

Jean Lorrh

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Engaging, erudite and straightforward, Dr. Jean Lorrh is one of the nation's leading experts on vampires and the grip they have on American popular culture. Lorrh has strong opinions about everything from *Dracula* to *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and can seamlessly integrate her expertise as a noted scholar of

fantasy with her insights as an acclaimed and award-winning novelist. Lorrh has worked within the vampire metaphor for decades as an author and as an academic, recently publishing the article, "Dracula Meets the New Woman."

Lorrh can speak authoritatively on one of the more unusual phenomena of the new millennium – the rise of "good" vampires as the latest sex symbols. Why do women love Spike, Angel, and the vampire creations of Laurel Hamilton, Anne Rice and P.N. Elrod?

Growing up in a gray mid-western steel town, Lorrh escaped into the world of the fantastic. Lorrh earned her PhD in Medieval British Literature ("the closest thing to getting a doctorate in fantasy possible at the time") and is currently an English professor at Murray State University. She is also a charter member of the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts.

Jean Lorrh authored the popular *Savage Empire* series, consisting of seven novels to date (three with co-author Winston Howlett), and the award-winning children's story *Nessie and the Living Stone*. She also authored the *Star Trek* novels *Metamorphosis*, *Survivors*, *The Vulcan Academy Murders*, and *The IDIC Epidemic*, all of which became New York Times Bestsellers.

Jean Lorrh is available for interview.

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In Short:

- **18 Novels + 2 more under contract.**
- **6 short stories and many translations and reprints.**
- **Nonfiction: 50+ articles, 3 academic publications and 24 delivered papers at the annual Conference on the Fantastic**
- **Multiple Award winning children's book.**
- **Multiple award winning adult novel.**
- **Co-founder of online writing school WorldCrafters Guild**

The Sime~Gen Connection

Jean Lorrh burst onto the publishing scene with *First Channel*, a novel in the cult favorite Sime~Gen series. In one of the most successful collaborations in science fiction, Lorrh partnered with Jacqueline Lichtenberg to author three additional Sime~Gen novels. The Sime~Gen novels resonated with fans, perhaps because they subtly leveraged the vampire metaphor. "The vampire metaphor is extremely powerful," Lorrh says. "The concept of givers and takers, predators and prey, is an ancient one." Her most recent work, *Blood Will Tell*, is a vampire romance and winner of the Lord Ruthven Assembly Award for best vampire novel and the LORIE for best paranormal romance.