

L. Shannon's News for May & June 2007

What's on the Schedule? ~*~ Contests!! ~*~ New Releases! ~*~ Blurbs!
Excerpts! ~*~ Interviews! ~*~ Reviews! ~*~ Market News!

News Flash!

Don't miss out on the anniversary celebration over at Cobblestone Press! Stop by the website www.cobblestone-press.com to find 6 new releases and jump over to the Cobblestone Mainstreet forum to hang out with all the authors and check out the many contests being run in the Contest Parade section of the forum.

Surviving Synn released with Cobblestone Press – May 11, 2007

Walking with Synn scheduled to release with Cobblestone Press – July 20, 2007

I also contract two more works to Cobblestone Press!

In the Runes: (Origins) A Spirit United

Forever Eden (my first futuristic romance)

As always, please feel free to contact me at lshannon@hotmail.com with question or comments.

What's on my schedule?

Check my blog for updates as I figure it out. <G> <http://lshannon.blogspot.com/>

Every Friday at 9 eastern – Cobblestone Press release Chat – *I don't always make it to chat, but stop by anyhow and say hello to the other wonderful authors of Cobblestone Press.* <http://www.cobblestone-press.com/chat.htm>

Some Fridays at 11 pm eastern or later – Midnight Passions chat – *exclusive chat for the Midnight Passions yahoo group.*

Every day, nearly all the time...sitting at my computer, writing. <grin>

Contests!

Contest #1 ~ **MEMBER REWARDS!** Join the L. Shannon newsletter loop <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LShannon/> and automatically be entered for a chance to win a free L. Shannon e-book. This drawing is held every month even if I don't send out a newsletter every month!

MAY WINNER – deshon57!!!

JUNE WINNER – patricia_chaddock

E-mail me at lshannon@hotmail.com to tell me which ebook you would like.

Contest #2 ~ **RELEASE REWARDS!** Once you've joined my newsletter group, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LShannon/> you are automatically entered in my

release day rewards program. That means every time I release a new book, I give it away to one lucky member! I will send off your PDF books in the next couple days. If you haven't received your prize within a week, E-mail me at lshannon@hotmail.com.

SURVIVING SYNN – roses938!

Surviving Synn Contest – AMY! (texdknht) You won an Embracing Synn package of fun!!

Past winners... check here for those who might not have claimed their prize yet. I will only post these twice before assuming they are unclaimed.

MARCH WINNER – sassy_writes

APRIL WINNER – mauravdl

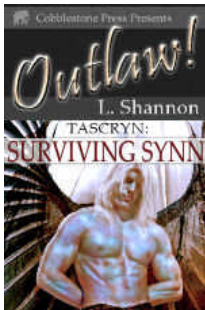
Joyfully Reviewed Newsletter Contest –rainingdark

Valentines Day Contest – **LIZ! Please, contact me ASAP**

Other contests ~ Watch my blog at <http://lshannon.blogspot.com/> for spur of the moment and up to date info on contests and news. Also be sure to visit on promo days at the different reader loops, because I will probably give something away.

* New This Month*

You can see my coming soon books and read blurbs and excerpts for all my work at www.lshannon.net.



Tascryn: Surviving Synn

May 11, 2007

Cobblestone Press

<http://www.cobblestone-press.com/catalog/books/survivingsynn.htm>

Tarvyn is just doing his job when he gets stranded at the hands of merciless killers. But it's hard to keep a good Synn down...

* Currently available*

Surviving Synn ~ <http://www.cobblestone-press.com/catalog/books/survivingsynn.htm>

Blood Reign ~ <http://www.cobblestone-press.com/catalog/books/bloodreign.htm>

Eagle Clan 2: Destiny ~ <http://cobblestone-press.com/>

Vali's Curse ~ <http://cobblestone-press.com/>

Season of Blood ~ <http://cobblestone-press.com/>

Lynx Clan: Forgiven ~ <http://cobblestone-press.com/>

Eagle Clan: Father of the Wolf ~ <http://cobblestone-press.com/>

Lost Soul of the Wolf ~ <http://www.chippewapublishing.com/>

Of Blood and Blessings ~ <http://changelingpress.com/>

* Recently Released *



Blood Reign

January 19, 2007

Cobblestone Press

<http://www.cobblestone-press.com/catalog/books/bloodreign.htm>

All Pahele wants is to have his queen at his side while he happily rules over hell and protects the souls of mortals and immortals alike. The problem is that his queen, Sadrina, is more than a little pissed that he let another woman imprison her for a few thousand years. Now that she's come back to him, he has no intention of letting her go, but this time he will convince her heart and fight the very devil to keep her.

Read an excerpt on www.lshannon.net

* Reviews for L. S hannon's work*

*See all my reviews at <http://www.lshannon.net/reviews.html>

Eagle Clan: Father of the Wolf

Romance Review Today: *"If you love paranormal stories, you have to read FATHER OF THE WOLF."*

Eagle Clan: Destiny

Romance Reviews Today: *"Great characterization and a twisted plot make this gripping story a must read."*

Lynx Clan: Forgiven

Coffee Time Romance: *"The good guys are shape shifters, vampires and demons, while the bad guys are Nazi ex-compatriots heading up a group of assassins."*

Origins: Vali's Curse

Two Lips Reviews: *"Vali's Curse is a bittersweet and emotion-filled story that will leave you thinking about it long after it's over."*

Tascryn: Of Blood and Blessings

The Romance Studio: *"Of Blood and Blessings is an entertaining book that is definitely one I will put on my keeper shelf."*

Tascryn: Blood Reign

[Joyfully Reviewed](#): *"I found Blood Reign to be an exciting mythical story filled with adventure, sorrow, treachery, lost love and hope..."*

Tascryn: Season of Blood

Fallen Angel Reviews: *"Season of Blood was one scorching hot story that will have you on fire with great desire."*

Tascryn: Misplaced Fate

Romance Junkies: *"It is nothing like you imagine it to be, the ending is powerful and definitely worth reading."*

* Coming soon... *

What's right around the corner? These titles are already finished.



Walking with Synn

July 20, 2007

Cobblestone Press

She was there to save him with sex... They were both enjoying the rescue.

Origins: A Spirit United – *Trapped together on a quest neither believe in, they will do anything for even a chance at success... Contracted to Cobblestone Press!*

Origins: My Immortal - *Logan's only thought was to find one night's reprieve, but there's more at work here than the fate of an average outlaw... Contracted to Cobblestone Press.*

Forever Eden – *Adam's world changed in a flash when Evelyn's space ship crashed into his temple. Contracted to Cobblestone Press!*

Origins: Immortal Flight (was Loki's Flight) – *Was he the pawn of fate or the weaver of his own destiny?*

* In the works*

What's coming up? These are my current projects. Yes, I know I bounce all over the place. If you want a say on where I focus next, enter your vote on my website.

Lynx Clan 2: Forgotten – *To Dain the past was something better left forgotten, but what if the past refuses to let him go... ~20,000/80,000*

Eagle Clan 3: Journey – *the clan struggles to save its few remaining members and one young couple might offer them the hope they need... ~21,000/80,000*

What the Bed Said – *Shhh... it's still a secret. ~7000/12,000*

Walking in Memories – *Rayce and Chayse will do anything to uncover the truth. Never come between two blood demons and the knowledge they desire... ~2000/10,000*

Dragonsign 1: Amethyst – *A thief, a magic pendant and an ancient, prophesy of destruction... the possibilities are endless. ~32,000/60,000*

Awaken to Darkness (was Slash and Burn) – *Slash thought the lady was better off dead, but now he'll do anything to keep her alive, even offer himself as food. ~8,000/30,000*

Blood Justice – *Sadaen decides to take a proactive approach to dealing with his executioner. He plans to take her to bed before she can send him to his grave... ~2300/25,000*

Dead Men's Nails: Kindred Spirit – *Faith has her hands full with college finals, assassination attempts, and werewolf politics, and then she falls in love... ~51,000/80,000*

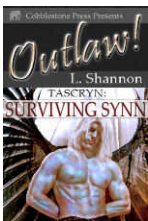
* June goals*

1. Edit My Immortal, A Spirit United, Forever Eden
2. Write Lynx Clan 2: Forgotten
3. Edit and submit Immortal Flight
4. Expand and submit D1: Amethyst
5. Write What the Bed Said

* Excerpt for the month*

Surviving Synn: You can find an excerpt at <http://www.lshannon.net/TASCRYN/SurvivingSynn.html> and can buy the e-book at <http://www.cobblestone-press.com/> on May 11, 2007

* Interviews*



This month's interview is with Tarvyn, the star and hero of May's release, **Surviving Synn**

HERO: TARVYN
Novella: Surviving Synn
Series: Tascryn Synn

Q: What is your name and does it have any special meaning?

A: Tarvyn. Although I don't speak the dead language, I was told my name translates to mean "a great passion". That sounds good to me.

Q: What is your birth date or current age?

A: I met Bailey in the 1690's. At that time I was almost two thousand years old. I'm still considered one of the younger demons

Q: Tell us a little about your family and where you grew up.

A: Well I was born in Niflheim like most of the demons. My mother and father are both Synn demons and I have one brother named Ralyn.

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: Men. <g>

Q: Tell us about any special people or events in your life?

A: Every day is pretty special. I love being a Synn demon. I mean what isn't to love about the job? I get to spend my days and nights having sex and finding a multitude of ways to share pleasure with others. I look at every assignment as a special time. The assignment that led to me meeting Bailey was like no other before it, nor any since.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: Blood. I don't know how the Cyvampis deal with all that. The thought of it makes me nauseous.

Q: What really turns you on?

A: A lover who knows how to take control. There are many ways to enjoy a competent lover, but for me it is being with one that knows what he wants and isn't afraid of playing at the edge of the rules to get it. Don't get me wrong just plain sex isn't something I'll ever get bored of, but if you want specifics, there is something about being tied up in silk scarves that just does it for me. I dream of someday finding a lover who will enjoy that fantasy as much as I do.
(Incidentally, I found one on a blood covered battlefield)

Stop by the blog (<http://lshannon.blogspot.com/>) and say hello to the Valàfrn werewolves and sometimes even the Tascryn demons.

Wip S spotlight

Get the scoop on this new project

This month's spotlight is on...Forgotten. Below is an unedited excerpt from this new novel in the Lynx Clan Trilogy.

Excerpt from Lynx Clan 2: Forgotten

The gun was cool and steady in his hand. The billowing overcoat hid the weapon and the threat. She would never see death coming. No one noticed him. Despite his size, he was invisible with his light brown hair and smooth unremarkable features. He became just another Joe standing under the awning to avoid the rain.

The glistening black Lexus pulled up to the curb and the doorman of the hotel rushed out to open the door for the passenger.

She would get out under the offered umbrella and hurry to the hotel entrance. Her bodyguards would be pressured to stay with her, security would be lax at best. The bodyguard waiting beside him under the awning had accepted his hotel security badge with little question.

He would strike as she walked past him. He would shoot her in the back and be gone. And if he failed he would drop back to his secondary position and take her out in her room by sniper rifle.

He wouldn't fail.

He couldn't fail. Dr. Jon would punish anything less than perfect success. That meant completing the assignment exactly as he'd been ordered to – up close and personal.

If it was within his power...he would not disappoint Dr. Jon again. Memories of his last retraining sizzled through him almost as real as the electric had been. What had been a casual grip on his pistol grew damp with perspiration. The chill wind cut a shiver over his skin like a thousand spiders set loose to feed on his flesh.

He couldn't fail...

The target was out of the car and moving swiftly toward the entrance of the hotel. She stepped under the awning almost within reach of him. Her man folded up the umbrella as she laughed at some quiet comment. Then her face turned his way and she saw him.

Since he wasn't hiding or lurking or looking suspicious, the fact that she looked at him shouldn't have had any meaning, but it did. She didn't look past him or see just another person like most people do. She saw him and smiled.

Her smile was beautiful. It wasn't a 100 watt lie, but a quiet hello. The simple acknowledgement left him shattered. When was the last time any person had smiled at him or treated him like a friend? Had anyone ever done so?

The precious connection broke and the woman, the target, moved past him and into the hotel. She entered and disappeared into the lobby.

A gust of wind blew the cold rain onto his face.

He had failed. He would be punished.

His vision blurred. He gasped in air and fought against the world closing in on him. He couldn't face the punishment. He couldn't...

He'd run again. But he'd run before and still was caught and punished. No... not again. This time he would run farther. He'd get away. He'd find a way to hide. Or he'd find a way to die out here free of punishments. He wouldn't go back. He'd never go back.

He pushed away from the wall and staggered out into the rain. His hand stroked over his weapon, but it was a thin comfort against the nightmare that would be chasing him soon. He closed the long coat and pushed his other hand into the pocket to hold it closed.

And in the pocket, his fingers wrapped around the small pill bottle which held a week's supply of Silvertide. *The devil's leash...* He pulled the bottle out and stared at its innocent look. There was nothing innocent about the drug. Dr. Jon used the drug to control him. He'd gone off it once before and been driven nearly mad with the need. When they had finally caught him that time, they had darted him with enough of the shit to knock him out. He hadn't woken up for several days.

He'd been glad they found him that time, glad to be back within the cruel arms of the drug.

This time would be different.

He hurled the bottle as far as he could into the shadows. He didn't want their leash. No matter the cost he would find a way to get through without it. He turned away and began to leave the drugs behind, to leave his life behind.

But his feet refused him. Each step demanded more and more effort until it seemed he was dragged to a stop.

No.

This wasn't even withdrawal, just fear of the coming agony. He forced a step then another and another. It wasn't enough. He picked up the pace, to a fast walk, then a jog. And then he was running. He focused on the use of his body, on the physical feel and shut out his doubts. His senses narrowed until all he experienced was each moment, each breath, each step and nothing more.

Absolutely nothing more...

What I 'm Reading

Lynn Viehl has a new Darkyn book out, titled Night Lost. I was looking for a different book, but the moment I saw "Darkyn" I grabbed it up.

Blurb: Gabriel Seran has fallen into the hands of the Brethren. Though abandoned by his fellow Kyn, he remains honor bound to protect their secrets from his interrogators. Blinded, nailed to a cross, and sealed in a chapel cellar beneath a ruined chateau, Gabriel faces an eternity of suffering.

Nicola "Nick" Jefferson has been traveling across Europe, looting churches of their precious artwork and fencing the treasures to make her living. At each destination, she liberates the captive vampires, hoping they'll provide her with information leading to the one artifact she so desperately craves: the Golden Madonna.

Gabriel and Nick have met before in each other's dreams. Bound together by more than coincidence, their destinies intertwine even as their passions ignite...

I always enjoy the Darkyn books, and was not disappointed in Night Lost. In this book she introduces more characters and shows us a side of the Dark Lord which has been missing in previous books. For those who read Paranormal Romance for the romance, you may find the focus too much on the action and less on the emotions. If you, like me, love the action adventure side of the genre, read on, you're sure to love this one as much as I did.

I give the book 4.5 FANGS.

(I thought fangs might be better fitting to the vamps. J)

Market News

New review site... <http://community.livejournal.com/pararomreviews/>

Genre survey for Dorchester ~ Click on the survey link to the right.

<http://www.dorchesterpub.com/Dorch/Genre.cfm?L1=2&L2=0>

Writer Lynn Viehl (or S.L.Viehl) posted comments on her blog regarding various submission opportunities for writers. Check it out at

<http://pbackwriter.blogspot.com/>

Romance Designs is looking for book reviewers. Email Tara Green & Debra Moores at info@romancedesigns.com for more information.

As always... check out Cynthia Sterling's market reports. Join this free newsletter by sending a blank email to cynthiasterling_subscribe@yahogroups.com

Commentary, stray thoughts, and wandering muses...

A muse on Vacation...

*My muse commonly known as *ass* is on vacation. I love him to death, but had to throw him out the door with a boot firmly planted in his behind. Here I am with 3 different books in edits and he was babbling in my ear about books that just don't need to be written just yet. So off he goes.*

Have no fear... he's more like a stalker. I know he'll be back, probably sooner than I need him. But until I get back to the writing end of the biz, he can hang out elsewhere. In fact if anyone out there can use a hunk of a muse for entertainment, amusement and harassment, give a whistle and offer him a temporary home. But I do expect him to come back once I have time to work on LC2: Forgotten. :D Until then... enjoy.

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About L. S hannon



L. Shannon, the author, came into existence in June of 2004. Ms. Shannon's always been a reader and lover of books, but never considered writing until one night when she ran out of books to read... She began writing that very night as the first line defense in a battle against insomnia. Her writing has steadily grown into a war against reality. Her friends kindly say reality never stood a chance. The L. Shannon's novels have expanded to fill an entire world with paranormal wonders including Valåfrn werewolves, Tascryn demons, blood-sucking vampires, sexy selkies and many, many more. Be careful if you choose to enter Ms. Shannon's hunk-filled world. You may never wish to leave...

In the time Shannon doesn't spend writing, she's kept busy with bothering her husband, showing dogs, gardening and watching over her four Butterfly Koi ponds. You can learn more about her writing and her life at www.lshannon.com.

Free Reads

Nothing new this month, but check out these currently available free reads. I fixed the links and updated the pages so if you had trouble getting to the free reads before... you should be able to now. J

<http://www.lshannon.net/SS/JolynsSearch.html>

<http://www.lshannon.net/TASCRYN/MyDemonValentine.html>

<http://www.lshannon.net/eBook.html> check here for surprise freebies.