

COFFEE ON SUNDAYS



The Newsletter for Heather Hiestand, Eilis Flynn, and Anh Leod

OCTOBER 2010

Summer's come and gone, and here we are in autumn again!

Here in the normally placid Pacific Northwest, we had a roller-coaster summer with a long shuffle into summer (and a very long, wet spring) before we got dropped into a furious but short summer with a few broiling-hot days as the rest of the country suffered record-long and record-high temperatures. Rain and mist and cooler weather never was so welcome! Summer was

a surprise for Anh and Eilis both, since Anh found out that her *Hunters for Hire* novel, *Recreating John Doe*, came out in trade paperback, and Eilis was shocked to find out that her first book, *The Sleeper Awakes*, was also (finally) out in trade paperback! (And what's even more amazing, she found out when Anh dropped her a line — in Facebook!) Publishing is funny, folks. And the cover for the paper version of *Sleeper*

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ON SALE NOW

HEATHER Hiestand

- *Cards Never Lie* (digital, print)
- *One Juror Down*
- *Gunshot Grange*
- *Two On The Hunt*
- *In Flight*
- *Looking Forward, Looking Back And Other Stories*

EILIS FLYNN

- *The Sleeper Awakes* (digital, print)
- *Festival of Stars*
- *Introducing Sonika*
- *Echoes of Passion*

Graphic novella:

- "30-Day Guarantee"

Nonfiction articles:

- "Snappy Comebacks" (*RWR* 11/08)
- "Two Worlds, United By Anime" (*Japanification of Children's Popular Culture*, Scarecrow Press)

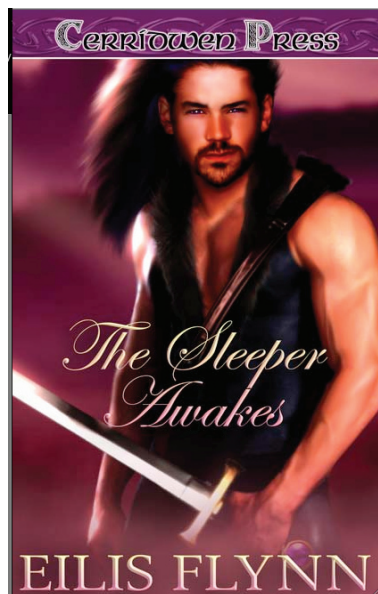
ANH LEOD

- "Lucky Number Seven" (digital, print) in *Even Naughtier Nuptials*
- "Aphrodite's Necklace"
- "Bijou's Bonds"
- *Recreating John Doe* (digital, print)
- *Claudia's Pleasure*
- *Cherokee's Playmates*
- *Ex Factor*
- "Playing Lycan Games"
- *Holly's Pledge*
- "Aphrodite's Tattoo"



UPCOMING RELEASES

- 2010: "Christmas A Go-Go," by Anh Leod
- 2011: "Closer to Home," by Eilis Flynn (tentative)
- 2011: *Static Shock*, by Eilis Flynn (tentative)



Publisher: Cerridwen Press

ISBN: 9781419959806

ECPI Cover Price: \$14.99

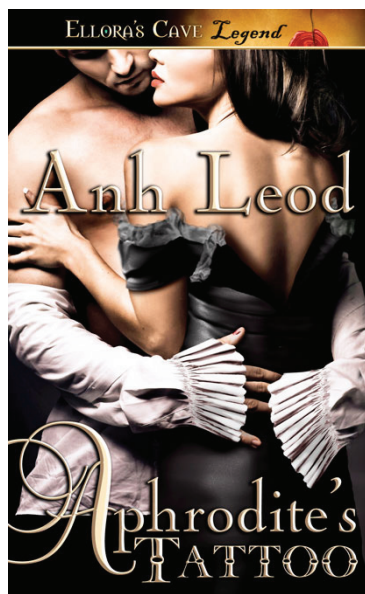
Availability: Trade paperback

Purchase (among others):

<http://www.jasminejade.com/pm-8684-350-the-sleeper-awakes.aspx>

Author: Eilis Flynn

On sale now!



Publisher: Ellora's Cave

Line: Legend/Regency set, paranormal

ISBN: 9781419930317

ECPI Cover Price: \$4.45

Availability: Digital

Purchase (among others):

<http://www.jasminejade.com>

Author: Anh Leod

Fall Follies, CONTINUED

is different from the ebook, even! So for you folks out there who wanted to wait until there were paper versions of *Sleeper* and *John Doe* to read (or burn, but buy them first), they're finally ready for you! (Compare the covers of *Sleeper* to figure out what the differences are!)

And "Aphrodite's Tattoo" is Anh Leod's latest, a prequel of sorts to "Aphrodite's Necklace." We spent several minutes actually admiring the cover art! It's on sale for you on October 20!

We have more planned for 2011 that we can't talk about yet, so keep your eyes open for more news from us! The world of publishing is in never-ending turmoil, and we never know what new twist will await us when we open up our email!

And here's a little something from *Sleeper*, just in case you'd forgotten about it (well, it's been three years, you know)...

The Sleeper Awakes

Have you ever had a dream so vivid you didn't know if you were awake or asleep? Terminally ill, Cat Deveney wakes up after an earthquake in a place and time she does not recognize. Is she dreaming? She becomes certain of it when told she is the answer to a prophecy, the "Sleeper" who will end a long-running war and halt waterfire — a devastating weather phenomenon that threatens to level the land. but then she meets a man who must guide her through the war-torn countryside, an honorable man who is the very image of her unfaithful boyfriend, and she begins to wonder if she is dreaming.

Prologue

Seven gates stood out in the open, some of wood and some of iron, carved and decorated, unopened and unopenable. The curious could walk between them and see through them but the gates seemed to have no purpose. They were older

than memory. No one had ever seen them open but legend had it each gate held a secret. And when the gates were all opened, the legend went, peace everlasting would be theirs.

One day the first gate opened.

No one was there to see it. The gates stood on a hill overlooking the town from where the merchants could look up and see the enormous, meaningless edifices. Once in a great while, an outsider with an eye for coin would suggest using the gates for one bright idea or another but the idea would die down quickly, hushed into a nervous silence.

Some townspeople thought the gates not unlucky so much as unnerving, like entering a graveyard after the sun set. Others felt comforted, as though the gates somehow guarded their town. And it was true no natural disaster had fallen on the town since time immemorial, despite the wars. When a battle raged near, its leaders would bypass the town, almost against their will.

But the gates also discouraged the rise of commerce nearby and that was only natural. It was human nature to be unnerved by the inexplicable.

And so it was the day the first gate opened. It had rained the night before, the first hard rain before the start of the long, bitter winter. The autumn harvest was almost done and the farmer grumbled about the mud as he and his sons waded through the sodden fields.

The glint of the opened gate caught the attention of the farmer's youngest as he began to load a crate onto an awaiting wagon. At first he thought nothing of it but then he glanced up at the hill again.

He froze. The crate he hoisted dropped to the ground, glancing off his toes. Later, when he took off his boots, he would see his foot was bruised black.

But at that moment of wonder, the farmer's youngest stared up at the hill, his mouth open, until his brother's shout startled him into awareness again. He shouted back, pointing to the hill as he started back to the farmhouse. His brother stood for a moment, uncomprehending. Then he too began running to the farmhouse, slipping in the mud in his haste.

The first gate had opened.

Available at jasminejade.com/!

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APPEARANCES (TENTATIVE)

Eilis Flynn:

- Greater Seattle chapter of Romance Writers of America, November 2010

Heather Hiestand/Anh Leod:

- At home with baby Andy!

Got a question? Drop us a line at eilisflynn@aol.com or heather@heatherhiestand.com. Maybe we'll have an answer! What we don't know we'll gladly make up. ☕ Next time we will be telling you what we have in store for the coming months.