

# Press Release

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## **LOCAL AUTHOR BRINGS VAMPIRES TO THUNDER BAY**

THUNDER BAY, ON, MAY 18, 2009: When Stacey Voss decided to take part in an international writing challenge in November of 2007, she had no idea that she was starting on a journey that would bring her lifelong dream of being a published author to fruition. "Lock up your inner editor" was the subject of the email she received from a friend and that was the beginning of a 30-day, 50,000 word adventure that will culminate in a book signing event taking place Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 from noon until 4:00 pm at Steeper's on North May Street.

Voss had been toying with the idea of writing a different kind of vampire novel for about ten years, but had never managed to get past the first few chapters. In fact, when she moved from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada to Wuppertal, Germany in December 2005, even those few chapters were lost in the move.

The original inspiration for the novel came when Voss was a teenager. She had been driving through the Northwestern Ontario countryside at night when she drove into the thickest patch of

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fog she had ever seen or has ever experienced since. "It was incredibly eerie," Voss says, "I couldn't see anything around the car. It was as if the car itself was floating inside of a cloud. I can be awed by the experience now, but at the time it was terrifying."

That fog gave her the main idea for her new novel **Thunder and Blood**, which was released on Amazon.com and on ThunderandBlood.com on May 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. The story takes place in a parallel reality where vampirism became a genetic reality at some point in the past. The diversion from the typical modern vampire tale comes when the reader realizes that these vampires don't hide from the human population, they dominate them. In fact, the entire economic system of this parallel Earth (Erd as it's called in the novel) is based on the vampiric need for blood.

Are there more differences between these vampires and those portrayed in other vampire books of today? "There are some differences," says Voss coyly, "Every series has to be a bit different. None of my vampires have sparkly skin, for example, although that's a pretty cool effect thought up by Stephanie Meyer. My vampires have their own distinct qualities and attitudes."

Voss has taken her feeling of local pride to a new level, deciding to forego traditional large retail distribution in exchange for promoting smaller local businesses instead. Her novel can be purchased in Thunder Bay at DAT'S Scrapbooking on South High Street and at Steeper's on North May Street. Voss is still looking for an appropriate venue for the northern side of town.

For more information about **Thunder and Blood** visit the website at [www.ThunderandBlood.com](http://www.ThunderandBlood.com).

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