

Press Release

Raven ShadowHawk, Author of Smut With Brains

Author Bio (short)

Raven ShadowHawk is a 30 year old mother of two who writes erotica for her kicks. She self publishes through her own label, Little Vamp Press, and her first series, Meeting Each Other, is available through Smashwords, Amazon and Kobo.

Author Bio (mid length)

After having spent seven years working in customer service and finance, Raven ShadowHawk made the decision to write for a living. This decision, helped by the birth of her twin sons, has led her to write several short stories, six of which form the *Meeting Each Other* series. These titles are available through Smashwords, Amazon and Kobo. Future projects include *Slippers & Chains*, an erotic comedy-drama following D/s couple Daniel Scotney and Karen Owusu.

Author Bio (full)

Raven ShadowHawk lives in Leicester (UK) with her twin sons (Sprog1 and Sprog2), her partner (The Funk Master) and a stubbornly barren dwarf lemon tree. She worked in finance for seven years after leaving university before leaving and turning to writing as a means to earn a living.

Under this pen name, Raven writes her own 'brand' erotica known as *Smut With Brains* and shares a blog with her 'other half.' She also contributes regularly to the blogs of Phoenix Writers and the Phoenix Writers Subs Club.

Having decided to avoid the traditional publishing route, Raven operates her own publishing label, Little Vamp Press. She has released three of the six titles in the series Meeting Each Other and has plans to do the same with Slippers & Chains, an erotic comedy-drama featuring D/s couple Daniel Scotney and Karen Owusu. These titles are available through Smashwords, Amazon and Kobo as well as her website.

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Author Q&A

~What do you write?

Anything in which men and women in various combinations get to squish their wet bits together. Some call that erotica, I call it Smut With Brains. ;-)

~Smut with brains?

Yeah, I just wanted a way to make clear that even though what I write can be smutty it is intelligent and character driven. I originally wanted something like '*Smut With Real People, Emotions, Situations And Non-Porn-Style Sex*' but that's too long to fit on a business card. Then I thought about '*Smut With Heart*' but that is horrifically cheesy. So... Smut With Brains.

~ What are you working on right now?

Finishing up my Meeting Each Other series; a six part series of short stories featuring interlinked characters, each coupling (or trio) having a significant sexual encounter. I'm half way through those now, but they're on hold to focus on Slippers & Chains.

~And what's that?

Ooo, glad you asked. Slippers & Chains is another series, this time in four parts, and each story is novella length (35-39k). It follows Karen Owusu and Daniel Scotney who practise a D/s relationship. That's dominance and submission (the DS part of BDSM) for those who don't know. The series is designed to normalise the BDSM lifestyle and show that those who enjoy expressing their sexuality in such a way are as 'normal' as any other 'vanilla' couple, even if the problems they experience are a little different.

~Well that begs the obvious question; how much do you know about BDSM personally?

Ha, I knew that was coming.

Let's put it like this, I have very many colourful friends and acquaintances with equally colourful sex lives and experiences. With their permission (of course) I use elements of what I know about them to bring life and vibrancy (and honesty) to any BDSM story I write. I also do **a lot** of research.

~But what about you and The Funk Master?

You'd have to ask him. I think that's fairest.

~Okay. But what about after Slippers & Chains, have you got any more plans?

I have to write the other three stories first. The first of the series, Sugar Dust, is under submission at the moment and the other three will take a lot of my time. Then, of course, I need to finish the Meeting Each Other series. But after that I have some plans for a collaborative project with my other half.

~The Funk Master?

No, no, Ileantra Young. She's... 'the other half' of my brain. She writes fantasy, horror, general fiction... most of the things we human squishy bits don't tend to collide. I want to write something fantasy based with heavy erotic subplot and for that I need her.

~That should be interesting.

I hope so. But that's not for some time yet. Probably late next year before we can even start. In the meantime, I have plenty of keep me busy.