

*The Intimate Adventure:
Archetype For Our Time.*

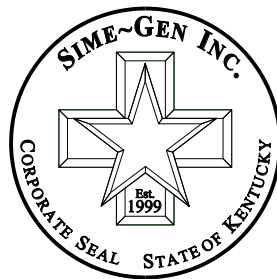
DEFINITION

The Intimate Adventure is the journey of two or more strangers from suspicion or even hate to trust. Sharing emotional battles, they learn to respect, like, or even love each other, but the key to the Intimate Adventure is trust. Action/adventure buddies guard your back; Intimate Adventure buddies guard your heart. Full definition at: www.simegen.com/jl/

FROM *JOSS WHEDON, THE GENIUS BEHIND BUFFY*, BY CANDACE HAVENS, MAY 2003,

“ . . . Essential to the concept of *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* was that it would integrate four distinct genres – horror, action, comedy and drama. Some combination of these genres was part of the best television shows – serious dramas lightened with moments of comedy, or comedies spiced with an element of action. A few shows, notably *NYPD Blue*, integrated drama, action, and comedy. . . This integration lies at the core of *Buffy’s* appeal. . . “

Jacqueline Lichtenberg: “Actually *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* and *Angel* are not a mixture of genres, as Candace Havens says. They are in fact Intimate Adventure.”

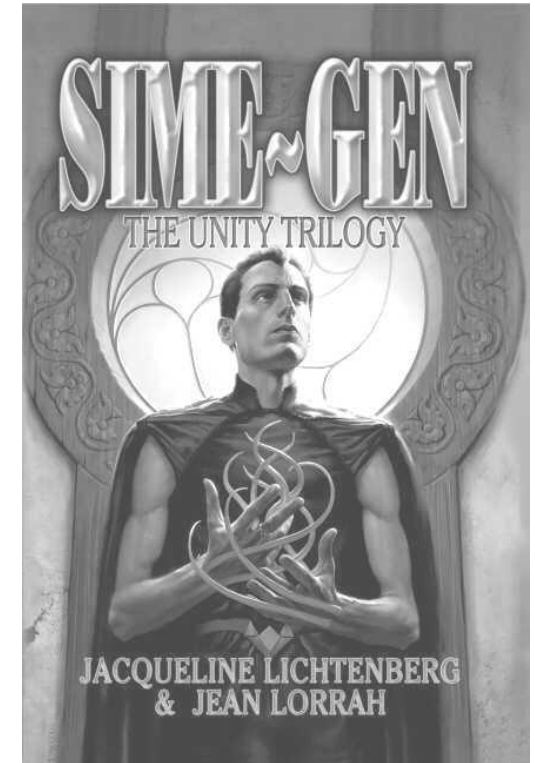


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THE INTIMATE ADVENTURE

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Sime~Gen: The Unity Trilogy



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HOW TO FIND INTIMATE ADVENTURE

Jean Lorrah: “Intimate Adventure shows up in unexpected places. Whenever a story (text, film, television) has characters who, because of the circumstances of their adventures, become emotionally vulnerable to one another and learn to trust one another with that vulnerability, you have intimate adventure. It often takes a long time to develop, novel length, feature film length, television series developing over many episodes.

“For it to be intimate adventure, the intimacy must grow out of the adventure and not pre-exist. *Classic Star Trek*, *Enemy Mine*, and the television series *M*A*S*H* are examples of emotional vulnerability and trust developing over time because of the adventures the characters undergo together.”

WE ASKED SIME~GEN FANS, “WHAT IS LIKE SIME~GEN?” AND FOUND HOLLYWOOD’S MOST BELOVED PLOT ARCHETYPE

1 . Films: *Romancing The Stone*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Lifeforce*, *Lonesome Dove*, *Highlander*, *Starman*, *Terminator*

2 . TV: *Babylon5*, *Stargate SG-1*, *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Forever Knight*, *Andromeda*, *Joan of Arcadia*, *Lois & Clark*

3 . Books & Authors: Marion Zimmer Bradley’s *Darkover*, C. J. Cherryh *The Paladin*, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro’s *St. Germain*, Zenna Henderson, *The People*, C. S. Friedman’s *Coldfire Trilogy*, Spider and Jean Robinson, *Stardance* trilogy, Mercedes Lackey’s *Valdemar* series and *Oathbound* trilogy, Anne McCaffrey’s *Dragonriders*, Catherine Asaro’s *Skolian Empire*, Robert Jordan’s *Wheel of Time* series, Patricia McKillip’s *Riddlemaster of Hed*, Jane Fancher’s *Groundies Trilogy*, Michelle West’s *Huntbrother*, *Hunters’ Oath*

Intimate Adventure is about Bonding in all forms. The heroism and action take place on the field of Relationships, not on the field of combat, though alliance against a common enemy can create an annealing furnace heat to forge the Bond of Intimacy.

THE LISTS ABOVE LINK A WORKS THAT SHARE THIS UNIQUE PLOT ARCHETYPE

Stories based on this plot archetype focus on the use and abuse of power in the defense of the Self, the heroism and courage it takes to defend the Self -- and the even greater courage needed to refrain from defending the Self in order to gain wisdom and peace. The reader experiences how survival depends on standing defenseless in the face of the most terrifying threat. These stories

explore what it takes to acquire that ability and along with it, the greatest reward that life can offer, a friend.

LORRAH/LICHTENBERG

Sime~Gen as Intimate Adventure grew out of Jacqueline Lichtenberg’s in-depth study of *Star Trek* fanfic which became the Bantam Paperback *Star Trek Lives!* Rooted deep in *Star Trek*, Sime~Gen captivated Jean Lorrah who began writing Sime~Gen fanfic – which soon became pro-fic. Find more at www.simegen.net

Sime~Gen: The Unity Trilogy
Sime~Gen: To Kiss Or To Kill

BOOKS BY JACQUELINE LICHTENBERG

CURRENT: Intimate Adventure in space

Those of My Blood
Dreamspy

Molt Brother
City of a Million Legends

BOOKS BY JEAN LORRAH

Intimate Adventure in our world and an alternate reality

Blood Will Tell

Savage Empire: Dark Moon Rising

Savage Empire: Prophecies