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Kids on Mars are disappearing..



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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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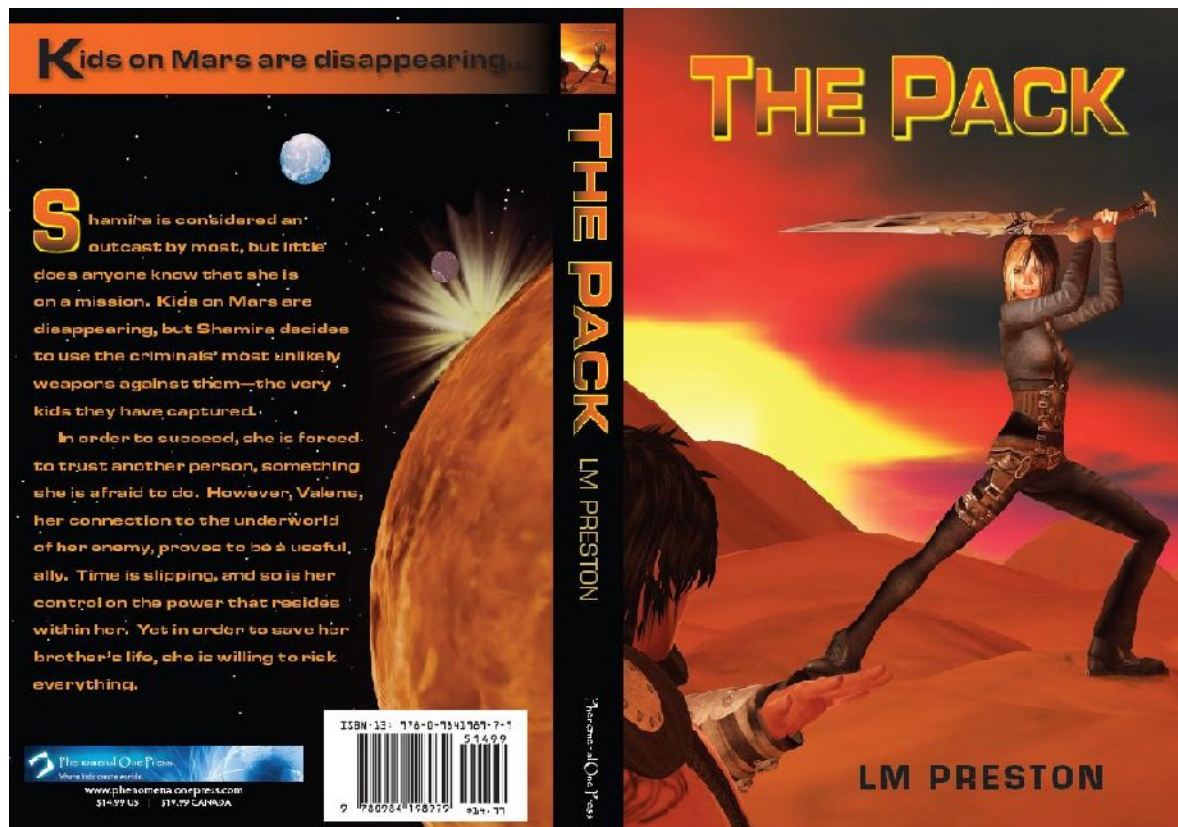
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# The PACK



Kids on Mars are disappearing, and Shamira is on a mission to save them. As a blind vigilante, she was always an outcast and loner. Yet, to save these kids and her brother she will need the help of others. Valens is determined to help her, whether she wants it or not. With his help she recruits an unlikely army, an army of kids kidnapped and enslaved by the crime organization that is trying to take over Mars.

In order to even the odds she must tap into her hidden strength, risking her control of it and herself in order to save them all.

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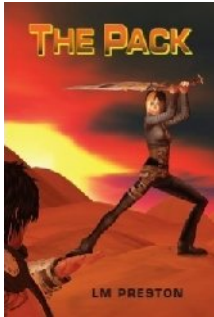
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# Novels - Young Adult Sci-Fi

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **BANDITS**

**Feb 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.

## **EXPLORER X -**

**Beta**

**Aug 2011**

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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## **Conversation with LM. Preston**

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### **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? There 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 ADHD. 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 THE PACK?**

*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.*

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### **How did you come up with the idea of THE PACK?**

*This idea has been in my head a long time. Everyday, at my job, I passed a board that held pictures of missing kids. My heart went out to them and their families. I wanted to write a story about them fighting back and gaining freedom. I had originally saw this character as male, but my daughter asked me to write about a kick butt female main character. I thought it would be neat to write her as blind. I had met a blind lady once that was very independent and stayed to herself, she was the inspiration for Shamira.*

### **Tell us about THE PACK?**

*The Pack is the story of a girl who is different. Upon first inspection, she appears weak and angry. She is far from weak or angry. She's afraid to trust others, but she cares for others and is passionate about helping them. Valens teaches her to trust him and the kids that they recruit to help their cause. In doing so Shamira transcends from being a girl with special abilities to becoming a true leader who loves her supporters and lets them close enough to her to have a reason to love her back.*

### **The book also has some strong female characters? What was your motivation for them?**

*Shamira comes off a bit harsh in the beginning, but you see her soft side when she is with her family. She reveals more and more of herself as she learns that those around her truly care for her. Hedi is saucy and strong. Even though Hedi has been enslaved by her kidnappers for years, she's had hope. She also helps Shamira realize that she wasn't alone.*

### **When you came up with the idea for THE PACK did you intend for it to be a series?**

*I didn't intend for THE PACK to be a series. After I sent it out to several beta readers they all said that they had fallen in love with her and really wanted more of her story. I realized after I finished that I wasn't ready to let her go either. Then I started to outline the sequel in this two-book series. It will be called THE PACK - Retribution*

# Speaking Events & Workshops

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## **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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- Token gift for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner

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- Kumon Book Festival – 2009
- Baltimore Book Festival – 2009/2010
- Walker Mill Middle School 2010
- Teen Summit Stop the Violence – 2010
- Woodlawn Library – 2010
- Balticon – 2010
- Annapolis Book Festival – 2010

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# THE PACK – Book Reviews

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## □ Book Reader's Heaven

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! Preston writes/creates “stories of young people who overcome unbelievable odds.” In my opinion, they are some of the best around to help our children understand and live in today's world!

<http://ipbookreviewer-bookreadersheaven.blogspot.com/2010/04/review-read-my-review-then-enter.html>

## □ Chick Lit

Truly; it was inventive, kept you guessing as to what was going to happen next, and if I were a 10 year old boy I would definitely think Shamira was awesome .

<http://www.chickloveslit.com/2010/04/review-pack-by-lm-preston.html>

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# EXPLORER X – ALPHA

## Book Reviews

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### □ The New York Book Review Journal

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. But *Explorer X-Alpha* primes its audience for an action-filled look at space camp in the year 2080. <http://www.nyjournalofbooks.com/2010/03/explorer-x-alpha-by-l-m-preston.html>

### □ The Midwest

Young adult boys will fly through these pages at a hyper-accelerated speed. <http://www.midwestbookreview.com/>