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EPIC FANTASY TRILOGY FEATURES PIRATES, PRINCESSES, AND ASSASSINS ***Stephanie A. Cain publishes Stormseer to complete Storms in Amethir trilogy***

CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA, September 9, 2015--Indiana author Stephanie A. Cain has published her latest young adult epic fantasy novel, *Stormseer*. This novel completes the first trilogy in her Storms in Amethir series, which focuses on the story of Princess Azmei of Tamnen as she attempts to end a war between her kingdom and a neighboring country.

The Storms in Amethir series features a strong female lead along with princes, pirates, and weather magicians as supporting characters. The series has an epic scale, spanning three kingdoms and the ocean separating them, and deals not only with medieval-style warfare but also with medieval-style diplomacy. While researching the novel, Cain sailed Lake Michigan on the tall ship *Friends Good Will* out of South Haven, Michigan.

"When I was in second grade, I cut my waist-length hair because I thought heroes had to be boys like Luke Skywalker and Frodo Baggins," the author says. "Later I discovered (thanks, Mom!) that girls could be heroes, too. Those are the characters I like to write about. Girls who discover they can be heroes."

Cain published the first installment of the series, *Stormsinger*, in August of 2013, and followed that with the March 2014 release of *Stormshadow*. She plans to continue the Storms in Amethir series and is currently at work on the next novel, titled *The Weather War*. She has also published an unrelated epic fantasy novella, *Sow the Wind*, which was released in 2014.

She credits her family for her decision to become a novelist, and to write fantasy in particular. "My dad read out loud to me from the time I was a baby, and some of the books I remember hearing are *The Hobbit* and the Lord of the Rings, of course, the Chronicles of Narnia, and Lloyd Alexander's Prydain Chronicles. So I had an early grounding in the classic works of the fantasy genre." Cain's maternal grandmother, Phyllis Waye Boone, was also a writer. Boone spent decades researching and writing a local history/memoir of New Richmond, Indiana, which Cain is currently editing for publication later this year.

Cain works as Visitor Services Coordinator at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum in Crawfordsville, Indiana, where General Lew Wallace wrote his novel *Ben-Hur*. Cain says the job is a perfect fit for her because of her lifelong fascination with history. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Purdue University in West Lafayette, with a double major in History and Creative Writing.

Stormseer is available at Amazon.com as an e-book (ISBN 978-0-9903758-6-9, \$2.99) and paperback (ISBN 978-0-9903758-5-2, \$14.99). Signed paperback copies will be available at the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County.

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