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LM. Preston was born and raised in Washington, DC. An avid reader, she loved to create poetry and short-stories as a young girl. With a thirst for knowledge she attended college at Bowie State University, and worked in the IT field as a Techie and Educator for over sixteen years. She started writing science fiction under the encouragement of her husband who was a Sci-Fi buff and her four kids. Her first published novel, Explorer X - Alpha was the beginning of her obsessive desire to write and create stories of young people who overcome unbelievable odds. She loves to write while on the porch watching her kids play or when she is traveling, which is another passion that encouraged her writing.



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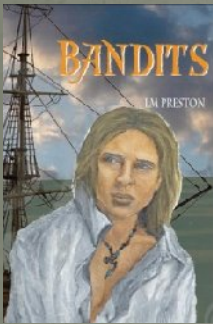
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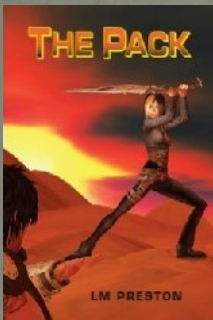
BANDITS

June 1st, 2011



Daniel's father has gotten himself killed, and left another mess for Daniel to clean up. Saving his world from destruction, he must fight off his father's killers while discovering a way to save his world. Time is running out, and Daniel must choose to either walk in his father's footsteps or to re-invent himself into the one to save his world.

THE PACK



Aug 2010

Shamira is considered an outcast by most, but little do they know that Shamira is on a mission. Kids on Mars are disappearing, but Shamira decides to use the criminals most unlikely weapons against them, the very kids of which they have captured. In order to succeed, she is forced to trust another, something she is afraid to do. However, Valens her connection to the underworld of her enemy, proves to be a useful ally. Time is slipping, and so is her control on the power that resides within her. Yet, in order to save her brother's life she is willing to risk it all.

EXPLORER X - Alpha



February 2nd 2010

For most kids, a trip to space camp is a trip of a lifetime, for Aadi it was life altering. After receiving a camp immunization needed for travel to Mars, Aadi finds that the immunization is the catalyst of an insidious experiment. Lucky for him, he was engineered to survive, thrive, and dominate. Without realizing he is being trained to conquer worlds, and manipulated under the guise of a camp, he unfolds the plot too late for a change of fate.

EXPLORER X -Beta

June, 2012

Determined to save his friends, Aadi and Eirena prepare to leave the planet Shrenas, but not before they immobilize the evil race of Femoh's from attacking the innocent Nutah. After their final confrontation with the species that tortured them, they race to save Dakota and Carter. Time is slipping and the possibility of losing a friend is not an option, but the foe that awaits them may be worst than the one they left.

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Speaking Events & Workshops

Becoming an Author
1 Hour Event

LM. Preston tells what a young person can do to become an author. What defines being a story teller and how stories can change lives.

How to Dream Big
1 Hour Event

LM. encourages kids to dream big, and plan a path to reach them.

Young Writers
Workshop
2 Hour Event

LM. Preston walks kids through the novel writing process. Brainstorm fun story ideas. Building an outline. Building worlds, then writing a story.

World Building
2 Hour Event

LM. Preston shows kids how a science fiction author builds the worlds they create for their characters. It's a fun interactive activity.

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School or Book Club

Contest of Choice by the School

- Pizza Party for the 1st Place Winner's Class (for 30 students)
- Free Book for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners (signed by Author)
- Token gift for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner

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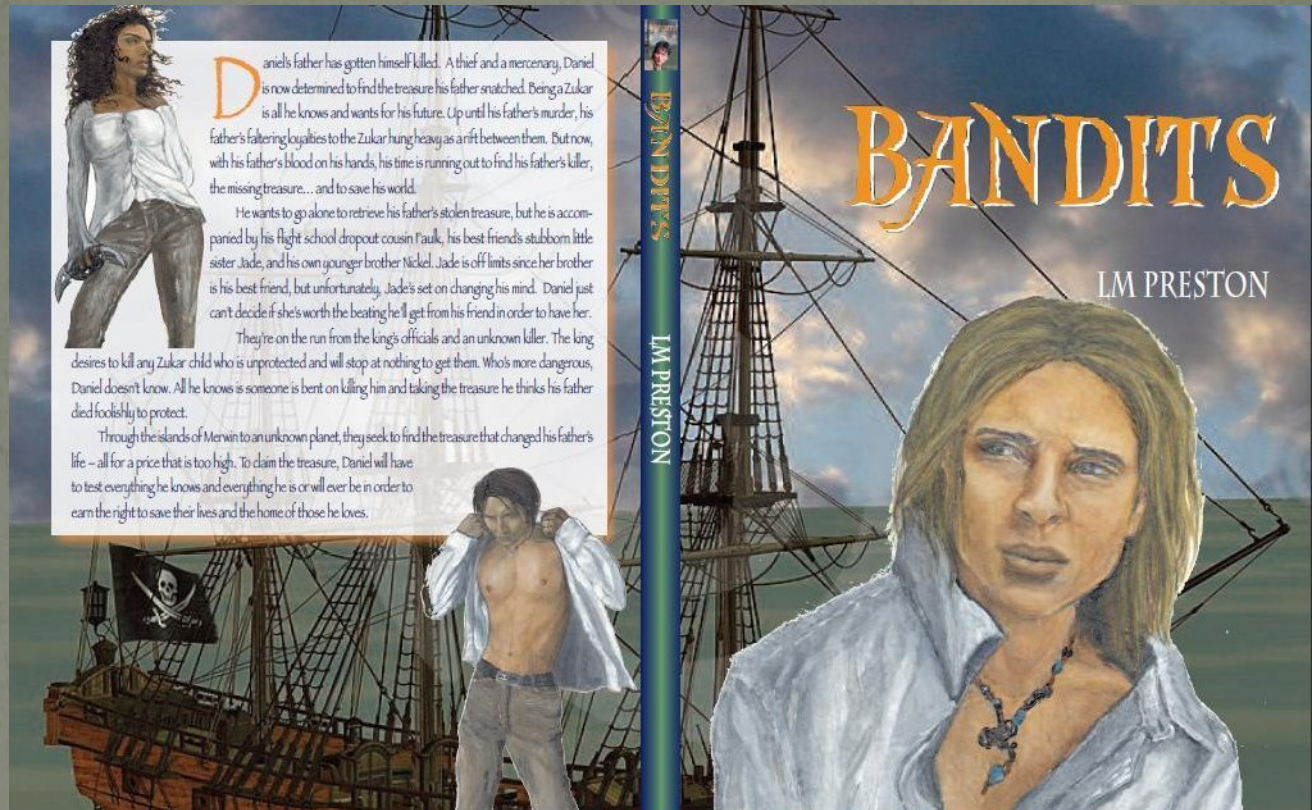
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- Author Game give away to include
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 - Caps

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He wants to go alone to retrieve his father's stolen treasure, but he is accompanied by his flight school dropout cousin Faulk, his best friend's stubborn little sister Jade, and his own younger brother Nickel. Jade is off limits since her brother is his best friend, but unfortunately, Jade's set on changing his mind. Daniel just can't decide if she's worth the beating he'll get from his friend in order to have her.

They're on the run from the king's officials and an unknown killer. The king desires to kill any Zukar child who is unprotected and will stop at nothing to get them. Who's more dangerous, Daniel doesn't know. All he knows is someone is bent on killing him and taking the treasure he thinks his father died foolishly to protect.

Through the islands of Merwin to an unknown planet, they seek to find the treasure that changed his father's life – all for a price that is too high. To claim the treasure, Daniel will have to test everything he knows and everything he is or will ever be in order to earn the right to save their lives and the home of those he loves.

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A Conversation with LM. Preston

What makes an African American mother of four want to write Young Adult Science Fiction ?

To be honest, I get a lot of funny looks whenever I mention what I write, and it makes me smile. I like being a surprise. However, my husband planted the thought. I pondered it, and pitched the idea to him. Writing science fiction was a perfect fit for me. I had been an engineer for over seventeen years. Therefore writing Sci-Fi was like coming home.

Where do you get ideas for your characters? Their struggles? Challenges?

Writing about teenagers that overcome the impossible is close to my heart. My characters are sometimes considered outcast, and being children makes them appear weaker. I have overcome the impossible in my life. A product of a young, single mother household, and many people counted me out since my birth. However, I never accepted that. I always had a positive spirit, and chose to figure out how I would reach my goals instead of focusing on the fact that many people knew that I couldn't. One thing my father always told me that stuck with me throughout my life, "Can't means ... won't." Therefore, I never focused on the word 'can't', because I wanted more for myself.

With having four kids, and working a full-time job while teaching part-time also, how do you fit in writing?

Well, most of my friends and family say that I am hyper I guess my secret is that I am extremely organized, and highly motivated with lots of energy. I see the world as a playground, and I am just so ready to enjoy every moment I have here, which includes the bad with the good. If you were to look at my pocket calendar you would freak out. I would also say that I am a bit compulsive about things that I love, and writing is one of those things so I find ways to fit it in. I write while watching my kids play, in the car, and at night when they go to sleep.

How do you come up with the ideas for the worlds you create for the characters in BANDITS?

I love to travel, and my traveling has exposed me to so many different and amazing places right here on Earth that I can use to build new worlds around. Traveling helps an Author to have a starting pallet, and then they dream up the rest. The words I create usually come to me as I am developing the story. I sketch it out, and write about it, the rules of that world, its creatures, and its characteristics and how my character will interact with it. My many trips to Hawaii influenced the world of Merwin, a world of a million Islands used by thieves to hide. The murky, foggy season in Merwin was a product of a visit I had to Rhode Island.

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How did you come up with the idea of BANDITS?

I grew up in the city at a time where gangs were big, but didn't shoot each other as much. So many kids that I grew up with made bad choices. My dad was one of them, but overtime as he grew up, he changed gears and changed his life – literally. That is what the message I wanted to portray with Daniel. A boy raised as a thief, doesn't have to stay a thief, but can decide to change his life.

Tell us about BANDITS?

BANDITS is a book about a boy who's only dream for himself was to be a galactic thief. His father and he stopped seeing eye to eye years ago and he'd been picking up extra work to support his dream and his family. His father's murder uncovers mysteries of his father's past, brings him closer to his family and heats up a love affair he'd never even considered. It's setting is in a wild and wondrous planet called Merwin. A planet of thieves and for thieves. An amazingly dangerous and beautiful home, for a boy that closely matches the depth and uniqueness of that world.

The book also has a strong female character named, Jade? What was your motivation making her so feisty?

Jade is one of those girls that puts up a brave front. In the end she struggles to make that survival spark stay blazing in order to save the one she loves.

When you came up with the idea for BANDITS did you intend for it to be a series?

Bandits was written as a stand alone novel. Many of my beta readers loved Daniel's story so much that they wanted to see more growth and adventures for him. Not to mention they were curious about Daniel's father and asked if I was thinking about a pre-qual. With that said, I do have a story in the back of my head for Daniel.

Previous LM Preston Author Events

2010

WOODLAWN LIBRARY: (2/25)
PEACE N A CUP OF JOE (Reading)- (3/27)
TEEN SUMMIT - STOP THE VIOLENCE - (4/16)
ANNAPOLIS BOOK FESTIVAL - AUTHOR PANEL- (4/17)
MWA WRITER'S CONF - COORDINATOR (4/24)
PG COUNTY SCHOOL FAIR - WORKSHOP/SIGNING- (4/16)
BALCON - WORKSHOP - SIGNING(5/28)
VIRTUAL TOUR - Over 20 YA Book Blog Web Sites (Jun-Aug)
BARNES & NOBLE - FAIRFAX VA - SIGNING (6/12)
LAKEFEST - COLUMBIA FESTIVAL - READING (6/12)
AMERICAN LIBRARY CONFERENCE - SIGNING/ATTEND (6/24-30)
AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK EXPO - SIGNING (8/14)
BIZMOMMY RADIO - INTERVIEW (8/9)
BOOKS-A-MILLION - SIGNING (SAT - 9/11 - 5-7pm)
UKAZOO BOOKS - SIGNING (9/24)
BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL - SIGNING (9/24-26)
CAPITAL BOOKFEST-LARGO,MD - SIGNING (10/2)
FINKSBURG LIBRARY -FINKSBURG,MD - WORKSHOP (11/30)
GEN Mobile FCC Sponsored Event, DC - PANELIST (12/14)

2009

KUMON-BOOK FEST (10/31)
URBAND KNOWLEDGE BOOK SIGNING TOUR (12/3)

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Planned Marketing for 2011

- Book Store Signing Tour – Kick off June 2011
- Virtual Internet Blog Tour – May-Aug 2011 to include over 20 Young Adult Bloggers
- Internet Ads – run to include all books offered by Phenomenal One Press under author name LM Preston
- Print Ads
- Radio mentions and interviews
- Signing at ALA, BEA and various booksellers conferences
- Library and School events

Reviews of The Pack & Explorer X-Alpha by LM Preston

- The Pack Reviews:

- The Baltimore Examiner:

<http://www.examiner.com/book-in-scranton/book-review-the-pack-by-lm-preston>

“LM Preston is back with a vengeance with her second young adult novel, *The Pack*. The action-packed drama takes place on a colonized Mars where children are disappearing at an alarming rate.”

- Book Reader’s Heaven

http://www.amazon.com/Pack-Fantasy-L-M-Preston/dp/0984198970/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1294551739&sr=1-1

“The Pack by LM Preston being an excellent action-filled adventure, there is a very comforting underlying story about friendship, parental guidance--and love. You can't beat those additional qualities for a YA book!”

- Explorer X Alpha Reviews:

- Tribute Books

“Young boys will fly through the pages at a hyper-accelerated speed.”

- New York Journal of Books

“First time novelist L.M. Preston succeeds in writing a book boys will want to read. Not an easy task when 12-year-olds are more captivated by a flashing screen than a stationary page.”