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Falling Stars and Flying Fish - An ASA Mentorship brings work to fruition

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In 2009, Nancy Knudsen was awarded an **ASA mentorship** with her chosen mentor, Diana Giese. Nancy's memoir, provisionally titled *Falling Stars and Flying Fish*, about her escape from the corporate rat-race to sail around the world with husband Ted Nobbs, will be published by a major Australian publisher in 2011.



Nancy is sure that without the ASA mentorship, this work would have ended up in her "attic trunk of memorabilia, never read by one except my family."

She is full of praise for Diana Giese:

"The invaluable and objective insights that Diana Giese gave me during our Australian Society of Authors' mentorship and initial editing of my first manuscript were always right on the button, and delivered in a cheery and positive way. She understands the culture and essence of the publishing world, and what it takes to turn a manuscript into a publishable work. It was her encouragement, unfaltering belief and undying optimism in spite of rejection after rejection that kept me going when I was most dejected and ready to call it a day. She found me the right agent, leading to two large publishers competing to publish the book.

Thank you, ASA. I am exceedingly grateful that you have this mentorship process in place. It not only achieved publication for me, but has given me the confidence to proceed with much joy to the other manuscripts that I have in the pipeline."

Congratulations Nancy and Diana!

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