



Connie Suttle



## Oklahoma City Fan Meet & Greet

The Meet & Greet in Oklahoma City on September 7, 2013 was a great success. We were very pleased with the turnout – approximately 40 to 50 people. Some fans came from quite a distance! Indiana, Texas, Arkansas, and quite a few from outlying areas in Oklahoma. We spent a couple of hours in the comfortable surroundings provided by the Paramount OKC Café. We appreciate everyone showing their support of the café during the event, especially considering that the owners did not charge us for using the space.

### *God Wars Series Soon to be in print!*

The first four books in the *God Wars* series are in the process of becoming available in print. Book five, *Blood Finale*, will follow not long after it becomes available in ebook format.

The books will be available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), and of course autographed copies from our web site, hopefully in November 2013.

### Release Schedule:

*Other Worldly Ways*,  
Anthology One – Late  
November 2013 (See info in  
this newsletter)

*Blood Finale*, *God Wars* Book  
5 – early December 2013

Release TBA:  
*Hope and Vengeance*

Look for the hidden giveaway  
somewhere in this newsletter!



Saturday was great! I wanted to let you all know how much I enjoyed the meet and greet. Personally I didn't think we could use up two hours just talking but we did.

Connie, tell Walter that it was a pleasure to meet and talk to the person behind Don's character.

You are both gracious people and it was an honor to meet and talk with you.

Sandy J.

Our next Meet & Greet will most likely be in the Atlanta area, in March 2014. We will be there for a convention, and we are considering a Meet & Greet while we're there. Atlanta was one of the top cities requested by fans for a Meet & Greet in our recent survey! We'll keep you informed as our plans progress.

"The vampires have always been metaphors for me. They've always been vehicles through which I can express things I have felt very, very deeply." - Anne Rice



## Blood Finale

*God Wars, Book Five excerpt*

### Trajan's Journal

An hour later, Hank, Jayson and I sat in a booth at a coffee shop just outside Hollywood, waiting for Bob Sullivan to arrive. He was likely having difficulty parking—the lot was nearly full when we folded in.

"Jayson," Bob Sullivan nodded to him before taking the open seat. "Here's what I have on Marc Cummings." He handed a file folder to Jayson.

"You tracked down Marc Cummings? I'm impressed," Jayson said after flipping the folder open. "Look," Jayson handed a photograph to Hank, who in turn handed it to me. It showed Marc Cummings talking to a waitress at the all-night café in Tyrone, New Mexico.

"Did you approach him?" Hank's eyes were darker than usual as he studied Bob Sullivan.

"Hell no. I heard what happened to Ross and Jayson's dad. We had no idea we were in over our heads on this one. Cummings never knew I was there."

"Does anybody else have this information?" I asked.

"No. I would have given it to Jamie, but he wouldn't talk to me."

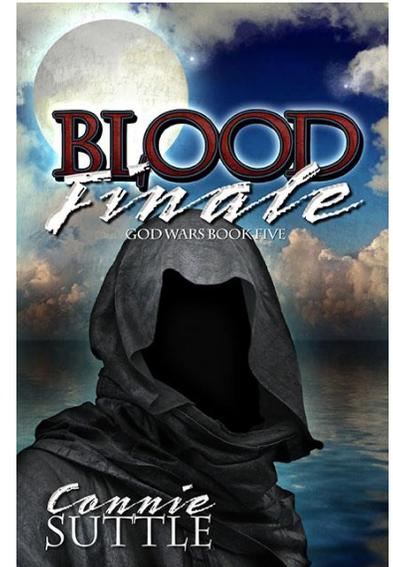
"What else do you have?" Hank asked.

"This," Jayson handed over a second photograph. Hank held it up to cover the smoke flying from his nostrils. "Calhoun," he growled and handed the photograph to me.

"And Obediah Tanner," I nodded. I recognized the rogue werewolf, who stood in the late afternoon light in New Mexico, obviously discussing something with the rogue god Hank identified as Calhoun.

"When was this taken, and how close were you?" Hank asked.

"I tailed Cummings for a little while. Turned off on a dirt road while he went on up that hill. Had to take that photograph with a high-powered telephoto lens. I already had a picture of Cummings—he was going to meet those two. Something made the hair on the back of my neck stand up, so I got the hell out of there after I took that shot."



**"All writers are vampires."  
— James Gandolfini**

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## *Blood Finale*

*God Wars, Book Five excerpt*

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"Probably a good thing," Jayson muttered. "Bob, don't approach any one of these. They'll kill you. I'll pay for your time and take this information to Director Jennings. He'll help with this."

"Heard you were with him—at least for a while," Bob shook his head. "If he needs my help with any of this, you have my number."

"I'll send a check," Jayson said. "Thanks, Bob."

"Anytime, kid." Bob rose, nodded to Hank and me then walked out of the diner before the waitress made it to our table.

"No compulsion," Hank breathed a clear breath as he drummed his fingers on the Formica tabletop. "This is real."

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**Blood Finale, God Wars Book Five, will be available in December 2013**

### **Contest Results**

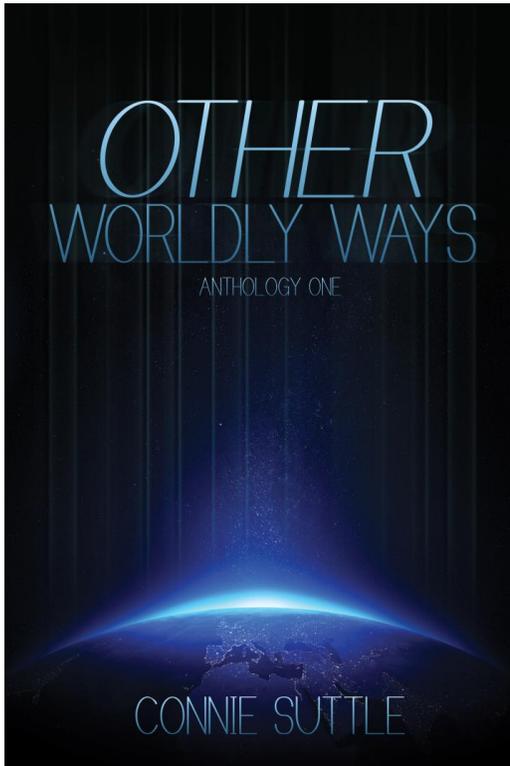
In the previous newsletter, we issued a challenge: Complete the joke that starts with "Two vampires walk into a bar." We accepted submissions for a few weeks and set prizes for the top three winners.

Third Place Winner was Clare B.'s husband in the UK. The prize was a subtledemon stylus, a set of five bookmarks, and a set of twelve note cards. His submission was: Two Vampires walk into a bar and order a drink. "Would you like a straw with that?" The bar tender enquires. "No, we suck anyway."

Second Place Winner was Kay H., also in the UK. The prize was a Difik or subtledemon coffee mug, a Le-Ath Veronis lanyard, and a subtledemon stylus. Her submission was: Two vampires walk into a bar. Ouch.

First Place Winner was Amy S. from Alaska. The prize was a 20x30 poster of the book cover of her choice, two coffee mugs, and a Le-Ath Veronis lanyard. Her submission was: Two vampires walk into a bar. They walk up to where the bartender awaits, and one says to the other, "What would you like tonight?" His friend replies "A Bloody Mary." Then the first vampire says, "I was talking about drinks, not women!"

Thank you to everyone who contributed, and congratulations to the winners!



## OTHER WORLDLY WAYS

We are pleased to announce a new collection of short stories, *Other Worldly Ways*, Anthology One, will soon be available on our internet store, [shop.subtledemon.com](http://shop.subtledemon.com)! Included are several short stories of characters with whom you're already familiar, if you've read Connie's other books; Crane, Devin and Conner, to name a few.

This anthology will be available in the following formats: PDF, Kindle, Nook, iBooks, and Kobo. It is priced at **\$2.99**

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*GSW, Or How I Met My Mother*  
Short story excerpt from *Other Worldly Ways*  
By Connie Suttle

If I hadn't shot myself in the foot (in the physical sense) with my dumb-ass husband's gun that morning, I wouldn't have been sitting on an examination table in the hospital

emergency room, talking to the suicide who'd died five minutes before I arrived.

He was seventeen and too talkative for a suicide, I decided, when he tried to show me the hole in his head where the bullet exited. Spirits don't have exit wounds, or any other wounds showing after they die, but I didn't want to point out the obvious to him. He saw me as a kindred spirit, albeit a live one, since I'd also shot myself.

"Mine was an accident," I told him for the third time. I glanced behind him, through the door to my cubicle. A nurse walked past, shaking her head as her soft-soled shoes squeaked on tiles smelling of disinfectant. The nurse thought I was talking to myself, since she couldn't see or hear spirits. Just what I needed, somebody thinking I had a bigger dose of crazy than I already did. My left foot throbbed where I'd shot it; I'd wrapped it in a kitchen towel and could only find duct tape to secure it to my foot before driving myself to the hospital. I had a call in to my best friend and next-door neighbor Shane Taylor, but he'd been in a meeting, planning the charity ball he sponsored every year for AIDS patients.

"Why did you have a gun, then, if you didn't intend to—you know," Suicide attempted to get my attention again.

"People handle guns all the time without intending to off themselves," I said absently, glancing at the Williams and Sonoma kitchen towel that wrapped my foot. Red seeped around edges of hastily wrapped duct tape, and I figured I'd have to buy another towel. "In my case," I continued, "My idiot husband was cleaning his .22 pistol last night, until a client called and he never put it back in the safe where it usually stays. I picked it up to put it away this morning when something startled me. I dropped the gun and shot my foot."

"The docs aren't gonna believe that story," Suicide offered a lop-sided grin.

"Somebody asked me, 'Why do people like vampires so much?' This was right after Obama had been elected and I said, 'Because we just spent eight years being sucked dry by one.'"

— Alan Ball



## ***Blood Finale***

*God Wars, Book Five excerpt*

*Kent, England—present  
Conner's Journal*

"I've been called to a meeting, that's what," I shook a finger at Shane, who'd demanded I tell him where I was going.

"What kind of meeting? With whom?"

"None of your beeswax, that's with whom," I said.

"Are you taking anyone with you?"

"I asked Kee to come with me," I huffed in righteous indignation, lifting my nose in the air.

"Is Kiarra safe to go traipsing about with you?" Shane narrowed his gaze and gave me a frown only he might produce. "I thought the bad guys were after her."

"They were. Are. She'll be with me," I said. "Don't you think that's safe enough?"

"Nope."

"How about if I," I began.

"Nope."

"You didn't even let me finish," I complained. "How about if I take Dragon and Gracie with me?"

"Still nope." Arms crossed tightly over Shane's chest; that meant stubborn had moved in—with baggage—and planned to stay awhile.

"Plus Adam, Merrill, Pheligar and Devin?"

"Nope."

"How about all the Saa Thalarr, including healers and Spawn Hunters?"

"Seriously? You want to take the whole bunch to a meeting?" His arms uncrossed. I was softening him up, looked like.

"If I have to, Mr. Grumpy Drawers."

"I do not have grumpy drawers. They have hearts and ice-cream cones on them."

"They do not."



## Focus on the Art

We are proud to present the following interview with the man who created and maintains our favorite fan website, LeAthVeronis.net, Larry Omans.

After graduating high school in 1986, Larry went into the U.S. Navy as a Sonar Technician for 6 years. Upon leaving the service, he then became the IT department for a mid-sized graphics printing firm, where he has been employed for the past 21 years. While in the military, Larry took various college courses to hone his natural talents, but learned most of his IT skills on the job. We're glad he did, because he does a fantastic job managing LeAthVeronis.net!

Larry enjoys reading, fixing computers and spending time with his family and friends. He started LeAthVeronis.net on September 5, 2012, after an email conversation with Connie. He is rightly proud of the product, and gets satisfaction providing a forum for other fans to share their comments about all things Connie and the cast of (mostly) lovable characters that populates the universes in her stories. In addition to LeAthVeronis.net, Larry also administers a couple of other sites; one for his family and one for his local amateur radio group. Larry is a licensed amateur-extra class radio operator.

*Joe Scholes:* Hi Larry. Thank you for taking the time to answer a few questions. I find that it's often the wizards behind the curtain that seldom get to be in the spotlight, so I'm glad we can take a moment to appreciate all you do for Connie's fans.

*Larry Omans:* No problem, I'm happy to participate.

*JS:* When I read your bio, I noticed you said you learned most of your IT skills on the job. That interests me because I've never been to college but have managed to discover a natural talent for computers. When did you realize you had a talent for technology, and how have you managed to work your interests into a professional career as opposed to a hobby?

*LO:* It started in high school. I took all the computer programming courses offered at the time then continued with databases, computer building and repair. I started out in manufacturing then as we noticed the need for an on-site IT department, I filled it. The IT department is a great learning experience; technology is always evolving so you always learn new things.

*JS:* I have a friend who used to be quite active in his local amateur radio group. When I'd visit him in Washington D.C., it wasn't uncommon for us to spend hours on the radio talking to people from around the globe. Tell me how you became interested in amateur radio.

*LO:* One of the local radio operators is a good friend, and he got me interested in the hobby, including ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services).

*JS:* Is it an expensive hobby?

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**LO:** It can be, although you can get on the air for the cost of your license and a \$50.00 investment for a crystal radio kit (build your own). I don't think there is an upper limit on what you can spend though.

**JS:** Do you think amateur radio is a dying hobby? Or has its technology kept up with the times and made it more interesting to more people?

**LO:** Not really. Amateur radio actually leads the technology race. Even with our limited bandwidth, we come up with and develop technologies that see adoption in the commercial sector. We have digital modes, satellite based communications, as well as voice and Morse code.

**JS:** You mentioned that you like to read. What genre do you prefer? Or are you an equal opportunity consumer like me who absorbs everything from science fiction to biographies to milk cartons?

**LO:** Mainly fantasy / science fiction / urban fantasy, but I read almost everything. I average a book a day so I can't afford to be too picky ... LOL.

**JS:** I'm always interested in asking fans how they first discovered Connie's books. What's your experience?

**LO:** In December, 2011, I was researching new independent releases and found one called Blood Queen, it looked interesting so I purchased it, read it, then the next day purchased the previous five books.

**JS:** No pressure to name anyone in particular <evil grin>, but who are your top five favorite authors?

**LO:** I have to limit it to five?? ... Sigh ... LOL ... Connie Suttle, Ilona Andrews, Chloe Neill, Mercedes Lackey, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

**JS:** If you were a reader at a very young age, did you have any authors who had a profound effect on your outlook on life, attitude, or thinking as you grew up? If so, who and why?

**LO:** I read Shakespeare (the entire works) the summer between fifth and sixth grades ... I can honestly say I have always been a voracious reader. I think the author that had the greatest impact on me growing up was Roger Zelazny. His Amber series captured my imagination and quite possibly cemented my love of the fantasy genre.

**JS:** So, tell me how LeAthVeronis.net came into being. I know you had an email conversation with Connie, but how did it begin and evolve to what it is today?

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**LO:** I noticed that several of the comments on Connie's blog referred to things that were entirely off topic and detracted from the blog (in my opinion). I have seen author fan sites before and could not find one for Connie, so I asked for permission to create one. It allows others and me to discuss things that are not covered on Connie's site, make wild guesses, and initiate conversations (a thing blogs tend to lack). It just keeps growing from there.

**JS:** I'm sure the initial set-up of the web site was time consuming. How much of your time does it take each week, on average, to maintain the web site, and what does that maintenance involve?

**LO:** On average I spend a couple hours a days on the web site, updating the software, keeping spammers off, answering posts, etc.. Mainly the maintenance is keeping the software up to date, checking logs, and keeping the bills paid.

**JS:** Do you actively participate in the discussions on the web site?

**LO:** All the time, I see every post and answer whenever I have an opinion. One of my key points is everyone's opinion counts just as much as anyone else's ... even if I don't agree with them they have every right to say what they want, as long as they do so respectfully.

**JS:** What are some of the funniest or strangest comments you seen by subscribers on the web site?

**LO:** The "Daily Funnies" thread is a riot, some of the conversations between people can be very interesting. I think one point that most Americans miss is that there is a big gulf between US English and UK English that has led to few strange misconceptions.

**Joe Scholes:** Well, Larry, I know Connie is very pleased to have the fan site available, and she reads it all the time. I'm sure the fans are happy to have the forum available as well! Thank you for setting it up, and more importantly, thank you for maintaining it every day!

**Larry Omans:** My pleasure.

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Fans, if you're not already a member of [LeAthVeronis.net](http://LeAthVeronis.net), swing by and check it out. Membership is free. You'll find lots of topics to discuss with people who are also interested! --JS

"Vampires are so old that they don't need to impress anyone anymore. They're comfortable in their own skin. It's this enigmatic strength that's very romantic and old-fashioned. I think it goes back to something of a Victorian attitude of finding a strong man who's going to look after his woman." --Stephen Moyer



## Merchandising News

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We are particularly happy to announce that all the books are now available as PDF documents on the web site. All of the *High Demon* series and the first four books in the *God Wars* series are also available in the following formats: **Kindle, Nook, iBooks, and Kobo!** Book five, *Blood Finale*, will also be available in our shop a couple of days before it is available on amazon.com or bn.com. Joe is gradually adding the additional formats for all the books as he gets time. When you purchase an ebook this way, once payment is confirmed via PayPal, you will receive a link you can use to download the book directly.

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### **2014 Subtledemon Calendar**

New item! We now have the 2014 subtledemon flip-up calendar available in the shop. This is a full-color spiral bound calendar featuring covers from all of Connie's twenty-five books! It looks awesome!

The price is \$19.99 for USA orders, and \$24.99 for orders outside the USA, Shipping & Handling included. Quantities are limited. These would make excellent Christmas gifts! Go directly to [shop.subtledemon.com/calendar](http://shop.subtledemon.com/calendar)

"There are such beings as vampires, some of us have evidence that they exist. Even had we not the proof of our own unhappy experience, the teachings and the records of the past give proof enough for sane people."

– Bram Stoker



## How to Load eBooks Onto Your Kindle Device or App

By Joe Scholes

I've had a few questions over the past several weeks about how to load ebooks purchased from our web site onto various ebook readers and/or apps. While I am by no means an expert on all the devices and apps available, I can share what I do know works.

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I'd like to focus on Kindle devices/apps for the purposes of this article, since Amazon.com is by far the most common source for delivery of Connie's books.

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### Sookie Stackhouse, on vampires:

"It's not that long a drive from Bon Temps to New Orleans, and everyone who came into the bar said that if you threw a rock on a street corner there, you'd hit one. Though you better not."

From *Dead After Dark*, by Charlaine Harris

## Speaking Engagement

Connie is the guest speaker at the [Oklahoma City Community College](#) on November 18, 2013, from 12 to 1 p.m. The audience will be students interested in writing and publishing. Connie plans to discuss her inspiration to begin (and continue) writing, how she started, the difficulties of being an indie author, and what her plans are for future books. This is her first educational speaking engagement, and it is open to the public!



OCCC is located at 7777 South May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73159. We'll be in College Union Rooms 2 & 3, through the main entrance of OCCC, near the cafeteria. The event is being sponsored by the [Student Life](#) department. We'll have all of Connie's books currently in print at the time of the event for sale, and she will gladly autograph them for anyone who is interested.

## God Wars T-Shirt Update!

The God Wars T-Shirt has been ordered. For those of you who pre-ordered, thank you! The shirts you requested have been reserved for you. We do not expect them to arrive until the end of November, but when they do, I will notify you how to proceed.

If you did not pre-order but would like to do so, send an email to Joe at [joe@subtledemon.com](mailto:joe@subtledemon.com). Sizes and quantities still available are listed to the right. S&H will be added at checkout.

Those of you who pre-ordered, there is no need to send an email to Joe unless you want to confirm your order.



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