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Greetings to everyone!

It's been a very strange year, thanks in part to the continuing interest in **The Real History Behind the Da Vinci Code**. It's now been published in nine languages, including Turkish and Chinese and, with the movie coming out this week, I'm being asked for more quick quotes and interviews. This certainly never happened when I was writing fiction!

Among other things, I was interviewed for several cable network documentaries. The Learning Channel's "*Da Vinci Code Declassified*" has already been shown as has National Geographic's "*Da Vinci's Code Revealed*" (on DVD at <http://www.ezydvd.com.au/item.zml/787009>) and on **Friday, May 19th**, the History Channel will present "*Behind the Da Vinci Code*". (<http://store.aetv.com/html/product/index.jhtml?id=76090>) This has already run in England and France. If I look a bit odd on the program, it's because I have a pound of makeup on to cover the black eyes and forehead stitches I got in a fall in Bristol the week before. I was amazed at the skill of the make up artists!

Despite all the fuss in the wake of my book and Brown's, I have just finished a new mystery. **The Shanghai Tunnel**, is a departure for me, set in Portland Oregon in 1868. It was so much fun to research local history and I hope my readers enjoy the result. It is scheduled to be out in the summer of 2007, just after the publication of the last three medieval mysteries in paperback. At last, **Heresy**, **The Outcast Dove** and **The Witch in the Well** will be in mass market.

Finally, just to keep up my skill in writing footnotes, Berkley has asked me to write a book explaining the **Templars**. It will be in much the same format as the **Real History Behind the Da Vinci Code** in the sense that there will be short entries covering a number of topics, but these will be grouped chronologically instead of in alphabetical order. I suppose that means I'll need to do a table of contents. That book should also be out next summer so, although there's nothing new this year, 2007 is going to be very busy.

I hope all of you have a great summer. Feel free to contact me if you have questions, want me to come give my talk and slide show or just feel like chatting. [snewman@sharannewman.com](mailto:snewman@sharannewman.com)

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