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CSFF Blog Tour Announcement



The May CSFF Blog Tour, scheduled to run from Monday, May 19 through Wednesday, May 21, will highlight the webzine *Mindflights*, a Double-Edge Publishing online publication located at <http://mindflights.com/index.html>.

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](#).

Author Appearances

Book Signing

*Frank Creed and Karina Fabian
Chicago Tribune Printers Row
Book Fair
Dearborn & Polk
Chicago, IL
June 7, 8; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

*Bryan Davis
Skia Bookstore
3301 South Walton Blvd.
Bentonville, AR
May 10 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Bryan Davis
Baker Book House
2768 East Paris Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
May 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Speaking

*Frank Creed
Mo*Con III
The Dwelling Place
Indianapolis, IN
June 14

*Sharon Hinck author, *The Sword of Lyric Series*
Guest Speaker – MN Christian
Writer's Guild
Edina, MN
May 12, 7:00 p.m.

Book Releases

**Seabird* by Sherry Thompson
Gryphonwood Press (2008)
Cara is transported to Narenta and hailed champion against the daemagos. Is it a mistake?

**Beyond the Reflection's Edge*
by Bryan Davis
Zondervan (May 2008)
Sixteen-year-old Nathan Shepherd searches for his parents' murderers in a multi-dimensional maze.

**Last of the Nephilim*
by Bryan Davis
AMG (June 2008)
Reborn dragons are called to a great battle in another world.

Contests

**Beyond Reflections' Edge Contest*
<http://dragonsinourmidst.blogspot.com/2008/05/contest.html>



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www.specfaith.ritersbloc.com

What's on the Web

*New: Frank Creed's
Underground Message Board
<http://frankcreed.proboards52.com>

*Narentan Tales
—excerpts from fantasy novels
by Sherry Thompson
<http://narentantales.blogspot.com>

*Scribblings
—a mix of autobiograph and fiction
promoting work
by Sherry Thompson
<http://tree-lady.livejournal.com>

*Orchestrations of songs from the
first two Restorer books
Posted on Sharon Hinck's
"Just For Fun – Media" page
<http://www.sharonhinck.com/multi-media>

*A Work in Progress
—Scott Sandridge's blog and
podcast on writing, faith, and poli-
tics
<http://smsand.wordpress.com>

*Fear and Trembling
New Double-Edged Publishing web-
zine
—Horror and dark fantasy, often
with a Christian twist.
<http://www.fearandtremblingmag.com>

*Flash Fiction: The Philosopher in
the Dark
by Scott Sandridge
<http://www.everydayfiction.com/the-philosopher-in-the-dark-by-scott-m-sandridge>

Contract News

*George Bryan Polivka,
Harvest House
Pirate fantasy
Title: Blaggard's Moon
A pirate left to die at the hands of
a hideous beast grapples with the
choices he has made.

Scheduled release: Spring 2009

Favorite Book Stores

*Delaware
Ninth Street Book Shop
104 W. Ninth St, Wilmington
(302) 652-3315
Best of Delaware award for 2007,
from Delaware Today Magazine
Owners: Jack and Gemma Buckley

Awards

*Clive Staples Award
For Christian speculative fiction
published in 2007
Currently accepting nominations at
<http://rebeccaluellamiller.word-press.com/clive-staples-nomina-tions-2008>

*The Restorer by Sharon Hinck
(NavPress)
Finalist in the Christy Awards
—Visionary category
<http://www.christyawards.com>

*ACFW Genesis Finalists,
Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Allegory Category

Lynda K. Arndt
—<http://on-the-write-track.blogspot.com>

Valerie Comer
—<http://invalslittleworld.blogspot.com>

John W. Otte
—<http://www.leastread.blogspot.com>

Jim Rubart

Chawna Schroeder
—<http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com>

Stuart Stockton
—<http://www.jerkrenak.blogspot.com>

Podcasts or Web Chats

*Sharon Hinck on the ACFW Bookclub live chat to discuss
The Restorer's Son
Monday, May 5, 8 pm EST <http://www.acfw.com/fchat>



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Reviews

Flashpoint: Book One of the Underground by Frank Creed, The Writers Café Press (2007)

*Reviewed by Cathi Hassan at Christian Review of Books
http://christianreviewofbooks.com/flashpoint_by_frank_creed.htm

*Reviewed by Kathryn E. Darden at Christian Activities
http://christianactivities.com/articles/story_bookbeat.asp?ID=6523

Seabird by Sherry Thompson, Gryphonwood Press (2008)

*Reviewed by Asgard at BlogCritics Magazine, April 16, 2008
<http://blogcritics.org/archives/2008/04/16/163535.php>

Restorer's Journey by Sharon Hinck, NavPress (2008)

*Reviewed at Relz Reviews
<http://relzreviewz.blogspot.com/2008/04/restorers-journey-by-sharon-hinck.html>

*Reviewed by Charlotte Schofield
<http://burnforgod.blogspot.com/2008/04/restorers-journey.html>

*Reviewed by Cara Putman
<http://carasmusings.blogspot.com/2008/03/restorers-journey-review.html>

Interviews

*Ted Dekker by Beth Goddard at The Write Message
<http://bethgoddard.blogspot.com/2008/02/cfba-few-questions-for-ted-dekker.html>

*Fantasy Author Caprice Hokstad by Frank Creed at Associated Content
http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/693863/christian_fantasy_novelist_author_caprice.html

*Sue Dent on Christian Fiction by Frank Creed at Associated Content
http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/747013/novelist_sue_dent_on_christian_fiction.html

*Laser & Sword Editor Adam Graham by Frank Creed at The Underground
<http://frankcreed.com/March08UNDERGROUND.pdf>

*Maurice Broaddus and Mo*Con III by Frank Creed at The Underground
<http://frankcreed.com/March08UNDERGROUND.pdf>

*Jeff Gerke and Marcher Lord Press by Frank Creed at The Underground
Part I of a 3 part series
<http://frankcreed.com/May08UNDERGROUND.pdf>

*Rebecca Miller and Latest in Spec by Frank Creed at The Underground
<http://frankcreed.com/May08UNDERGROUND.pdf>

*Sharon Hinck at Title Trakk
http://www.titletrakk.com/sharon_hinck_interview.html

*Sharon Hinck at Novel Inspirations - Featured Author (Speaking about Restorer's Journey)
<http://novelinspirations.com/shinck.html>

*Adam Graham, publisher of Laser & Sword by Stacy Harp at Active Christian Media
<http://recordings.talkshoe.com/TC-47220/TS-110952.mp3?dl=1>



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*May/ June Issue of Frank Creed's UNDERGROUND newsletter
 Subscribe at <http://frankcreed.com/TheUnderground.html>

*Announcement from Gene Curtis
 Blog post discussing placement of blogs on search engine first page.
 Learn about an extremely popular search term to help increase exposure for the CSFF and LGG.
<http://www.GeneCurtis.com/blogtopic>

*Laser & Sword Magazine, Issue 2, Spring Edition
 Editor in Chief, Adam Graham
 The Order of the Sword fights to survive in an unknown land with a dangerous foe stalking them.
<http://www.lulu.com/content/2330577>

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<http://smsand.wordpress.com>
<http://www.fearandtremblingmag.com>



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Rebecca LuElla Miller
 CSFF Blog Tour

Editorial This 'n That

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