

Bookish Escape: Cassandra Palmer Discussion – December 16, 2011

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Panelists: Larissa (Larissa's Bookish Life) and Dana (Readaholics Anonymous)

Episode Notes: There are a ton of urban fantasy series out there, but none, in my opinion, get any better than the fabulous Cassandra Palmer series by Karen Chance. From the moment we meet Cassie in *Touch the Dark* to the "oh my god, what just happened" ending in *Hunt the Moon*, we get to see her develop from a simple vampire ward to a force to be reckon with. Plus, who doesn't love all the fabulous men she must deal with on a daily basis – Pritkin, Mircea and Kit just to name a few. Yes, I love Kit Marlowe and I totally can't wait to see more of him.

Cassie is one of my all time favorites and the sixth book is not coming out soon enough. Larissa (from [Larissa's Bookish Life](#)) happens to agree with me. Are we the only ones? Is anyone else waiting to see what happens to Pritkin? Is anyone rooting for Pritkin or are you firmly in camp Mircea? Let's discuss this amazing series, so join us at [Talk Shoe](#) on **November 16th at 8pm EST** and let's talk about it. Please notice the time difference. With *Daylight Savings*, Larissa is even farther ahead of those of us in EST now and we've adjusted the time so she's not up after midnight.

The recording has started.

<SamanthaB> Can I request that one week this chat move to Friday or Saturday? I'd like to be able to call T_T

<SamanthaB> Pritkin is totally over-represented in the short stories - I want Mircea to have some equal air time here!

<literaryescapism> We can dot hat Sam 😊

<LarissasLife> sure! we'll do it on a sat or fri =D

<literaryescapism> Complete series order with blurb: <http://www.literaryescapism.com/23824/be-cassandra-palmer-discussion>

<literaryescapism> All short stories are frees and that link above has direct links to the Kindle version

<SamanthaB> <3 <3 <3 Love you guys

<SamanthaB> It depends on what the prequel is dealing with

<literaryescapism> Larissa and I are playing with the day of the week that we're doing these one, see which one gives us a bigger crowd 😊

<literaryescapism> So we can try a Fri/Sat night one in January or Feb. Or maybe Sabina.

<Lannister> Weekend would be cool. I'm in the UK and it's 1.15 am here. Only joining in cos I'm on holiday from work this week.

<literaryescapism> Sweet. Thanks for joining us Lannister. Larissa has the same problem, just not as bad. She's in Brazil and I think it's 11p there

<SamanthaB> I don't like those that set so far back that the characters you're familiar with aren't around

<Lannister> Hey, I love Marlowe. MORE MARLOWE!!

<Readaholic> I love Marlowe, too!

<Lannister> Yay! 😊

<literaryescapism> Marlowe is pretty awesome

<SamanthaB> The exception being Anne Bishop's THE INVISIBLE RING - that was nicely done

<SamanthaB> And, I'm sorry, Cassie jumps all through time like an Energizer Bunny on crack - there is no reason she can't appear in any prequel

<Lannister> Yeah, I wonder if Cassie will ever meet Pritkin's wife in the past. That would be interesting.

<SamanthaB> Yup

<Lannister> That's the guy she lost her virginity too.

<Lannister> Maybe not quite brotherly love 😊

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<SamanthaB> I'm Team Mircea so...

<Readaholic> Team Mircea, yeah!

<Lannister> Team Pritkin here :P

<literaryescapism> Pritkin!

<LarissasLife> PRITKIN!!!!

<Readaholic> Pritkin is getting sweeter and sweeter.

<Lannister> Yeah, I loved Mircea at the start, but it's Pritkin all the way now

<SamanthaB> I just think of Pritkin like a big brother - who kisses her, but still. Maybe more like a cousin in that case.

<Lannister> YES!!!

<literaryescapism> I love LC!

<smyles00> Hey Jackie!! I'm lurking 😊 like I promised

<literaryescapism> yea! 😊

<SamanthaB> I think it needs to be clarified whether Mircea wants Cassie or if he wants the political vamp clout she could give him

<Lannister> I think Mircea cares for Cassie, but he's all about the vamps first and foremost.

<literaryescapism> Agreed Sam

<literaryescapism> antha

<Lannister> Agreed Samantha!

<SamanthaB> Sam is preferred ^^

<literaryescapism> oh good.

<literaryescapism> 😊

<literaryescapism> that's what I keep wanting to say 😊

<SamanthaB> OI! I said that >.>

<Lannister> Sam it is 😊

<Lannister> Less typing

<SamanthaB> I think it is totally unfair that both male love interests are immortal and powerful and Cassie is just powerful - in either case, they give her

<SamanthaB> a century so, mourn awhile, move on

<SamanthaB> Totally unfair.

<Lannister> Pritkin never asks for anything from Cassie. Mircea's all about manipulating Cassie into doing what he wants, or what the Vamp Council wants.

<literaryescapism> Yup

<Lannister> Sam, yeah, but now that we know her mother's a goddess, maybe she'll have a longer life too??

<SamanthaB> But so far everything he's asked for has benefited her too - or been intended to help him

<SamanthaB> Except she can't be a vamp

<SamanthaB> But in Greek mythology, having a divine parent hasn't been enough to get immortality - the parent then has to interfere and give it to them

<literaryescapism> but do we know that said parent hasn't?

<literaryescapism> said parent has imprinted an important tattoo onto Cassie

<literaryescapism> what does that tat do?

<SamanthaB> Also, isn't her mother dead? Like DEAD dead?

<literaryescapism> yes, but we don't know what she's done prior to becoming dead

<SamanthaB> Chinese consul - gives Mircea shirts

<SamanthaB> Oh! I know what you're talking about!

<literaryescapism> Thank you Samantha!

<Lannister> Yeah Dantes

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<literaryescapism> <http://karenchance.com/timeline.html>

<SamanthaB> Would you rather Dory and Cassie meet in a Cassie book or a Dory book?

<Lannister> Dory book

<Lannister> I want to see her laying into Mircea for not telling her

<Lannister> I like the way she doesn't take any crap from Mircea

<SamanthaB> Lamia scales are supposed to be good for aging skin

<literaryescapism> So we had it mixed up

<literaryescapism> thank you Sam!

<SamanthaB> ^^ Live to serve

<Lannister> I loved the fact that there was so much humour in the books.

<SamanthaB> I loved when Pritkin and Cassie body swapped - hilarity ensued! ESPECIALLY when Mircea found out.

<SamanthaB> I loved the ending of that book in the dress shop too.

<Lannister> Oh god yes! That is the funniest thing I've ever read in Urban Fantasy

<SamanthaB> Whatever happened Rasputin?

<Lannister> I liked that scene where Mircea makes himself Raphael's master by taking Tony's blood out and replacing it with his own. That was something different

<Lannister> that I hadn't read in a vamp book before

<LarissasLife> I dont remember that LOL

<Lannister> It was, um, 4th book? after MAGIC blows up and they have to travel during the day & Raphael gets mega sunburned

<Lannister> I only remember it so well cos I did a discussion on Goodreads about it, so I had to STUDY!

<Lannister> 😊

<Lannister> Oh, I hate that. I find it offputting when I'm reading.

<Lannister> It takes me out of the story

<SamanthaB> You know what I found incredibly frustrating? That stupid parking lot behind Dante's. Book 1, 2 AND 3 has Cassie dropping by that parking lot!

<Lannister> LOL Sam, I know. I was sick of the sight of it.

<Lannister> All the time travelling was a bit confusing

<SamanthaB> Most of it I can follow, but that parking lot! ARGH!

<Lannister> Marlowe

<Lannister> It's his curly mop of hair

<SamanthaB> Raphael

<Lannister> Louis Cesare is the hottest

<Lannister> In my opinion 😊

<SamanthaB> Casanova

<SamanthaB> It's like it's some sort of temporal cornerstone!

<SamanthaB> Sorry?

<LarissasLife> you are feeding the note-taking monster lol

<literaryescapism> Louis Cesare is hot

<SamanthaB> YES! ^^

<Lannister> Yeah, it's the description of his auburn curls, he sounds delish

<LarissasLife> lol

<Lannister> Yeah but I'm off work tomorrow

<SamanthaB> Well, let's do the spoilers now then

<SamanthaB> Well, you could just mail me the book...

<LarissasLife> LMAO

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<SamanthaB> Ha.I'd be game for that.

<literaryescapism> I'm going to be figuring out how to record group video chats on Skype, so I'll have to keep this in mind

<SamanthaB> Well, you could keep the spoilers and mail me the books instead....

<literaryescapism> New feature! Spoilers with Larissa and Sam

<literaryescapism> I got the feature title - Wanna Be Spoiled?

<SamanthaB> I mean, you've already ALIEN PROLIFERATION!

<literaryescapism> ZShhh...I still need to open it

<SamanthaB> already READ - whoops

<literaryescapism> it's sitting on my desk

<SamanthaB> Exactly! I have to wait another MONTH!

<SamanthaB> Poor Lar - so put upon

<SamanthaB> And it comes out December 6 so, yeah, a month-ish

<SamanthaB> ^^ Yes, I do

<SamanthaB> Listening to the narrator do Otto's voice for the first time sent soda out of my nose.

<SamanthaB> Book 2 was EVIL

<Lannister> That's an XKCD cartoon

<Lannister> <http://xkcd.com/386/>

<Lannister> Bye

<SamanthaB> Night Lar, you poor darling <3

<SamanthaB> I like Raphael - he's SUCH a sweetie!

<SamanthaB> I liked the snapshot we got thanks to Claire

<SamanthaB> The Dark Fae seem pretty cool

<Lannister> Yeah, I think Cassie'll be going back into Faerie at some point.

<Lannister> She'll want to track Tony & her father

<Lannister> I think the reason I like Pritkin so much is because I didn't like him at the start

<Lannister> I like having my perceptions messed with!

<Lannister> Yeah, Tony's been the bad guy since book one

<Lannister> I think it might be the final book before they have the showdown though

<SamanthaB> And (again) what happened to Rasputin?

<Lannister> I think the whole series has been building towards that

<literaryescapism> I have forgotten about Rasputin

<Lannister> Didn't Rasputin disappear into Faerie with Tony?

<SamanthaB> No idea - his Pythia-wannabe was killed and POOF! he wasn't mentioned again that I recall

<Lannister> Yeah, I might be misremembering, I just thought he went with Tony.

<literaryescapism> I don't remember Rasputin at all

<SamanthaB> I didn't even think he knew Tony - I thought they two different bad guy plots

<Lannister> Yeah, but doesn't Tony have her father's spirit trapped.

<SamanthaB> I was just going to say that!

<literaryescapism> oh yeah!

<Lannister> Cos obviously Cassie will be able to talk to her father in spirit form

<Lannister> Well, I presume so anyway

<literaryescapism> yup

<Guest 16> doesn

<SamanthaB> I'm just obsessive ^^

<Guest 16> can she be with M and me bonded to P at the same time? -Rayna

<Guest 16> That was "be" not "me"

<Lannister> Here's something I like to ask people ...

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<SamanthaB> For a girl who can teleport anywhere, any when you'd think she'd see more of the world

<SamanthaB> No, no, no - still Team Mircea

<Lannister> If Mircea does care for Cassie, how will you feel about him being jilted if Cassie decides to go off with Pritkin?

<Guest 16> TEAM Pritkin FTW!!!

<Lannister> My theory is that Cassie will end up with Pritkin, and Mircea will end up as the head of the Vampire Council, cos I think he cares more about

<Lannister> his career and position

<Guest 16> But M treats her like a trinket. I cant imagine being with a man like him. Now that she is growing into her powers.

<literaryescapism> yup

<Guest 16> true P has changed since his first appearence.

<Lannister> I'm Team Pritkin all the way, but I don't like to think of Mircea as heart broken either

<Guest 16> LOL

<Guest 16> no one is like Anita. But Anita

<Guest 16> Pritkin respects her.

<SamanthaB> She's gone damn far for Mircea too - saving him from his double-backed curse, saving his brother...

<Guest 16> Mircea wont be as heart broken as we think.

<Guest 16> Yeah i thought he got eaten or something.

<Lannister> Yeah, I love BJ

<Lannister> No, they cant

<SamanthaB> Would-be sex scene with Mircea in first book proves that

<Lannister> That clairvoyant little girl could see him

<SamanthaB> If nothing else does

<Guest 16> but he can posses others though, right?

<Lannister> But she has similar powers to Cassie

<Guest 16> yeah that would be funny as hell

<Guest 16> FIELD TRIP!!!

<Guest 16> What about the Caleb?

<Guest 16> Will he become more involved since P is MIA?

<Lannister> Mircea will try to capitalize on the situation, cos that's what he does

<Lannister> Caleb might be Cassie's new protector if Mircea lets him

<Guest 16> OOO yeah. If she stays in one place. and if he gets into the penthouse. Darn Vamps!

<literaryescapism> I think Cassie knows where P is.

<literaryescapism> He had told her the deal

<Lannister> Does everyone think Cassie will be heading into hell?

<Guest 16> The voices in her head can't agree. They should take a vote.

<Guest 16> yep

<Lannister> Yes Ive read it

<Guest 16> What when?

<Guest 16> what book was that?

<Lannister> Maybe she might make a deal with Rosier without going into hell?

<literaryescapism> Maybe

<Guest 16> ha. he will make her go there.

<literaryescapism> She doesn't trust Rosier, but she does want Pritkin back

<SamanthaB> Unfortunately, I have to go. T_T Night y'all - great chatting with you.

<Guest 16> night

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<literaryescapism> night Sam

<Lannister> Rosier might be willing to do a deal with the Pythia in exchange for Pritkin. He wants power

<Guest 16> wow to many hands want to be in the pot.

<Lannister> Yeah talk about being torn in half a dozen directions at once

<Guest 16> I have a question about the fey. Will we hear anything from "The Morrigan" since she or it sent that thing?

<Guest 16> so if we have morrigan, merlin, what or who is arthur? Since he was the main catalyst?

<Lannister> I'm drawing a blank

<Guest 16> yeah

<Guest 16> on the mountain

<Guest 16> she came back naked

<Guest 16> you mean grimoire

<Guest 16> talking that book P has

<Guest 14> yeah he is

<Lannister> Yeah, he is

<Guest 16> yep

<Guest 16> and he hated that name

<Lannister> Yeah, he's been around since the 6th century or something

<Guest 16> and no sex either that sucked

<Guest 16> nope

<Guest 16> i thought someone found a page from it

<Guest 16> I see at least 5 more books

<Guest 16> 😊

<Lannister> I think there's supposed to be 9 books in total in the Cassie series

<Lannister> So maybe four more?

<Guest 16> That is how many unanswered questions

<Guest 16> hmm I have 21 on every shelf

<Guest 16> LOL you might be right

<Lannister> Yeah, so we've got Cassie going to hell, Cassie going to Faerie

<Lannister> The war with the Dark Circle

<Lannister> Hunting Tony & her father

<Guest 16> cassie in search of grimoire

<Lannister> what else has to be finished up?

<Guest 16> Mircea and pritkin

<Guest 16> she has to chose

<Lannister> I don't think she'll chose til the last book

<Lannister> But the Circle has got the new leader now

<Lannister> So they're on the same side

<Guest 16> didnt the old man say she had to marry?

<Guest 16> and was shpping for fiancees

<Lannister> He wanted her to date different people to keep all the parties happy

<Guest 16> ah

<Guest 16> then the one date was possesed

<Lannister> Isn't there going to be a werewolf in the next book?

<Guest 16> I love the fact she had a body double

<Guest 14> no he tried to keep them away

<Lannister> I think the dating was just a political thing

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<Guest 16> werewolf?he was pissed and thought it was a waste of training time

<Lannister> I'm sure Mircea understood that

<Guest 16> lol and they go together

<Lannister> The werewolf thing was something the Silver Circle guy explained

<Guest 16> He just doesnt realize he lost her already

<Lannister> Dam, I can't remember all the details

<Lannister> It was a trilogy thing that involved her mother

<Guest 16> yep

<Guest 16> great anyone taking minutes for next year

<Guest 16> lol

<literaryescapism> The chatroom transcript will be saved.

<Guest 16> ah yeah

<Guest 16> wow that was quick

<Guest 16> nope. I am good

<Guest 16> I was busy with kittens

<Guest 16> want one

<Guest 16> ouch

<Guest 16> k yay

<Guest 16> giveaway time

<Guest 16> for one year

<Guest 16> thank you for this. It was nice.

<Lannister> Thanks everyone, I'm off to bed now

<Guest 16> nigt lann

<Lannister> Night

The recording has ended.