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## An Interview with D. B. Jackson: Tricorn Punk Greet's Dragon Con

by Amy Herring

Hailed by C. C. Finlay as “a leader of the new American Revolution in historical fantasy,” **D. B. Jackson** combines his unique brand of adventure and literary license into a marvel of genre-bending finesse. The *Daily Dragon* caught Jackson after his book tour for his latest novel, *Thieves’ Quarry*, to preview his Dragon Con 2013 appearance.

**DD:** *Dragon Con fans welcome alternate history and steampunk as speculative genres that enhance fact for fictional advantage. How does your writing expand this continuum?*

**DBJ:** I think the *Thieftaker* books add to the alternate history and steampunk subgenres by doing what fans of speculative fiction love—bending boundaries and challenging assumptions. I have nothing against either steampunk or

alternate history; I want to be very clear about that. But my work differs from steampunk in that there is really no adaptation of technology. There is magic, and a lot of it, but I am not trying to change fundamentally the historical landscape of the Colonial Era. Rather, I’m fitting my story and my “worldbuilding” elements into an existing landscape.

**DD:** *Just what is Tricorn Punk?*

**DBJ:** Last year, when I arrived at Dragon Con, I found that I had been placed on a number of steampunk panels. At first I was confused, because I really don’t write steampunk. And so, as a way of explaining why a guy who writes urban fantasy



set in Colonial Boston was on the steampunk panels, I jokingly said that I write “Tricorn Punk.” Well, it stuck. Tricorn Punk is alternate history with a bit of an attitude. It’s set in pre-industrial America; it has magic and mystery; and it has the tone and feel of a Humphrey Bogart movie.

**DD:** *What’s the most important tip you can offer prospective writers of historical fantasy?*

**DBJ:** When you set out to do your research, start with a set of questions that you know you need to answer in order to write the book you’re working on. The point is to place limits on the time and energy we devote to the prep work. When we’ve answered the questions, we can start writing.

*Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.*

## Most People in Star Trek Costume World Record Attempt at Dragon Con 2013

Help Trek Track attempt to break the Guinness World Record (again) for Most People in Star Trek Costume in one place!

All participants must wear their costumes for the entirety of the attempt. All participants must be in position simultaneously and remain so for a minimum of ten minutes. Costumes must

be from the Star Trek universe and extended canon. Characters or alien races that have not appeared in official Star Trek canon releases (including television series, motion pictures, novels, and comic books) will not be permitted. So long as you can be recognized as canon, then your costume will count. We’re not going to judge

you; we just want you there in a Star Trek costume! Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

## New Parade Route

Due to trolley construction downtown, the Dragon Con parade will follow a new route for 2013.

From a new staging spot on West Peachtree Place near West Peachtree Street, the parade will turn north on Spring Street, east on Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, south on Peachtree Street, east on Andrew Young

International Boulevard, and north on Peachtree Center Avenue. It will end on Peachtree Center Avenue between John Portman Boulevard and Baker Street, in front of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

*Check out the Dragon Con website or show documents in the mobile app for a map of the parade route.*

## Space Track Has a New Track Room!

For 2013, the Space Track will be in Hilton 309/310. Take the circular staircase on the left wall of the main area of the 2nd floor and go up one flight, or take the elevator to the 3rd floor. 309/310 is in the glass-fronted hallway in the opposite wing.

## Dragon Con Mobile App

Download our free mobile app to get immediate access to programming updates, panel descriptions, exhibitors, maps, and more, right in the palm of your hand!

Available for Android and iOS tablets and smartphones, with a WebOS for Blackberry and Windows devices.



# Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt  
M = Marriott  
Hil = Hilton  
S = Sheraton  
W = Westin

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2013: **Cassie Alexander, Stephen Amell, Kristin Bauer, Ginger Campbell, Louis Ferreira, Ona Grauer, Mike Grell, Daxiong Guo, Lizbeth R. Jimenez, Sifu Kisu, Chelsea Monroe-Cassel, Gene Wolfe**

## Additions

**NEW PRESENTERS: Aidan Scanlan, Daniel Thomas May, David Gaider**

**"Women's Roles in SF"** What makes a good, strong female character? Presenters: Suzanne Church, Darlene Bolesny, Jennifer St. Giles. Fri 11:30AM, Embassy B-C (Hy).

**"Billy Dee Williams"** The coolest man in the universe, loved by millions as Lando Calrissian in the *Star Wars* universe! Fri 1PM, Centennial I (Hy).

**Suzanne Church** will be on "Science Fiction or Fantasy?" Fri 2:30PM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

**"Venture Villainy 101"** Everything you need to know about becoming a villain in the Venture universe! Fri 4PM, Dunwoody (Hy).

**Daniel Thomas May** will be on "Tony Lately" Fri 5:30PM, Regency V (Hy).

**Mike Phirman** will be on "FRED Entertainment Panel-Palooza-Extravaganza-Thingee-a-Doodle" Fri 5:30PM, Grand West (Hil).

**Chris Pope** will be on "You're the Publisher: Kickstarting Videogames" Fri 7PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

**"Killers & Corpses. Cinematic Thrillers from Korea to the U.S."** Our masters of darkness, murder, and perverse crime discuss their films, why their stories are filled with such lovely corruption, and if culture is an influence. Fri 7PM, Fairlie (Hy).

**Ken Plume** will be on "Quiz-O-Tron 2000" Fri 10PM, 204-207 (Hil).

**"Reading: Suzanne Church"** Sat 11:30AM, Edgewood (Hy).

**Justin Robert Young** will be on "Greetings from Storybrooke & Fancast Roundtable" Sat 11:30AM, 203 (Hil).

**Mike Phirman, Paul and Storm, and Molly Lewis** will be on "How to Do Comedy Wrong the Right Way" Sat 2:30PM, International North (Hy).

**Daniel Thomas May** will be on "Walk with Me: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Sat 7PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**"Most Hated Movies"** The movies that Hollywood thought would make it big... but only made a great big mess! Fan-based panel on movies we've hated, and enjoy hating. Sat 7PM, Fairlie (Hy).

**"Dragon Age: Behind the Scenes"** BioWare's beloved fantasy RPG will continue next fall, and the DA: Inquisition Team is here! Presenters: David Gaider, Aidan Scanlan. Sat 8:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

**"Lessons in Indie Filmmaking"** The master of Troma presents lessons on screen writing and producing, indie-style. Guest: Lloyd Kaufman. Sat 8:30PM, Fairlie (Hy).

**"Nightbreed: The Cabal Cut—Q&A and Signing"** A Q&A on Clive Barker's masterpiece of dark fantasy, newly

cut, with a signing at the end. Presenter: Russell Cherrington. Sat 10PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W).

**"Reading: Katherine Kurtz"** Sun 10AM, Roswell (Hy).

**Kevin J. Anderson and Rebecca Moesta** will be signing autographs Sun 10AM, International South (M).

**Aaron Poole** will be on "Brit Pop" Sun 11:30AM, Macon (S).

**Curtis Eller's American Circus** will be on "Dragon Con Burlesque: A Glamour Geek Revue" Sun 12AM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

**Daniel Logan and Matthew Wood** will be on "SW Costume Contest" Sun 1PM Imperial Ballroom (M).

**Aaron Poole, Joseph Scrimshaw, Molly Lewis, and Paul and Storm** will be on "FRED Entertainment Presents Yet Another Panel About Dr. Who" Sun 2:30PM, A601-602 (M).

**"Billy Dee Williams"** Sun 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

**Malcolm McDowell** will be on "Voice Acting from the Pros" Sun 5:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

**"SparkFun Workshop"** SparkFun will be bringing Maker Kits and holding a hands-on DIY workshop. Anyone can attend; no fee. Sun 7PM, Savannah 1-3 (S).

**"Sex in Videogames"** A return of last year's eye-opening discussion of gender and sexuality in videogames. Presenter: David Gaider. Sun 8:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

**"Closing Ceremonies"** The end to another fabulous Dragon Con! Chairman Pat Henry gives his closing remarks and shares photos from this year's convention. Mon 4PM, Regency V (Hy).

## Cancellations

**"Ben Radford Scientific Investigation Workshop"** Thu 7PM, 311-312 (Hil).

**Kristin Bauer** will not be on "True Blood" Fri 10AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); Sun 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Adnan Chatriwala** will not be on "MMO Design 101" Fri 1PM, Grand Salon D (Hil); "Join the Video Game Industry!" Sun 10AM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

**Gene Wolfe** will not be on "High Concept" Fri 1PM, Embassy A-B (Hy); "New York Times Bestselling Authors" Sat 5:30PM, Centennial I (Hy); "Dyin' Laughin'" Sat 10PM, Embassy D-F (Hy); "Characters Who People Your Books" Mon 10AM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

**Louis Ferreria** will not be on "Stargate Summit" Fri 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W); "When Stargate Worlds Collide" Sun 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "5th Annual Hangover Panel!!" Mon 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

**Chelsea Monroe-Cassel** will not be on "The Author's Appendix" Fri 2:30PM, Embassy C (Hy); Autograph Signing, Sat 5:30PM, International South (M); "The Women of Westeros" Sun 1PM, Embassy C (Hy).

**Billy Dee Williams** will not be on "Meet the Guests of *Star Wars*" Fri 4PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

**"Avatar the Last Airbender"** Fri 4PM, Dunwoody (Hy).

**Chad Coleman, Emily Kinney, and Steven Yeun** will not be on "Them and Us: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Fri 4PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**Laura Vandervoort** will not be on "Smallville: The Power Players" Fri 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

**Ona Grauer** will not be on "Tony Lately" Fri 5:30PM, Regency V (Hy); Atlanta Ballroom (W); "When Stargate Worlds Collide" Sun 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "5th Annual Hangover Panel!!" Mon 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

**"A Conversation with Stephen Amell"** Sat 2:30PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

**John DiMaggio and Olivia Olson** will not be on "Voice Acting and the Younger Generation" Sat 2:30PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

**Laura Layne Tyler** will not be signing autographs Sat 2:30PM, International South (M).

**"A Brush with Destiny"** Sat 2:30PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W).

**"BioShock Infinite: Behind the Scenes"** Sat 5:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

**IronE Singleton and Michael Rooker** will not be on "Walk with Me: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Sat 7PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**"Operation Anime Storm"** Sun 10AM, Courtland (Hy).

**"Reading: Sonia Gensler"** Sun 10AM, University (Hy).

**Stephen Amell** will not be on "Arrow: Bulleye!" Sun 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); "Arrow: Vigilante Justice" Mon 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"An Hour with Gene Wolfe"** Sun 2:30PM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

**Daniel Logan and Matthew Wood** will not be on "Meet the Stars of *Star Wars*" Sun 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

## Updates

**"Nightbreed: The Cabal Cut"** moved from Sat 8:30PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W) to Sat 11:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W) (Mature Audiences Only).

**"Ben Radford Scientific Investigation Workshop"** Sun 10AM, moved from 311-312 (Hil) to Vinings (Hy).

## Corrections

**Richard and Wendy Pini** will be at booth #1108, not #1207, in the Exhibitors Room.

**"Rainbow Flag Party"** will be Sat 10PM, not 9PM, Atlanta Ballroom (S).

See the complete list of schedule changes on the Daily Dragon website.

## Daily Dragon Tweets

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## Correction

The Walk of Fame is located in the Marquis Ballroom of the Marriott, not in the Hilton.



## The Dragon Con Store

Get your official Dragon Con merchandise, now at two locations!

**The Marriott store**, located on the Marquis Level in the Imperial Registration booth, open:

FRI-SUN: 10:00AM-7:00PM

MON: 10:00AM-5:00PM

**The Sheraton store**, located just outside of Convention Registration, open:

THU: 10:00AM-10:00PM

FRI-SAT: 10:00AM-6:00PM

SUN: 10:00AM-4:00PM



## Tune Your Dials to DCTV

Hyatt: 56    Marriott: 74  
Hilton: 65    Sheraton: 68 or 72  
Westin: 81

(The channels listed in the Pocket Program are incorrect.)



## The Late Show on DCTV

The *Dragon Con Late Show* will bring you each day's news, events, and schedule changes. Broadcast live each morning, Fri through Mon, at 9AM (so early it's late!) to each of the five host hotels on the DCTV channels, it'll also be rebroadcast throughout the day and podcast.



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## Give Blood, Get a Free T-shirt!

Take a little time out during Dragon Con this weekend to give blood. For LifeSouth, which serves more than 40 hospitals in the Atlanta area and more than 110 hospitals in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, Dragon Con is a major donation venue. They'll be set up in two locations!

Room A701-A702, Marriott:

Thursday: 11AM-8PM

Friday-Sunday: 10AM-7PM

Monday: 9AM-3PM

Atlanta Ballroom, Sheraton:

Thursday: 11AM-8PM

Friday: 10AM-7PM