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CSFF Blog Tour Announcement

In April the CSFF Blog Tour thirty-five blog sites participated in the discussion of *Blaggard's Moon* by George Bryan Polivka. That number grew to fifty participating blogs in May for the tour of the final installment of the King Raven trilogy, *Tuck* by Stephen Lawhead.



Looking ahead:

- * June 22-24 – *Vanish* by Tom Pawlik (adult supernatural suspense)
- * July 20-22 – *The Enclave* by Karen Hancock (adult science fiction/fantasy)
- * August – *Off World* by Robin Parrish (adult science fiction)
- * September – *The Vanishing Sculptor* by Donita Paul (YA fantasy - tentative)
- * October – *Haunt of Jackals* by Eric Wilson (adult supernatural suspense - tentative)
- * November – *Curse of the Spider King*, Book 1 of The Berinfell Prophecies by Wayne Thomas Batson/ Christopher Hopper (YA fantasy – tentative)
- * December – *Faery Rebels: Spell Hunter* (HarperCollins Children's Books) by R.J. Anderson (general market middle grade fantasy – tentative)

To learn more about CSFF or to become a member, stop by www.csffblogtour.com. To purchase any of the past or future books featured on the CSFF Blog Tour stop by the [CSFF Book Store](#).

Book Releases

**When the Sky Fell* by Mike Lynch & Brandon Barr
Silver Leaf Books (May, 2009)
An ancient evil has sought unquestioned dominion over the galaxy, and they've found...us.

**The Enclave* by Karen Hancock
Bethany House Publishers (July, 2009)
When science plays God, can one man summon the courage to stand in its way?

**By Darkness Hid* by Jill Williamson
Marcher Lord Press (April 2009)
A squire and a maiden discover their ability to communicate with the minds of others.

**The Dark Man* by Marc Schooley
Marcher Lord Press (April, 2009)
A near-future thriller about banned Christianity and an enigmatic talking puzzle box.

**Starfire* by Stuart Vaughn Stockton
Marcher Lord Press (April, 2009)
A non-Earth, non-human SF about a weapon that might destroy foes only – or everyone.

**The Chronicles of Soone: Rise of Lucin* by James Somers
Grace Publishing (2009)
In this sequel to *Heir to the King*, Lucin takes a new host body and sets out to destroy the new Barudii king and his family.

**Hallowed Be Thy Name* by James Somers
Grace Publishing (2009)
Dr. Trenton Hallowed uses himself as a guinea pig for his genetic mutagen experiments only to unleash the darkness within.

**Perdition's Gate* by James Somers
Grace Publishing (2009)
When Jason Night learns the organization he works for has targeted the woman he loves for termination, he sets out to find answers at all costs.

**Join the UNDERGROUND: the RPG* by Mike Roop
The Writers' Café Press (July 2009)
Based on Frank Creed's popular sci-fi novel, this interactive-fiction lets you adventure in the futuristic underground of *Flashpoint*.



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What's on the Web

*"The Seeker"

by Brandon Barr at Digital Dragon
A monster disguises itself to entice its prey, and gets far more than it bargained for.
www.digitaldragonmagazine.net/barr-seeker.php

*"The Stones Cry Out"

by Rebecca LuElla Miller at A Christian Worldview of Fiction
A youth with the ability to hear the stones becomes a maligned watchman.

In three parts:
<http://rebeccaluellamiller.wordpress.com/2009/06/10/a-short-story---the-stones-cry-out-part-1/>

<http://rebeccaluellamiller.wordpress.com/2009/06/11/short-story---the-stones-cry-out-part-2/>

<http://rebeccaluellamiller.wordpress.com/2009/06/12/short-story---the-stones-cry-out-part-3/>

*Splashdown Books Review Site

Reviews of all the best in Christian science fiction and fantasy.
splashdownreviews.blogspot.com

*Speculative Fiction Discussion Group in Second Life.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month 7 p.m. (Pac) 10p.m. (East.)
For new users, download the Second Life software at www.secondlife.com then go to tinyurl.com/sllgg

Favorite Book Stores

*California
Lighthouse Christian Store
250 N Lake Avenue
Pasadena, CA
(626) 796-6337
www.lighthousestores.com

Author Appearances

SPEAKING

***Scott M. Sandridge**
anelist at Context 22
www.contextsf.org
Doubletree Hotel, 175 Hutchinson
Columbus, OH, 43235
August 28-30

BOOK SIGNING

***Mike Lynch:**
Booksmart Book Store, Morgan Hill, CA
July 18, 1:00-3:00 pm

*Jill Williamson

Christian Fiction Extravaganza!
Christian Supply
2785 Cedar Hills Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005
June 20, 2pm – 4pm
www.christiansupply.net

Awards

*CSFF Top Tour Blogger Award

April 2009: Rachel Starr Thomson
www.rachelstarrthomson.com/inklings

* CSFF Top Tour Blogger Award

May 2009: tied between John Otte and Robert Treskillard
www.leastread.blogspot.com
www.epictales.org/blog/robertblog.php

Contests

By Darkness Hid Monthly Influencer Contest

Win a copy of Robert Liparulo's *House of Dark Shadows*
Deadline: June 30, 2009
Contest details at jillwilliamson.wordpress.com/2009/04/22/mays-influencer-prize

Interviews

Stuart Vaughn Stockton

by Jeff Gerke at WhereTheMapEnds
www.wherethemapends.com/Interviews/current_interview.htm

Mike Lynch and Brandon Barr

by Amy Deardon at Search For Truth
<http://amydeardon.blogspot.com/2009/06/author-interview-when-sky-fell-by-mike.html>



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Reviews

**The Blessed* by Lisa T. Bergren – Berkley Hardcover (2008)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/03/gifted-part-3-blessed.html>

**Eternity's Edge* by Bryan Davis – Zondervan (2008)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/04/eternitys-edge.html>

**The Owling* by Robert Elmer – Zondervan (2008)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/04/owling.html>

**Blaggard's Moon* by George Bryan Polivka – Harvest House (March 2009)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/04/blaggards-moon.html>

Reviewed by Rebecca LuElla Miller at A Christian Worldview of Fiction

<http://rebeccaluellamiller.wordpress.com/2009/04/22/csff-blog-tour-blaggards-moon-a-review/>

**Beyond Corista* by Robert Elmer – Zondervan (May 2009)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/05/beyond-corista.html>

**By Darkness Hid* by Jill Williamson – Marcher Lord Press (April 2009)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/05/by-darkness-hid.html>

Reviewed by Rachelle Sperling at Sojourner's Journey

<http://landofmysojourn.net/blog/?p=811>

Reviewed by Erin Clay at Book Reviews Today

<http://bookreviewstoday.blogspot.com/2009/06/by-darkness-hid.html>

Reviewed by Cathi Hassan at Cathi's Chatter

<http://cathischatter.blogspot.com/2009/06/by-darkness-hid-jill-williamsons-new.html>

**Tuck* by Stephen Lawhead – Thomas Nelson (February 2009)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/05/tuck.html>

Reviewed by Rachel Starr Thomson at Inklings

<http://www.rachelstarrthomson.com/2009/05/a-review-tuck-day-2/>

Reviewed by Jill Williamson at Novel Teen Book Reviews

<http://novelteen.wordpress.com/2009/05/20/review-tuck-by-stephen-lawhead>

Reviewed by Rebecca LuElla Miller at A Christian Worldview of Fiction

<http://rebeccaluellamiller.wordpress.com/2009/05/19/tuck-a-review/>

Reviewed by Phyllis Wheeler at the Christian Fantasy Review

<http://christian-fantasy-book-reviews.com/blog/2009/05/18/tuck-by-stephen-lawhead-a-review/>

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**Hood* by Stephen Lawhead – Thomas Nelson (2007) and
Scarlet by Stephen Lawhead – Thomas Nelson (2008)

Reviewed by Jill Williamson at Novel Teen Book Reviews

<http://novelteen.wordpress.com/2009/05/19/a-new-robin-hood-adventure>

**Sons of God* by Rebecca Ellen Kurtz – Ephesus Books (March 2009)

Reviewed by Chawna Schroeder at Imagination Investigation

<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com/2009/05/sons-of-god.html>

**Hunter Brown and the Secret of the Shadow* by The Miller Brothers – Warner Press (2008)

Reviewed by Rachel Starr Thomson at Inklings

<http://www.rachelstarrthomson.com/2009/03/a-review-hunter-brown-and-the-secret-of-the-shadow-2/>

Reviewed by Rebecca LuElla Miller at A Christian Worldview of Fiction

<http://rebeccaluellamiller.wordpress.com/2009/03/17/hunter-brown-and-the-secret-of-the-shadow-a-review-csff-tour-day-2/>

**The Dark Man* by Marc Schooley – Marcher Lord Press (April 2009)

Reviewed by Jill Williamson at Novel Teen Book Reviews

<http://novelteen.wordpress.com/2009/06/05/review-the-dark-man-by-marc-schooley/>

**Swords of the Six* by Scott Appleton – Flaming Pen Press (2009)

Reviewed by Phyllis Wheeler at the Christian Fantasy Review

<http://christian-fantasy-book-reviews.com/blog/2009/05/22/swords-of-the-six-by-scott-appleton-a-review/>

**The Legend of the Firefish* by George Bryan Polivka – Harvest House Publishers (2007)

Reviewed by Phyllis Wheeler at the Christian Fantasy Review

<http://christian-fantasy-book-reviews.com/blog/2009/05/06/legend-of-firefish-review-polivka/>

Member Profile

Bryan Davis



Bryan Davis is the author of *Dragons in our Midst*, *Oracles of Fire*, and *Echoes from the Edge*, three fantasy/adventure series for young adults.

Bryan worked as a computer professional for twenty years, dabbling in writing while teaching his seven homeschooled children how to write. After trying for years to get his work published, he quit his job in 2002 to pursue his passion to become an author. With no book contracts in sight, he trusted God to provide opportunities, especially for the publication of a weird story based on a dream about a boy who could breathe fire. That dream became the seed for *Dragons in our Midst*, a bestselling series that helped open the door for a wave of fantasy offerings in the Christian market.

A huge part of Bryan's ministry involves communicating with readers through his message forum. Hundreds of members post thousands of messages, talking about the books and praying for and supporting each other in friendship. Many write to Bryan asking for advice as they deal with the serious problems that plague many young people today. Being able to reach readers with stories of God's faithfulness in the midst of mind-blowing trials as well as with personal, more practical messages, has been a blessing to Bryan and his family.

His current work is a new fantasy series called *Dragons of Starlight* which will include two books for adults and four for young adults. The first, *Starlighter*, is scheduled to release in the spring of 2010.

And Then There is This

*Lost Genre Guild member and “Christian Horror” author Greg Mitchell has been contracted by Cloud Ten Pictures to script the fifth installment in their popular Apocalypse series of End-Times films. Find out more about Cloud Ten Pictures at <http://cloudtenpictures.com>

*Galatea, a 24,000 word (300+Kb) story by Steve Rice. Available in PDF.

The story is based on the Greek myth of Pygmalion and Galatea. The Sculptor has created a race of living statues, but they rebelled and reverted to mere clay. Can he bring them back to life, or will he die of a broken heart in the attempt? Available at <http://ansric.pbworks.com/f/Galatea.pdf>

*A new blog - Fantasy & Faith, launched by Dona Watson

Includes a celebration book give-away of The Lord Protector’s Daughter by L.E. Modesitt, Jr. Visit the blog for details <http://www.fantasyandfaith.com>

*A new speculative web-zine: Digital Dragon

Includes fiction, poetry, and art

Managing Editor – T.W. Ambrose; Sr. Editor – Randy Streu <http://www.digitaldragonmagazine.net/about.php>

Latest In Spec aims to create a forum where authors of inspirational speculative fiction can inform others about their work. “Inspirational speculative fiction,” as we define it, refers to science fiction and fantasy written from a Christian—and specifically, a Biblical—worldview.

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Our hope is that this free listing of the latest news in Christian speculative fiction can facilitate the promotion of the kinds of books we long to see available in bookstores everywhere.

Rebecca LuElla Miller
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Editorial This ‘n That

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