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## CSFF Blog Tour Announcement

CSFF BLOG TOUR

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](http://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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## 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://narentan tales.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](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](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](http://on-the-write-track.blogspot.com)

Valerie Comer  
—[http://invalslittleworld.blogspot.  
com](http://invalslittleworld.blogspot.com)

John W. Otte  
—[http://www.leastread.blogspot.  
com](http://www.leastread.blogspot.com)

Jim Rubart

Chawna Schroeder  
—[http://www.chawnaschroeder.  
blogspot.com](http://www.chawnaschroeder.blogspot.com)

Stuart Stockton  
—[http://www.jerkrenak.blogspot.  
com](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](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](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](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](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](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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## And-Then-There-Is-This

\*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>

## Member Profile



Scott M. Sandridge's first short story, "Trecutter," was published in The Sword Review in July 2005. Since then, he's gone on to publish more short stories, and write reviews for Tangent Online and The Fix. He's also a columnist for the Double-Edged Publishing webzines, a Submissions Editor for Ray Gun Revival, and the Managing Editor of Fear and Trembling.

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<http://www.fearandtremblingmag.com>



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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  
 CSFF Blog Tour

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