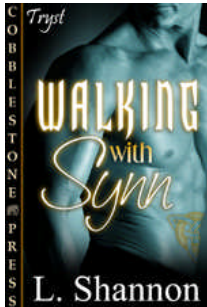


# L. Shannon's News for July 2007

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

## \*News Flash!\*



Walking with Synn scheduled to release with Cobblestone Press – July 20, 2007! I'll be chatting at 7pm central time in the Cobblestone Press Chat room. Come out and join me!  
<http://www.cobblestone-press.com/chat.htm>

I'll also be chatting and giving away a book at the Midnight Passions chat between 11pm and 1am eastern time. Stop by and visit. (This chat room requires active membership on the Midnight Passions yahoo group.

As a thank you to all my readers, I've posted some freebies on my "for readers" page at <http://www.lshannon.net/readers.html>.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [lshannon@hotmail.com](mailto:lshannon@hotmail.com) with questions 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!

JULY WINNER – joyeline88!

E-mail me at [lshannon@hotmail.com](mailto:lshannon@hotmail.com) to tell me which e-book 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](mailto:lshannon@hotmail.com).

WALKING WITH SYNN – cindyheather68!

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.

**MAY WINNER – deshon57!**

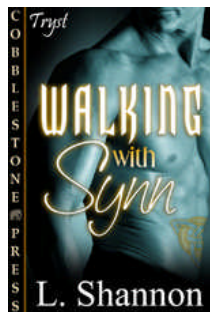
**JUNE WINNER – patricia\_chaddock!**

**SURVIVING SYNN – roses938!**

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](http://www.lshannon.net).



**Tascryn: Walking with Synn**

**June 20, 2007**

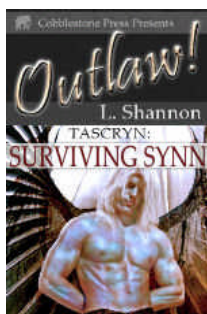
**Cobblestone Press**

<http://www.cobblestone-press.com>

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

*Sometimes mortal souls must be guided when the sun is high. A special class of demons called Anom'tan, Soul Walkers are paired to offer the strength walking under the sun requires. When Sayvor and his brother are attacked, both their lives will depend on his ability to remember the ones who stole his brother. But without his brother, Sayvor's strength is failing and his only hope is within the arms of willing lover to help him recover the memories his team needs to save them both. Dr. Sasha Washington never expected therapy to be this much pleasure.*

### \* Recently Released \*



**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...*

Read an excerpt on [www.lshannon.net](http://www.lshannon.net)

### \* 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/>

### \* 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: “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: “an entertaining book that is definitely one I will put on my keeper shelf.”

Tascryn: Blood Reign – [Joyfully Reviewed](#): “an exciting mythical story filled with adventure, sorrow, treachery, lost love and hope...”

Tascryn: Season of Blood – Fallen Angel Reviews: “one scorching hot story that will have you on fire with great desire.”

Tascryn: Misplaced Fate – Love Romances & More: “This is a dark, gritty tale with a twist at the end that will give the reader a surprise and a shiver.”

Tascryn: Surviving Synn – Love Romances & More: “an exciting story with a very sensual, emotion-filled romance between two men... tender, romantic and sensual” 5 hearts!

### \* Coming soon... \*

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

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

**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.

### \* 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...* ~35,000/80,000

**Zeven** – *She's on the run from a hired killer. He's on the hunt for his mate who'd run ten years before.* ~12,000/30,000

**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...*  
~2500/10,000

### \* July goals\*

1. Write Zeven
2. Write LC2: Forgotten
3. Edit and submit Immortal Flight
4. Expand and submit Amethyst
5. Write EC3: Journey

### \* Excerpt for the month\*

Walking with Synn: Here is a short, erotic taste of the story. You can find a longer excerpt at <http://www.lshannon.net/TASCRYN/WalkingWithSynn.html> and can buy the e-book at <http://www.cobblestone-press.com/> on June 20, 2007.

With a crash, Mayce pushed Spyce against the wall and savagely covered her mouth with his. His transformation from stillness to a man burning with wild energy brought him into sharp focus and defined him as a harshly erotic man. His wings lifted behind him, revealing his long, mostly nude body and framing how it jumped against Spyce.

With his pants still on, she knew they were not actually making love, but the sight of him hard against Spyce was sexy as hell. With a rip of cloth, Mayce savagely tore off the woman's top. His mouth never left hers.

Sasha wanted that. What was it like to be devoured by such a dominant man? She reached out, stroking her hand up Spyce's leg, which was wrapped around Mayce, and sliding up and down.

Mayce turned on her, grabbing Sasha and lifting her against the wall as he devoured her lips. His thick thighs rammed his hips between her pants-covered legs.

Oh God. He was huge and hard. She wanted that thick cock inside of her. Nothing else mattered.

All at once, she was back on the floor. Her liquid knees refused to support her. But it didn't matter. Spyce was right behind her, pressed against her back, sliding long fingered hands down her body.

Mayce kissed and kissed her, licking and teasing her mouth, while Spyce's hands roamed Sasha's body, unfastening buttons and removing her clothes, until nothing but skin and air touched her flesh.

Warm breath blew at her neck...Spyce. Her lips brushed over the skin now laid bare. Mayce drew back, but only to tug Sasha's hair free of its demure bun. Once her black hair tumbled in loose curls around her face, he buried his face in her hair.

Then Mayce and Spyce kissed above Sasha. Their passion rose another notch, taking her with them. She was between them, yet as their bodies writhed it was as if Mayce could fuck them both at once, fuck Spyce right through Sasha.

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### \* I n t e r v i e w s \*

This month's interview is with Sayvor, the star and hero of July's release,  
**Walking with Synn**

HERO: SAYVOR

Novella: Walking with Synn

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

A: My given name was Saynavyar, but since my twin brother and I work in America with our unit, we have all adopted more American sounding names. Other than that we don't give it much thought.

*Q: What is your birth date or current age?*

A: We're young by Tascryn standards, only a little over six hundred years old.

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

A: My parents still live in Niflheim (hell). They are way proud of me and Flayvor for joining an Anom'tan unit. We've been working daylight for ten years now and still they throw a party every time we come home. Unlike many of the Tascryn families, we grew up in a single home, rather than shared between parents. Flayvor and I still have a chamber there and are welcomed anytime.

*Q: What do you like to do for fun?*

A: Flayvor and I take walks in the city whenever we're not working during the day. I love to the sun and how it feels. Flayvor does too, but he says he takes the walks to watch people and keep me out of trouble.

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

A: My twin brother Flayvor. He's like half of me. I don't know what I'll do if anything ever happens to him. I imagine I'll just shrivel up and die. As for special events, ten years ago we were accepted into Bryck's Anom'tan unit. That was one day after we'd regained our souls. Both events changed our lives.

*Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?*

A: Jealousy. Because of Flayvor and I having a twin bond, we were able to reclaim our souls and join the Anom'tan unit. I can't understand why so many of the other Tascryn would hate us for something that just is. It's not like we have done anything to keep them down. We were just lucky enough to be born twins.

*Q: What really turns you on?*

A: \*Laughing\* Everything! I'm a Synn Demon!

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...Zeven.

*They'd hired an assassin to hunt her down and silence her forever. The only problem is their hired killer likes her better. Zeven has been searching for Harley for ten years and now that he's found her, he intends to keep her no matter the cost. Will Harley and Zeven defeat the ones after them? Will they overcome their past and find a way to find freedom together?*

### ***Unedited Excerpt from Zeven***

The tiny house closed in around Harley like the noose that was already around her neck. Her breath came too fast. Her heart raced like a thousand horses within her chest. Her vision tunneled down to just the envelope in her hand.

The picture in the envelope was of the remains of the two people she'd left behind. On the back were two words.

*You're next.*

Dizziness pushed at her, almost forcing her to sit. The panic attack was in full bloom. But there was no time for a panic attack. She staggered toward the bedroom. She had to pack a bag and get out.

The simple act of having a goal subdued the panic. Life as she knew it was already over. All she had left was the very slim chance of escape so that she might at least have a life somewhere even if it wasn't an image of what she'd worked so hard for.

She grabbed her UCLA duffle and stuffed in jeans and t-shirts. *What else do I need?* Shit. She didn't even know where she'd go. She had an aunt living in Michigan, but she couldn't risk endangering her. What she needed was to put some space between her and Vegas.

She started to zip the bag shut but stopped. She should take some camping gear. Between that and her bike she could stay off the beaten path. She grabbed her survival kit from the bottom of the closet and shoved it into the duffle. Then she carried the duffle and her light sleeping bag toward the front door.

She'd need money. If she emptied her accounts, she might have enough to get one maybe two states away. Since the purchase of the house, she'd put everything into the little old place. She didn't have much cash, nowhere near enough.

She'd worry about the rest later. All that mattered now was staying alive.

Slinging the bag over her shoulder, she opened the door with the other-and was slammed back into the wall with a crash.

The outline of a huge man was all she saw at first. Then she was heaved to her feet, off of her feet and pinned to the wall and confronted by black wrap around glasses that reflected her own terrified face.

She clawed at the thick arms and tried to kick out against the huge body. But the man's weight crushed her to the wall. Even breathing hurt, she was held so tightly.

The pressure changed, loosed enough to ease the pain. The man's honey brown skin came back into focus for a heartbeat.

"Oh, fuck." The voice was familiar, from a past she'd left behind. The man moved them and slammed the door shut. Then the wraparounds were thrown to the floor with a viscous sound of raw fury.

And she met cold, pale eyes she thought she'd never see again.

Dear God, how had he found her? "Zeven?" she asked even though without a doubt it was him.

Her former lover fell on her once more, claiming her mouth, demanding the response that was too damn easy to give. Chemistry burst to life. She kissed him back, matching his passion, tangling her tongue over his. Whatever it was that awakened passion between two people was in full force between them and always had been.

Then Zeven ripped away from her lips. His gaze was too angry to read. "What the fuck did you see?"

That brought Harley back to the moment, back to the stupidity that giving in to the attraction would be. "What? Oh, shit. I need to get out of here. They'll be sending someone after me." She jumped away from him trying to gain some space. It wasn't just the ones behind the threatening note. She had to get free of Zeven and his homicidal family now too.

The hands tightened on her arms, holding her in place, when she should have been running. The ravaged look in his eyes tore open a wound she'd thought was healed or at least scabbed over. Why was he here? Why now, after ten years? Was he still chasing her? Was he leading his killer clan to her door once more?

For one second she imagined saying, *Zeven, come with me*. Then the intelligence that helped her through medical school and the instincts that had kept her alive though so much both kicked in, and kicked her ass awake. "I've got to get out of here."

But Zeven, her long-lost lover, wasn't moving.

Almost visible memories passed between them. Memories she'd love to linger in, try to reclaim if only she had more time. If only being with him wasn't such a huge mistake.

"They sent me." The quiet words shattered the chemistry and memories.

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## \*What I 'm Reading\*

Title: Kiss of Crimson

Author: Lara Adrian

Back Cover Blurb: *Bonded by blood and by dark secrets, they enter a place of danger and infinite pleasure...*

*He comes to her more dead than alive, a towering black-clad stranger riddled with bullets and rapidly losing blood. As she struggles to save him, veterinarian Tess Culver is unaware that the man calling himself Dante is no man at all, but one of the Breed, vampire warriors engaged in a desperate battle.*

*Haunted by visions of a dark future, Dante lives and fights like there is not tomorrow. Tess is a complication he does not need – but now, with the brethren under attack, he must shield Tess from a growing threat that includes Dante himself...*

Review: I liked it. The first line of the blurb “*He comes to her more dead than alive, a towering black-clad stranger riddled with bullets and rapidly losing blood.*” Since I love a hero in distress, this caught me completely. I bought this one and book one in the series on the same day. The rest of the general story line reminds me of the Black Dagger Brotherhood, though perhaps not quite as edgy. I very much enjoyed these two stories and would recommend them to others. Book one is Kiss of Midnight.

### **I give the book 4.5 FANGS.**

*(I rate shifter books with Full Moons and vampire books with Fangs. If you'd like to submit a reader review to be included in my news, send it to [lshannon@hotmail.com](mailto:lshannon@hotmail.com))*

## \*Market News\*

Eternal Press: Is seeking an editor to edit Erotica. Very hot Erotica. Send application to HYPERLINK "<mailto:eternalpress@juliedarcy.com.au>"  
[eternalpress@juliedarcy.com.au](mailto:eternalpress@juliedarcy.com.au)

Harlequin is having a contest! For details see: [www.superromancecontest.com](http://www.superromancecontest.com)

As always... check out Cynthia Sterling's market reports. Join this free newsletter by sending a blank email to [cynthiasterling-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:cynthiasterling-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

## Commentary, stray thoughts, and wandering muses...

Keeping it together, on world building...

*I was asked recently how I keep all the stories in my series straight?*

*My answer is, it's not always easy. Because all my stories take place in the same "world", keeping them organized is an important part of my world building. Every time I start a new story and begin the plotting process (on the times I do plot) I have to cross reference the time line with all my other works that are*

*already out. I do that. I also check with my master timeline to be sure everything can happen. Just like I would hate to find an inconsistency in a book I'd bought, I'd hate it just as much to be in one of mine.*

*An example of this process can be show with my wip, *Forgotten*. Because *Forgotten* takes place so soon after the first book in the Lynx Clan trilogy, I knew the time frame would be pretty firm. I settled on about a month after the opening of LC1 and began looking around to see what else will be happening. The Lynx Clan has some interaction with the Eagle Clan so I double checked with the Eagle Clan timeline and found that the ones who they'd most likely to be in contact with would be busy with another major crisis. That leaves them still in the hands of Angel, who was a major player in LC1. Because Angel isn't a werewolf and is associated with the demons, I had to check through those stories as well to be sure anyone she might contact would be available.*

*One I have the general time and characters set, then I start the real work. As I plot and write, I double check each scene with other relevant stories to keep that consistent. For instance, in LC2, Saxxon has some scenes in his point of view. I went back and read LC1 so I could keep his voice consistent. He might be changed by his new life, but he will still be Saxxon, even when in other books. Some characters bounce across the stories and hold their voice easily. Angel does this. Readers get the chance to meet her as a little girl in EC2: *Destiny*, see her grow up hard in *Misplaced Fate*, and meet her soul mate in LC1. She changes and grows as she ages and yet is clearly Angel through them all.*

*Watch my blog for more on world building.*

*Shannon*

## \*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 Valäfrn 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](http://www.lshannon.com).

## \*F ree R eads\*

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.