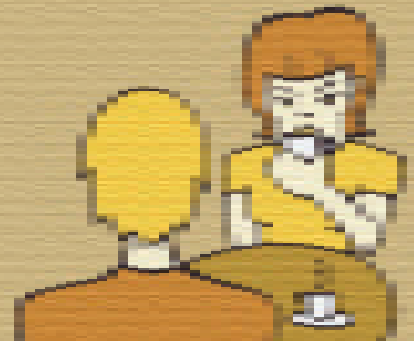


COFFEE ON SUNDAYS



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

NOVEMBER 2011

Into The Holidays We Go

So we've been busy, as we mentioned last time—and we're coming up with more! Indie publishing is big right now (otherwise known as self-publishing), and last time it was Eilis and her fantasy novella *THE RIDDLE OF RYU* (on sale at Amazon.com, BN.com, and Smashwords.com). This time it's Heather's riproaring steampunk smuggler novella *CAPTAIN ANDREW'S FLYING CHRISTMAS!* We're going crazy, folks!

Not only that, last newsletter it completely slipped Eilis's mind (which is going, clearly!) to say that *INTRODUCING SONIKA*, her super-heroine romance, is now available in print as well as digital! And she's gotten the edits for her young-adult novel from

Crescent Moon Press, *STATIC SHOCK*, so that's getting ready for the presses!

Heather loves to write holiday stories. Her first published romance story, "Victoriana," was a Christmas story. In 2010, her Christmas offering was an Anh Leod erotic story, "Christmas a Go-Go." For 2011, "Captain Andrew's Flying Christmas" is a steampunk romance adventure! Set in Heather's beloved Victorian London, this novella is the first in her Steampunk Smugglers series and features an eye-catching cover by artist Delle Jacobs. Heather researched London's Newgate Prison and smuggling on the Sussex coast for this story, and also had lots of fun making up steampunk gadgets. Her baddies are a government group called the "Blockaders" who are at-

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ON SALE NOW

HEATHER HIESTAND

- *Holiday In The Heart* (digital, print)
- *Cards Never Lie* (digital, print)
- *One Juror Down* (digital, print)
- *Gunshot Grange*
- *Two On The Hunt*
- *In Flight*
- *Looking Forward, Looking Back And Other Stories*
- *The Bachelor*
- "Victoriana Adventure"
- "Captain Andrew's Flying Christmas"

EILIS FLYNN

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

Graphic novella:

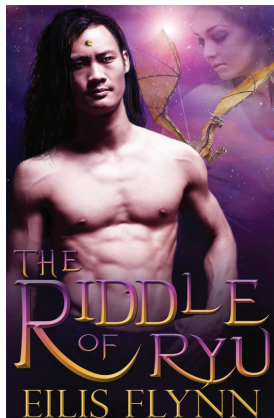
- "30-Day Guarantee"

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" (digital, print in *Some Like It Sweet*)
- "Playing Lycan Games"
- *Holly's Pledge*
- "Aphrodite's Tattoo"
- "Christmas a Go-Go"
- *Fire Wolf*



AMAZON.COM, BN.COM

UPCOMING RELEASES

- Late 2011: *Static Shock*, by Eilis Flynn
- Late 2011 (tentative): *Blood and Steam* by Eilis & Heather
- January 2012: "Captain Fenna's Dirigible Valentine," by Heather Hiestand

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tempting to control travel in the air the way the British controlled the seas during the high point of the British empire. The “Owlers,” her smugglers, have taken a beating since the Blockaders raided them in 1889, but by 1892 when this novella is set, the Owlers are making a comeback.

“Because this is steampunk, by definition alternate history, I was able to include 18th-century elements of British criminal life into a 19th-century story. And why not?” Heather says. “In steampunk, the author gets to decide at what point in history their world veered off from reality, and how that affects the new time period!” It’s lots of fun and a sweet holiday romance wrapped up in one \$0.99 package!

Ask Heather

Is “Captain Andrew’s Flying Christmas” suitable for young teenagers?

Yes! CAFC is a “clean” romance. Possible objectionable elements are a couple of kisses, slapping a pirate, and an unwed mother (forced by terrible circumstances). Check it out, folks!

Housemaid Linet Fenna would rather be an air pirate than a servant. When she finds the ladder to an airship dangling outside her garret window on Christmas Eve 1892, she ascends to the skies above London on her late father’s flagship dirigible, the *Christmas*. The new captain is someone she never expected to see again, a dangerous, sexy foe. Is the Fenna family nemesis offering Linet her heart’s desire or a dastardly trap?
<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B005WASTQK>

Chapter One

Linet Fenna shivered in her attic bedroom as she stared out the open window. Downstairs, all was merry and bright with evergreen branches, mistletoe and handmade garlands festooning trees and mantles. Under the eaves here, wind blew through a crack in the undecorated wall and rustled in the chimneys above.

She took one last breath of chilly air and

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had her hand on the sill when she heard a metallic chugging in the distance. The sound came from outside, and wasn’t likely to be Father Christmas.

The automen who secured England for Prime Minister Gladstone had yet to master the skies. Linet had once known the world above the streets well, as daughter of the famed smuggler Rhys Fenna. Some had called him a sky pirate, and his neck had been broken on a gibbet three Boxing Days ago. She had become a maid of all work to support herself in the aftermath of his death. This position in a larger home had seemed a blessing at first until she realized she’d moved into a house owned by an automen manufacturer. The factory, only steps away, belched smoke and steam into the air at all hours, and it kept the brass fist of authority ever alive in her mind.

Linet leaned forward, looking for the source of the sound. She darted back a step when something pinged against the glass above her head. A bird? Surely none were about at this late hour. When she looked up, the astonishing sight took her back three years. No wonder she’d heard chugging. “A ladder?” she whispered.

This story’s on sale at Amazon.com, BN.com, and Smashwords.com right now, just in time for the holidays!

See you next time!

APPEARANCES (TENTATIVE)

Eilis Flynn:

- Emerald City Writers’ Conference, Bellevue, WA, October 28–30
- “Faeries and Dragons Along the Silk Road and Beyond,” online workshop, at SavvyAuthors.com, October 31–November 28, with Jacquie Rogers
- Night Owl Romance online chat with Heather Hiestand and Jacquie Rogers, January 30, 2012



Heather Hiestand/Anh Leod:

- Guest blog, The Writer’s Challenge, <http://www.thewriterschallenge.com>, November 7
- The Romance Studio online chat, November 10
- Guest blog, Steamed!, <http://ageofsteam.wordpress.com>, November 17
- Guest blog, <http://childofyden.wordpress.com>, November 26
- Guest blog, <http://lovesbooksandmore.blogspot.com>, December 1
- Night Owl Romance online chat with Eilis Flynn and Jacquie Rogers, January 30, 2012

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.