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An Interview with Sherrilyn Kenyon by Amy Herring

I was fortunate to meet NYT best-selling author **Sherrilyn Kenyon** at Dragon*Con 2007, and I asked her for an interview for the 2008 *Daily Dragon*.

Daily Dragon (DD): *Acheron, the story of the leader of the Dark-Hunters, might be seen as the capstone of the series, but with the release of One Silent Night in November, 2008, it's clear the series will continue. What heroes will we meet in future novels?*

Sherrilyn Kenyon (SK): The *Dark-Hunters* isn't the only series that is evolving. The *Lords of Avalon* series (Arthurian Fantasy published by HarperCollins and Marvel) is about to have a major lynchpin book out too. In the next volume, we meet Kaziell who is a Hel Hound (those familiar with Norse mythology will have a clue in that description) and he's out to serve Morgen le Fey's head on a platter but first he has to claim one of the 13 sacred objects of King Arthur and battle its guardian Merlin.

DD: *Do you have any ad-*

vice for novice authors?

SK: I can fix a bad page, but not a blank one. You have to have clay before you can sculpt. Put it down on paper and then worry about perfecting it later. Just because it's written in blood doesn't mean it's carved in stone and not everything you write will be a gem. On average, I throw out 100+ pages of



bunk in every book. Scenes that either don't move the story forward, or those that are just bad or wrong turns I made with the plot. My reputation rides on every book and so I give every book my best and my all. If I finish a book and I think it sucks, I toss it out and start over.

Yes, my editor has hives, but

I will never put a book into production that hasn't been given every drop of sweat and tear I can produce to make it my best. I believe my fans deserve nothing but my absolute best and so that's what I always give them.

Take pride in your work and never let anyone tell you that you don't deserve your dreams. You do, so sit down, write that book and don't let anyone or anything, especially those awful voices in your head, stop you. Ever.

DD: *What new costumes will you be wearing at D*C '08? Anything not in shades of black?*

SK: Until they find something darker, I will only wear black (which is one of the reasons I want to be a Sith cheerleader—that and I can embarrass my sons—I also love the dark side). Not sure about the costumes yet as I haven't packed LOL.

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website, and be sure to catch Sherrilyn—and Acheron—at booths 1001 and 1002 in the Imperial Ballroom (M) and at her panels this weekend.)

X TRACK DANCE PARTY

The X Track invites **you** to the first X Track party! Have fun and start the con right by dancing to songs that remind you of your favorite sci-fi character or show. Fri 10PM, A601-A602 (M).

When Atlanta Turns Upside Down by Bobbie Nelson

Every Labor Day weekend, Peachtree Street fills with the sound of clanging swords, the stomping of men in white Stormtrooper armor, and the twirling of lightsabers in the air. It's not your typical day in downtown Atlanta.

Once a year, the unusual becomes an everyday occurrence. Briefcases are replaced with bags stuffed with comic books, and neckties switch places with red-and-orange wizard scarves.

Thousand of fans invade Atlanta to attend Dragon*Con, with over 30,000 in 2007—making it one of the largest science fiction and fantasy conventions in the United States.

While most events can only be attended by purchasing a convention membership, the parade marches in public on the streets of downtown, and everyone is welcome.

If you're interested in participating in the parade but

haven't signed up yet, or you've already signed up and need to check in and pick up your parade ribbons, come to the parade table just outside the Hyatt Grand Hall (convention registration) Thu 4-9:30PM or Fri 9:30AM-9:30PM.

The parade starts at 10AM Sat from Woodruff Park, marches north on Peachtree, back to the Hyatt, onto Baker, to Courtland, and ends at the Marriott's back entrance.

Schedule Changes

*The default is the Hyatt if no hotel is indicated.

Additions

"An hour with Robert Englund" A Q&A with the actor that brought us Freddy Krueger. Fri 1PM, Int'l North.

"Babylon 5 and Battlestar Galactica" How they compare to each other, for good and for bad. Fri 1PM, A704 (M).

"Dragonlance: Dragons of Autumn Twilight" After nearly 25 years, the *New York Times* best-selling first novel in the *Dragonlance* saga is now an animated motion picture from Paramount. Fri 1PM, Hanover CDE.

"Stargate Worlds: Sneak Peek" Join us for an early look at *Stargate Worlds* as we give you a taste of this exciting new MMO. Fri 1PM, Augusta (S).

"An Hour in the Firefly 'Verse" A Q&A with Nathan Fillion and Alan Tudyk from the Firefly television series; they share their tales and experiences traveling the 'verse and beyond. Fri 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII.

"Know Your Rights: Copyright Law for the Creator of Fan Works" Are fan fiction and fan art legal? Copyright attorney Theodora Michaels debunks common misconceptions about copyright law, fair use, parody, and disclaimers. Fri 4PM, L506 - L507 (M).

Erick Avari will be on "Stargate Guests Megapanel" Fri 5:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"Permission to Speak Freely...Granted!" Ever want to be a TrekTrak panelist? Or talk about something *Star Trek* never on the schedule? A roundtable discussion. Fri 7PM, Savannah (S).

"The Science Behind Parapsychology" Fri 7PM, M106-M107 (M).

"Free Realms: Q&A with Sony" A lively overview of SOE's upcoming free-to-play MMO, *Free Realms*. Sat 10AM, Athens (S).

"Stargate Worlds: Sneak Peek" Join us for an early look at *Stargate Worlds* as we give you a taste of this exciting new MMO. Sat 11:30AM, Athens (S).

"By a Shire Fireside: Songs and Tales from the Real Middle-earth" An hour of singing and storytelling; hear the stories that influenced Tolkien's writing and helped shape Middle-earth. Sat 1PM, L506 - L507 (M).

"LARP StoryTellers' Roundtable" A roundtable discussion on what storytellers and their staff do behind the scenes. Sat 1PM, Salon B (Hil).

Tobias Buckell will be doing a Dragon*Con Reading Sat 2:30PM, University.

Graham Watkins and Dr. Frank Gordon will be on "2nd Annual Skeptics vs Believers Debate" Sat 4PM, Grand Ballroom (S).

Doc Hammer and Jackson Publick will be signing autographs Sat 4PM, Regency VI-VII.

"The Guild" See the award-winning web series about a group of online gaming addicts and their lives in and out of the game. Sat 7PM, Hanover CDE.

Doc Ezra will be on "Nuts on the Road: Gonzo Sound & Vision." Sat 10PM, Regency VI-VII.

"Q&A with Lance Henriksen" Meet the man behind the android Bishop and many other classic characters. Sun 11:30AM, Centennial I.

"The Future is ONLINE" Webisodes, the new breeding group for independents and viral marketing, from its origins with Firefly and before, maturing with Heroes, to new outlets with Sanctuary and Gemini Division. Sun 11:30AM, A704 (M).

"Animated Short Films" A block of animated shorts from the Independent Film Festival. Sun 1PM, Baker.

Van Allen Plexico will be doing a Dragon*Con Reading Sat 4PM, Williams.

David Nykl will be on "Stargate Charity Auction" Sun 4PM, Centennial II-III.

"Frodo, the Reluctant Hero" In mythology, before Tolkien, the norm was the brave, strong hero who embarks on a quest for the good of all. Campbell and Jung call the reluctant hero a hero for the times we live in. Sun 4PM, L506 - L507 (M).

"Why We Love (and Hate) Disney" Disney inspires awe and anger in some animation fans; join our panel for a look at Old Men, Princesses, and Uncle Remus and why the community is so divided. Sun 4PM, Baker.

Anne Petty will be signing autographs Sun 5:30PM, M301-M304 (M).

Caitlin Kittredge will be on "Outsiders" Sun 7PM, Montreal/Vancouver.

"Requiem for the DC Animated Universe" The end of the Justice League Unlimited comic book spells the end of the style of DC animated shows that have been airing since the '90s. The newer shows like The Batman are more child-oriented. Where are these super-heroes going? Sun 7PM, Baker.

"3rd Annual Anime Music Video Contest" The best AMVs submitted over the past year: Action, Drama, Romance, Comedy, and Best In Show. Sun 11:30PM, Hanover C-E.

Cancellations

Todd McCaffrey will not be on "Who You Calling a Kid?" Fri 2:30PM, A707 (M).

"How to Discover Some Asteroids" Fri 2:30PM, Henry (Hil).

"Tapping Your Psychic Potential" Fri 7PM, M106-M107 (M).

"Stargate Worlds: Tales from Beta" Fri 1PM and Sat 11:30AM, Augusta (S).

"The Heroes Journey" Fri 1PM, A704 (M).

"Dragon*Con Presents: Nathan Fillion" Fri 2:30PM, Int'l South.

"Reading the Pocket Program" Fri 4PM, L506-L507 (M).

Jaynelle Rude will not be a judge for the "Friday Night Costuming Contest" Fri 8:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"The Agency: Demo/Q&A with Sony" Sat 10AM, Athens (S).

"How to Take Modern Patterns and Turn Them Into Costumes" Sat 1PM, L506 - L507 (M).

"What Makes A Hero?" Sat 2:30PM, A704 (M).

David Nykl will not be on "I was a Paranormal Guest Star!" Sun 11:30AM, M106-M107 (M).

"Heroes are people too!" Sun 11:30AM, A704 (M).

Kevin Grazier will not be on "Dradis Contact is Made" Sun 1PM, A704 (M).

"The Secret World: Q&A w/Funcom" Sun 1PM, Athens (S).

"Tolkien's Darkness" Sun 4PM, L506-L507 (M).

"Middle-earth Gaming: Board of the Rings" Sun 8:30PM, L506 - L507 (M).

Corrections

"Voice Acting" Fri 4PM will be in Int'l North not Baker.

"Interview With the Crows" should be **"Interview With the Cruxshadows"** Fri 5:30PM, Montreal/Vancouver.

"Film Festival Shorts Block: Georgia Showcase (preceded by Animation at 9AM)" Sat 10AM, Learning Center. The Georgia Filmmakers panel that follows the Georgia Showcase screening will begin at 11:30AM not 11AM.

"Voice Acting" Sun 1PM will be in Regency VI-VII not Baker.

Updates

"MMO Etiquette School" moved from Fri 11:30AM to 5:30PM, Augusta (S).

"Star Wars Galaxies: Q&A w/Sony Online" moved from Fri 11:30AM to Sun 1PM, Athens (S).

"An Hour With Sean Astin" Fri 2:30PM moved from Regency VI-VII to Int'l South.

"TrekTrak Presents: Robert Picardo" moved from Fri 7PM, Savannah 1-3 to Mon 10AM Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

"Adult Swim's Aqua Teen Hunger Force & Squidbillies" moved from Sat 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII to Sat 11:30AM, Centennial I.

"Actors Discuss How They Choose a Character to Portray" moved from Sat 4PM to Sat 7PM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong.

"Vampires Amongst Us" moved from Sat 4PM to Sat 2:30PM, A704 (M).

"The Venture Brothers" moved from Sat 11:30AM, Centennial I to Sat 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII and will be signing autographs immediately after.

"2nd Annual Skeptics vs Believers Debate" Sat 4PM moved from Regency VI-VII to Grand Ballroom (S).

"Writing Bestselling Fiction" moved from Sat 7PM to Sat 4PM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong.

"Maintaining Wife (or Husband) Faction" moved from Sun 10AM to Sun 1PM, Athens (S).

Your Shout-Outs Here

Got an announcement or a room party? A lost/found notice or a "Happy Dragon*Con" wish? Say it in the *Daily Dragon*! It's free!

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Welcome!

Welcome first-time Dragon*Con visitors, especially David Alarcon and Suman! ~Liana



Kilt Inspection Team

Happy Hours

Wearers of the kilt and enthusiasts welcome. Two happy hours: Thu 11PM and Fri 6PM, Hyatt Lobby Bar.



Happy 2nd Anniversary

To my babe, Tommy. This past year has been one hell of a ride. I love you and thanks for everything. ~Gayle



Jenny Welcomes

Friends Anita and Teresa to their 1st Dragon*Con! May the dragon be with you!



Hugs to Con-Mom, Uncle John, Aunt Regina

Sorry we can't make it and hope everything goes well! To the rest of you, work hard! ~Tera/James/Hannah



The Dragon*Con Store

The place for official Dragon*Con merchandise: T-shirts, lanyards, DVDs, and more! Located in the Marriott on the Marquis Level.

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SATURDAY:	9:00AM-7:00PM
SUNDAY:	9:00AM-7:00PM
MONDAY:	9:00AM-4:00PM