

Big News for June

New releases coming from Changeling Press, Chippewa Publishing and Cobblestone Press! Contests!! I have them, so check them out further down and see what you could win! Market News! Reviews! What I'm reading!

Coming in June

Of Blood and Blessings

by L. Shannon

Release date: June 2nd

Changeling Press

<http://changelingpress.com/product.php?&upt=book&ubid=357>

What is it about Amelia that drives Grant wild? As a Synn demon from royal blood, he should be able to control his desires. Yet, resisting her isn't an option. He craves her blood, her body and something more.

Grant deals with former friends turned assassins and the sudden disappearance of his demonic mother, while trying to protect Amelia from the harsh realities of her human life as well as his own dangerous desires.

Will his power and wealth be enough to keep her safe? Can Amelia accept him for the demon he truly is?

Excerpt for Of Blood and Blessings

She clutched his back as the first tremors of release quivered, tightened. Her body rocked into his strokes. Her lips and tongue devoured him with eager desperate passion. Amelia moaned against him with a final surge and gently bit his lip, drawing a drop of blood.

Blood.

The painful hunger scorched through him, drawing him back from the pleasure and leaving him gasping through the pain. Grant pulled from her lips and fought for control. His cock ached still, but it was his fangs that swelled and pounded in time with each heartbeat. It was their agony of need that blinded him to everything else.

She thrust onto his penetrating fingers, crying out in pleasure, clenching around him. Her body demanding his response as her climax ricocheted through their connection, scorching the last of his restraint.

His fangs lengthened, throbbed, burned. *I can't*, his mind called out to her, in warning, in apology, a breath before the sharp tips sank into her tender throat, drawing her warm blood. Grant was swept with her sweet passion. Amelia's thoughts swirled over him. He felt all of her joys and fears. At once, he could feel his fangs and fingers invading her body and feel how she welcomed all of him. The ecstasy of her taste offered

him a world of satisfaction, easing his burning sexual need even as it satisfied the blood thirst. And through it all, Grant felt Amelia and he allowed her contentment and satisfaction to fill him.

Lost Soul of the Wolf

by L. Shannon

Release date: June 9th

Chippewa Publishing

<http://www.chippewapublishing.com/>

Tryggvarin and Alice build a lasting friendship. He traveled to ease his time among the living. He searched for the meaning of life behind religion. He found a trusting young girl who became what he needed most, a friend. Tryggvarin is of the Eagle Clan of Valàfrn werewolves. He left his son with the clan and set out alone after his mate died. For two hundred years he wandered before finding Alice who helped him to understand that there was still a purpose for him. Alice faced the everyday world of nineteenth century England and overcomes the odds to share a friendship with a strange man that is not accepted by her family. Then she learns what he is...

Excerpt for Lost Soul of the Wolf

The wolf crouched silently just outside the light from the campfire, watching, waiting for the right moment. He barely contained his growl when he saw the girl was bound hand and foot on the other side of the fire. Her two captors were eating mutton unaware of the cold eyes that followed and judged their every move. So far, they ignored the girl and neither offered her any comfort or part of their meal.

She whimpered when one of the men stalked around the fire. He leaned over her, his hand sliding up her shivering leg, dragging her tangled skirt up as well. She struggled to pull back, but was without escape.

The wolf's earlier growl rumbled into the air, stilling all motion within the camp.

The wait was over.

Eagle Clan: Father of the Wolf

by L. Shannon

Release date: June 30th

Cobblestone Press

<http://cobblestone-press.com/comingsoon.htm>

What happens when a clan of werewolves decides to rejoin the world in the twentieth century after three centuries of isolation? Athair and his adopted

sons only want to find mates to strengthen their clan, and instead land in the middle of a brewing war, where honor and courage may be all that can save humanity.

FATHER OF THE WOLF won third place in the LERA Rebecca contest!!

Excerpt for Father of the Wolf

She opened her eyes and saw that Athair was barely visible in his central position. The air surrounding him shimmered and crackled. Like the tides, it poured away from him, and then was pulled back. The candle light over these waves of energy made it appear that the air itself was dancing over him. As the wave patterns intensified, she could no longer see his wolf form at all.

She suddenly felt weak. Wondering if perhaps it was her energy that flowed around him, she closed her eyes and relaxed back into her chair.

Hope quieted as the chant changed. The difference was subtle, and she soon found the words again. The ceremony was beautiful. She hoped that later he would tell her the meaning of the soothing words.

Her eyes flew open in surprise when a deep male voice joined the chant. Athair's voice was soft and deep, with a strong accent. She had never noticed an accent in his 'mind voice'. This voice was masculine and tingled across her skin in a peculiar, comforting way.

His voice changed the rhythm of the chant again. Hope stilled her voice, unable to find the new words. She sat quietly and watched as the energy slowed its tidal motion and seemed to withdraw into Athair. As it did, he became more visible.

He was no longer a wolf.

He was a man. A large, very attractive man. He was well over six feet tall, and he stood with his back to her.

And what a back! His hair, which was the same varied brown shade of his former pelt, fell neatly over shoulders that were broad and well muscled. His back and waist were trim and hard. And the man had a rear that made her suck in her breath in appreciation.

She knew she would pass out if he turned around. Unless of course, he had a face like Marmaduke. Surely not. Well, regardless. That beautiful back left her panting.

Excerpt for the month of June

Next month I hope to include one longer excerpt, but since I have three books being released in June, I have included short excerpts with the blurb and buying info above.



Commentary, stray thoughts, and wandering muses...

How it all began and other bits of nonsense... Nothing significant in this month's commentary. So instead I will stick

my Author Bio in here. <snort> as if any of you really want to read that, LOL.

L. Shannon came into existence in June 2004. In the time Shannon doesn't spend writing or bothering hubby, she shows dogs (cocker spaniels), gardens and watches over her Butterfly Koi ponds. Writing started off as a battle against insomnia and has steadily grown into a war against reality. L. Shannon's books are her way of jumping from the ship of the mundane and everyday to swim through the surreal waters of the paranormal.

Contests!

Contest #1 ~Join the L. Shannon newsletter loop and automatically be entered for a chance to win a free L. Shannon e-book.

Other contests ~ Watch my blog at <http://lshannon.blogspot.com/> for spur of the moment and up to date info on contests and news.

What's on the schedule?

I actually don't know at this point. Check my blog for updates as I figure it out. <G>
<http://lshannon.blogspot.com/>

Saturday is Cobblestone Loop day at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CataNetwork-Readers/>

Currently available

Misplaced Fate ~Available at www.lulu.com/lshannon (PDF and Print)

The Promise ~ Available at www.lulu.com/lshannon

The Emperor's New Fur at www.lulu.com/lshannon

Coming soon...

What's right around the corner? Check out these titles that are already under contract.

Season of Blood – Boryn is a Cyvampis blood demon, finally released from 1000 years of imprisonment. She's traveling in search of what it means to be a Valåfrn werewolf. They come together in a moment of uncontrollable passion as she experiences her first season. But is he man enough to satisfy her? Is he strong enough to survive?

In the works

What's coming up? These are works that are almost complete.

Loki's Flight – Loki is the Norse god of mischief, but is he perhaps much more than that? Loki and his 8 children prove to be more important to the nine realms than any, even the all-knowing Norns, can guess.

Vali's Curse – It all began with one man unfairly cursed. He walked the world trapped inside his wolf form. His wild wolf heart controls his life, keeping him from contact with people. His only reprieve is the three nights when the moon is fullest. Those nights he can reclaim his human body. One such night he meets Deltinica and finds all he ever dreamed of, all he ever wanted. But in only three nights the wolf will once again take control... At best, the wolf will leave and carry Vali far from the woman he loves, at worst... is the unthinkable.

N T K (need to know)

Your questions answered here! Post your questions to the LShannon Blog <http://lshannon.blogspot.com/> and I will do my best to answer them. J

Interviews

This month's interview is with Grant, the star and hero of my new release, OF BLOOD AND BLESSINGS

What is your name and does it have any special meaning? ~ Grant, sometimes when I need a last name I go be Mr. Grant, or Grant Grant, which gives the humans a laugh.

What is your birth date or current age? ~ I was born shortly before the Egyptian Pyramids were built. You do the math.

Tell us a little about your family and where you grew up. ~ Well, let's see... there was wandering the Egyptians deserts before they were Egypt. Since we were on the run from killers on both sides of my family tree, it wasn't much of a picnic. Then there was hell, where I was taken after my mother and I were caught and my father was killed... I think you get the idea.

What do you like to do for fun? ~ Get laid. It's the sex demon from Mom's side of the family. You just can't escape genes like that, and really who would want to?

You have lived quite a while, can you tell us about any special women in your life? ~ Dozens, but I don't kiss and tell. **But are there any that you would call the love of your life?** ~ Amelia, my wife. When a man gets married once in 6000 years, you can assume the woman is someone special.

Is there anyone special in your life now? ~ I would rather not say.

What is your biggest pet peeve? ~ Werewolves that aren't housetrained.

What really turns you on? ~ Redheads. Sorry to cut this short but I must fly, Stop by the blog (<http://lshannon.blogspot.com/>) and say hello. S let's us all hang out there. Later.

Market news for writers

Spotlight on **COBBLESTONE PRESS**

We are an electronic publisher of sensual and erotic romance seeking creative storytelling and original style. Because we at Cobblestone Press are selective about what we accept, we are looking for authors to set the standard of writing for this new press; authors that show extraordinary ability to weave tales of romance through strong, unforgettable characters, plots that twist and turn with layers of conflict and emotion, and a style that sets them apart from other writers in the market.

We are currently accepting manuscripts from 10-100k in the following genres: Action Adventure, African American, Contemporary, Chick Lit**, Fantasy, Futuristic / Science Fiction, Gay & Lesbian (Yaoi/Shonen), Historical, Interracial/Multicultural, Paranormal (Werewolf, Vampire, Ghosts, Magic, etc), Time Travel, and Thriller/Suspense.

Chick Lit submissions must contain some romance and a happily ever after.

In addition to regular genre submissions we are also currently accepting manuscripts for 3 lines.

Brazen Submissions Word Count: 20k-40k -The Brazen line is a special line of books dedicated to the feisty and aggressive heroine we have in all of us. She's not just any ordinary bad girl! She is a strong, determined, kick ass woman who is in control of her life. She is larger than life and so is her take on the world. The man in her life is just as strong and worldly as she is, and he knows he's privileged to be there.

Outlaw! Submissions Word Count: 20k-40k The Outlaw! hero is a walk on the wild side and the heroine likes him that way. He's a bold alpha male with the world as his playground. Whether he's a demon, a vampire, pirate, knight, or a corporate devil. He's the anti-hero that steals your heart.

Shifter Submissions Word Count: 10k-100k The Shifter series at Cobblestone is dedicated to shape shifters of both genders. Get in touch with your wild side and let us take a look! We are interested in shape shifter romance that crosses over into all genres.

For more information about Cobblestone Press check out their website at <http://cobblestone-press.com/>

I give them FIVE FULL MOONS!!

If you'd like to rate a publisher let me know and I will happily include your grade in an upcoming newsletter.

What I 'm reading

Well, I just finished Angela Knight's MASTER OF WOLVES. Wow! She did a great job with the book. Originally, I bought it because she is a fellow writer for Changeling Press. After all, who better to support than those people I actually know? But after picking up in Wal-Mart, I couldn't put it down until I finished the last page and even then I was wishing for more.

I was perhaps annoyed for a few seconds here and there by a couple weaker elements, but overall, very much enjoyed the book. The sex is hot, hot, hot and the story line and voice was

fresh. Although I have read several books where the werewolf hero starts off as a the heroine's dog, AK handled it well and provided a good plot reason for the situation to occur. Good Job AK, I'll be watching for your next one.

I give it FOUR FULL MOONS!!

R eviews

Romance Junkies had this to say!

MISPLACED FATE is short but powerful in its emotions. You find yourself feeling sorry for Killian but his own greed cost him everything. It is nothing like you imagine it to be, the ending is powerful and definitely worth reading. ~ Romance Junkies ~ reviewed by red. 4 blue ribbons!

read the whole review here

http://www.romancejunkies.com/artman/publish/article_4789.shtml

Buy Misplaced Fate at www.lulu.com/lshannon/

F ree R ead

The free read this month will follow in a seperate post so watch for it. :-)