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So excited to create a blog diary with news and updates. And so excited to start the buzz about my first children's book THE BUZZ ON HONEYBEES due out in early spring through Pelican Press, starring Itty Bitty Betty, she's a honey of a bee (pun courtesy of good friend David Fore of Tiger, GA.) Itty Bitty Betty collects gossip instead of nectar and she's all a buzz with swarming stories, all true! More to come.

Have a day off from school performances to work on the frustrating stuff-how to link blogs, how to twitter, how to start new self promotion as a children's author--stuff I'm all thumbs with and witless to boot. Ah to become more savvy???? How??? Slow learning curve. Mostly have to undo the mistakes I make messing up my systems that are already in place.

Am frustrated enough to take a break and go on to a new project--rewriting my script as Rhoda Kaufman for the Oakland Cemetery Halloween Haunts coming up this month. This I can do! And enjoy doing!

March 12, 2011 Obama as a ray of hope?

I am at heart a non-blogger. I blog in my head all the time, to myself. But babbling on paper for all to read...that seems to go against the grain. Are my comments worthy? Are they well thought out? Do they add anything of substance to the barrage of "stuff" already out there? But after months of self doubt as a blogger, I've decided I must say this. I'll throw it out there.

Yes, I voted for Barack Obama and yes I still believe in him and perhaps I've bought into a piece of him being saintly. However, I do know the power of one voice making a difference. There are examples from history of this being true, over and over again. So here it comes.

It strikes me that after Obama was elected, his victory being cheered INTERNATIONALLY, and after he won the Nobel Prize and then settled into the horribly deflating business of being an American president....trickle down effect. Symbol of hope...A black man being elected an American president. The United States, a country that stands as a country of hope for the rise of the common man and all...What I'm getting to is this (and I've heard it from no one else, not a pundit, not an historical observer, friend or foe) is that this domino effect--toppling of regimes in Egypt (fairly easy) to the more difficult ones in Libya, countries ruled for decades by despots and tyrants...something is out there, that spirit of hope, that a voice can be heard and ought to be taken into account. And it is spreading. The possibility of...dare we think it, change for the good Think back to the magical mystery of the fall of the Berlin Wall. To our far away ears it appeared miraculously--one day here and the next gone. No doubt to those suffering behind the wall, it was a lifetime. But there was something out there that said it's time, it will fall, voices can be heard now.

What is happening in the mid-east and in Africa has that same sort of magical feeling. Something is out there in the wind. Something positive. Something hopeful. Dare I think that Obama being elected president and his campaign of hope and inclusiveness sparked a universal light? That magical feeling on his inaugural day--it's still out there. If this is true, then he indeed deserved the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Let me know what you think.