

Speaker Introduction

Stephanie A. Cain writes epic & urban fantasy. She is the author of *Stormsinger*, *Stormshadow*, and *Sow the Wind*. She grew up in Indiana, where much of her urban fantasy is set, but unfortunately has been unable to visit Amethir or Teronn, where her epic fantasy novels are set.

She graduated from Purdue University before the turn of the (21st) century with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Creative Writing, with a Medieval Studies minor. She also has two-thirds of a Master of Library Science, but ran out of money and enthusiasm for grad school at about the same time. Despite this, her years of work in libraries were not wasted--besides having a lot of librarian friends, she also spent a great deal of time hanging out in the stacks at 398.2, which gave rise to many of her urban fantasy stories.

She currently works at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, where she spends her time doing historical research, giving tours of a Victorian man-cave, and serving as a one-woman IT department. She hopes to be the first of her coworkers to actually read *Ben-Hur*.

A proud crazy cat lady, Stephanie is happily owned by Eowyn, Strider, and Eustace Clarence Scrubb. In her free time, she enjoys hiking (except for the spiders), bird-watching, visiting wineries, and collecting anything with owls on it. She likes to unwind by playing World of Warcraft and Skyrim. She enjoys organizing things, is overly fond of 3-ring binders, and visits office supply stores for fun. She owns way more movie scores and fountain pens than she can actually afford.