

To All Interested Parties

**Update on UK Court cases against Diggory Press / Exposure Publishing / Meadow Books / Kingdom Come Publishing / Mrs Rosalind Miriam Franklin etc..**

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

First of all, thanks to all the authors who have taken the time to email their experiences with Mrs Franklin these past months, and especially to those of you who have sent in statements of fact to be presented in Court.

Thank you.

We now have seventy authors who have engaged Mrs Franklin's 'services' since 2006 who feel they have just cause for complaint. Most report non-payment of royalties; overcharging; rudeness and aggression; and (in many cases) being attacked and falsely accused in emails if they dare to air any concerns or make enquiries about the status of their accounts.

Several aggrieved authors have already taken independent action via the Small Claims Court in order to secure the monies owed to them, and despite Mrs Franklin's increasingly desperate attempts to stall or circumvent the process, some are reporting success. Approximately three weeks ago for example, one County Court Judgment was enforced against Diggory Press to the tune of around £1,400 UK pounds. But when **PayPal** tried to refund monies to another aggrieved Diggory client recently, Mrs F made sure there was nothing in the account.

Meanwhile, Mrs Franklin continues to use every trick in the book to avoid being accountable to her clients; obfuscation; feigning illness; claiming not to have received recorded documents; and the usual litany of lies, exaggerations, and false counter-accusations levied at anyone who dares to stand up to her.

Most of you will be aware that both *Private Eye Magazine* and *The Guardian Newspaper* have written articles on the situation, and we have now had two Court hearings in Cornwall. At the first hearing in August, 'The Seventeen' presented their Small Claims together in the hope that we would be of mutual support to each other. However, amongst many other false accusations, Mrs Franklin accused several of us of 'fraud and conspiracy' etc., which, despite the evidence to the contrary, obliged the Judge to schedule our cases to be heard on a 'Multi-Track' basis. I won't bore you with my understanding of what exactly this means – but in effect, it means scheduling the cases to a higher Court that will cost remaining claimants £1,000 each to proceed.

Naturally (and quite understandably) under the advice of the Judge, several claimants felt more inclined to try to mediate with Mrs Franklin rather than pay another £1,000 – often much more than they were claiming in the first place. It is worth noting however, that of the four-or-five claimants who agreed withdrawal terms with Mrs F – none have reported receiving monies back, despite Mrs F's promises to the contrary. In frustration, three of them had to reinstate their claims again in Court. It now appears Mrs F's main intention was to use those mediation agreements to 'run out the clock' on Court deadlines, and thus have claims struck out by default.

As things stand at present, a small but determined group of us continue to press ahead with our claims – despite a withering flood of false counter-accusations and exorbitant counter-claims from Mrs F. At the latest hearing on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, the Judge admonished Mrs F on several occasions—as well as in writing—for the rude and uncivil manner in which she referred to certain claimants. He also drew her attention to the absurdity (although he didn't use that word) of her counter-claim for £1,045,185 against myself – especially all the undocumented 'costs and damages' she seems to have pulled out of thin air. The result of the latest hearing was that we are now scheduled for a full-blown five-day civil trial sometime in 2009, where (if we get that far) we fully expect an outright win to all the remaining cases. However, given the amount of 'evidence' Mrs F is going to have to magic into existence if she has any hope whatsoever of presenting a reasonable or rational defence... some of us will be surprised if

we ever do get to trial. It is not unreasonable to anticipate Mrs F being unable to present a coherent case or defence at the document disclosure stage – and therefore being liable for all our costs, expenses, and damages... But unfortunately the Court does NOT automatically enforce judgments unless we pay another fee for bailiffs to go in... and I'm quite sure Mrs F will continue to exploit any loopholes she can in her efforts to avoid accountability. So for the time being, we will busy ourselves applying for Court Orders to be served on Mrs F's various business partners – so we can secure the data we need to prove her duplicity.

We have also been advised to secure witness statements. In this regard, I would like to respectfully advise all authors who have contacted me that I will be presenting their accounts of their experiences at Mrs F's hands in a bundle to the Court – but will ensure that no private details are divulged to the defendant. If this is a problem for anyone – or if you have yet to forward a support statement for that bundle – or perhaps if you would like to volunteer to be a witness at trial.. then please let me know. Thanks. If you do not want to be called as a witness at trial, the best way to avoid it is to supply me with a signed 'statement of truth'. I will of course do my utmost not to involve anyone past their comfort zone, but depending on Mrs F's next move, may have to come back to some of you on this.

As always, I have to be careful about how I present the information here, but in response to many requests by aggrieved authors, may I advise that you take the following steps if you wish to extricate yourself from Mrs F's / Diggory Press / Exposure Publishing influence:

1. Write or email to RF formally cancelling your contract
2. Request a full account statement and payment of royalties due (you should not have to pay for this).
3. If you are not happy with the response, then write to Lightning Source (printer-distributors) with a copy of your 'cancellation' notice to RF, and advise them you are 'in dispute' with RF, and that she no longer has your permission to publish your copyrighted work. Lightning Source should NOT print any more of your books under these circumstances.
4. Contact Nielsen Bookdata (UK-Europe) and Bowkers (USA) and advise you wish to have that ISBN 'suspended' or 'abandoned' as per 1 and 3 above. Their options are limited if Mrs F actually owns the ISBN – but every complaint counts, and they can eventually stop selling her more ISBNs.
5. Lodge a Small Claims Court action via the HMCS website (Her Majesty's Court Service).
6. Once you have done this, feel free to contact me and I will advise as best I can how you might republish your book at minimum cost and inconvenience.
7. Tell as many people as you can about your experiences.

Meanwhile, we are investigating why Mrs F publishes titles under different imprints. Although illegal in the US, and a 'highly irregular' practice in the UK, we will have to wait for more data before sharing any conclusions.

Finally – I paste below a couple of Internet links that will take you to a couple of other 'manifestations' of our good Mrs Franklin. On one site she poses deceptively as an 'independent author' who just happens to believe that Diggory Press is simply the most wonderful thing to have ever tumbled from the heavenly realm.. and, whilst repeatedly denying she is affiliated with Diggory, advises all who will listen to take their business there..  
<http://selfpublishingnews.wordpress.com/about/>

And the second site – only recently discovered – is where Rosalind claims to be an end-times prophetess no less – in direct touch with God Himself! Given our knowledge of who 'Miriam Franklin' really is, I believe it's fair to say that the posts on that site (many of which condemn liars, false prophets, charlatans and the like) beggars belief. The scary part is that the site has apparently registered over 2 million hits – on the prophetess' words of wisdom, prophecies and revelations, as well as many 'divinely-inspired' judgments on various individuals and religions whom she personally deems to be apostate / heretical / or downright demon-possessed..

For example, the prophetess says..

*"The charlatans a-plenty who do not fear man, God or Beast are out to fleece the vulnerable and undiscerning for every last dime... Then there are the more sinister ones who intentionally prey like vultures - ...who disguise themselves as angels of light... Satan knows scripture, (and very well), albeit he twists it for his own ungodly purposes. He is a good counterfeiter, looks, walks and talks almost like a real Christian."*

Trust me, this is even better than fiction folks.. (if any link doesn't work because Mrs F has already taken them down – then please try the others in the following message, including the archive pages...)

<http://propheticwordsrevelation.blogspot.com/2007/07/self-righteousness-is-no-more-biblical.html>

Then there is her latest 'enterprise'–Kingdom Come Publishing–where she has again received a 'mandate from God' to take as much money as she can from unsuspecting Christian authors I suppose? See for yourself folks..

<http://kingdomcomepublishing.com/>

Hopefully there is enough material here to help those of you who need to, to make some speedy and informed decisions.. And please feel free to pass on this information on to any who need to hear it..

Finally, the list of the first 18 complaints (now 70) from authors on my personal website – and other related evidence. I apologise that I haven't updated it in quite some time, but I have moved the site to new servers, and need to work out how to get access. Please scroll down the page to the Rogue's Gallery.

<http://color-of-truth.com/page5.html>

Thanks again for all the encouragement and support. Next general update when we hear of any developments.

Best wishes – and a happy festive season to all..

Stephen

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Dec 16th 2008

Hello Again Folks...

Sorry to trouble you again so soon after the last update, but it appears Mrs F has managed to infiltrate our email list by posing as a disgruntled author using someone else's identity.

Accordingly, she had not only deleted the web-page link with her true identity on it (as per the last update) - but she is also now vetting all comments to her 'End Times Prophecy' site before allowing anyone to post comments there.

May I respectfully suggest that anyone needing further evidence from this website follows these links and prints out the information or quotes they need today - before these too are taken down..

<http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/>

<http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/2007/08/04/an-introduction-to-this-christian-prophetic-blog/#comment-28170>

<http://wordpress.com/tag/prophecies-of-miriam-franklin/>

Naturally I have already copied the original pages, so if anyone needs those please just ask and I will send them to you by email..

We also have access to a website archive service at..

[http://web.archive.org/web/\\*/http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/](http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/)

where you can (quickly) access archived pages of all of the websites of Mrs Franklin's questionable 'enterprises' - including the ever-changing and extremely inventive 'Terms & Conditions' pages on the Diggory Press website at..

[http://web.archive.org/web/\\*/http://www.diggorypress.com/](http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.diggorypress.com/)

This will be particularly helpful to those authors who have been told by Mrs F that only her latest contrived Terms & Conditions apply to them regardless of the T & C's in effect when they first engaged her 'services'. Please don't let her intimidate or bamboozle you into accepting this. It is neither true nor legal..

I feel secure in saying that the evidence of this latest website - along with other contrived websites, and Mrs F's numerous aliases and pseudonyms online - paint a clear picture of a person who is so steeped in deception, duplicity and self-delusion, that she can no longer be taken seriously as a sincere litigant.

Knowing our dear Mrs F is probably reading this right now - may I once again simply suggest she does the right thing - be honest - apologise for her many offences - repay what she owes to all - and let us all get on with our lives without having to embarrass her further in Court, online, and in the National Media..?

Thank you kindly to all who have sent emails of support - please excuse me if I do not reply personally, but it is simply a matter of logistics and time..

Kind regards to all,

Stephen