otherwise offensive to my awareness. Took years on pen-pal sites before I met Archelle, a friend whom I can actually interact with on multiple levels. Be awesome if I met some more.

Wish you all well &, again, thanks to those who've helped & much love to B&B staff, who make this all possible.

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