

Bookish Escape: Vicki Pettersson & THE TAKEN – July 9, 2011

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Panelists: Larissa (*Larissa's Bookish Life*) and Vicki Pettersson

Episode Notes: Are you a fan of Vicki Pettersson's *Signs of the Zodiac* series? Have you heard about *The Taken*, which starts a fabulous new supernatural noir series? If not, where have you been? *The Taken* hits stores on June 12th and Larissa (from *Larissa's Bookish Life*) and I totally can't wait to see it. Are you curious to see what it is about? Would you like to meet the characters before *The Taken* is released on June 12th? If so, Larissa and I hope you will join us on TONIGHT at 8:30pm EST as we talk with Vicki about her new series. UPDATE: We'll also be giving away a signed personalized copy of *The Taken*, to be delivered after June 20th, to one lucky participant.

The recording has started.

<kyatty2007> let's go 😊

<Guest 6> would those put on mute be referred ad mutant?

<SamanthaB> Is the book in 3rd or 1st person?

<literaryescapism> 3rd

<literaryescapism> FYI....we will be giving away a copy of THE TAKEN at the end of the chat

<Guest 10> yay!!

<ShaunaGranger> 😊

<Guest 6> I like both narration type, but i find it really, really hard to write on first person level

<Guest 6> oooh! coincidental magic! 😊

<SamanthaB> Why is the series title "Celestial Blue"?

<ShaunaGranger> So glad you're bringing the whole Rockabilly scene into this series! The subculture is big, but not a lot of people know enough about it.

<Guest 10> This is so awesome! This is the first chat I've ever joined. I am in awe of the many ways authors, bloggers and book lovers can get together

<ShaunaGranger> Yes, we do in SoCal! The Johnny Cash festival is this weekend in fact 😊

<Quincey_Forder> back after signing in ^^ hope I didn't miss too much

<Guest 4> And people dressed classy to go downtown...

<SamanthaB> It's on the back cover - you're golden

<literaryescapism> okay good. grin

<kyatty2007> I so know what I'm doing all weekend...I'll be lucky to move off my couch 😊

<Quincey_Forder> reading the pitch, I find it really good inspiration for World of Darkness supplement Mage Noir

<SamanthaB> What influenced the decision to publish this new series in trade?

<Quincey_Forder> hi, Vicki! waves from Belgium ^^ got a question: is there any chance in the future to have a spinoff of the Zodiac in graphic novel form?

<literaryescapism> THE TAKEN is out tomorrow (so yes Nicole, I can mail it to you if you want, but you'll get it faster at the store :P)

<kyatty2007> nope

<kyatty2007> I haz to read before next week. On BN now G

<Quincey_Forder> I'm saving it for my 13 hours flight to San Diego. It'll be so hard to refrain to read it before!

<Quincey_Forder> if you were to cast an actor for Gryff's (sp?) role, whom would you pick?

<kyatty2007> They had some cute clothes then, but I don't have the looks to pull it off

<wickedlilpixie> Cha Cha's website <http://www.chachavelour.com/>

<VickiPettersson> ChaCha Velour

<wickedlilpixie> 😊

<Quincey_Forder> hi, Vicki! you found me out! 😊

<kyatty2007> Yay!!

<Guest 10> NYPD Blue is a great example of the correlation of detective work and the color blue

<Guest 10> I know that's late, my computer was tripping. lol

<kyatty2007> So you aren't ruling coming back to the Zodiac world? Woo!

<kyatty2007> you were breaking up Jackie

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<Quincey_Forder> a movie with Qui Gon Jin actor. oh. different Taken?
<SamanthaB> So, wait, is Kit dead or alive?
<literaryescapism> alive
<ShaunaGranger> Can you tell us a little about the pinup contest at the 3 stops?
<wickedlilpixie> Kit is alive
<wickedlilpixie> read faster Jackie.
<literaryescapism> 😊
<kyatty2007> ha ha ha ha IKR!
<ShaunaGranger> Still deciding between going to Burbank or Redondo to see you!
<Quincey_Forder> **pictures Gryff sitting by a computer, trying to make it work** "how does that Second Life thingie working, exactly?"
<ShaunaGranger> Totally doing it.
<kyatty2007> oooh please tell me you'll post pics of the contests on the blog
<Guest 4> Do you see 'spin-off' story possibilities for any of the Zodiac or the Celestial Blues characters in the future?
<ShaunaGranger> Do you know which stop? Who could compete with "the dress"?
<SamanthaB> Could you write his name here, please?
<kyatty2007> Larry...I couldn't catch the last name
<literaryescapism> Larry Rostant
<Quincey_Forder> /me is going to be at the San Diego stop. when is that stop btw? I'm in SD from 8th to 26th of July and leaving on the 27th.
<kyatty2007> June 15 Quincey
<SamanthaB> Jackie, you broke up and I missed the end of your question...
<kyatty2007> June 15, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
SAN DIEGO, CA - Mysterious Galaxy; 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard San Diego, CA 92111
<literaryescapism> Vicki's tour schedule (on the sidebar) <http://www.vickipettersson.com/blog/>
<Quincey_Forder> awww! bummer! that's weeks before I get there 😞 sorry I'm going to miss you, Kim
<Quincey_Forder> err, Vicki
<Quincey_Forder> three am makes me doozy 😊
<SamanthaB> Did you ever answer Quincey's graphic novel question about the potential of Zodiac going graphic?
<Guest 4> I think she said not at this time Samantha
<ShaunaGranger> I'm trying to help spread the word!
<wickedlilpixie> I'm not saying a word, I'm the only one whose finished it...so I don't wanna slip up
<LarissasLife> shut it tentacles LMAO
<Guest 10> Do you have any projects plans after the Celestial Blues Trilogy?
<ShaunaGranger> Random question, do you know if the book store is set up for dancing while the band is on?
<kyatty2007> Ah WLP spoilers are good ha ha ha
<Guest 16> Shauna, Redondo Beach will have the live band.
<wickedlilpixie> nope, you must read it without me saying a word. It's so much better that way
<ShaunaGranger> 😊
<ShaunaGranger> I can
<ShaunaGranger> Yep, not to the extreme but I will be rocking my victory rolls and my hubs is dressing
<ShaunaGranger> I'm CA
<Guest 10> lol
<Quincey_Forder> color me ignorant, but what is rockabilly, exactly? Heard that name quite a lot but never exactly got its meaning
<literaryescapism> Victory Rolls? <http://www.swingfashionista.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/ditafree074.jpg>
<Guest 18> any chance you will come out to the east coast for book signings? and rockabilly is amazing.
<Quincey_Forder> yes. I'll have to check this out more ^^
<Quincey_Forder> back! my Java crashed.
<literaryescapism> Rockabilly research via Vicki's site:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/59620501@N08/sets/72157629726051315/>
<Quincey_Forder> thanks!

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<Guest 16> The dress should be form fitting enough to show off your figure, but loose enough to show you're a lady. no sausage dresses.:)

<Guest 16> the book is awesome!! 😊

<SamanthaB> ...I can ask Zodiac questions, right?

<literaryescapism> yes Samantha

<literaryescapism> <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0117802/>

<Guest 4> Vegas baby Vegas!

<literaryescapism> That's the swingers movie

<SamanthaB> Just checking. ^^ I'm not sure if spoilery or not, so I'll hold off till the recording stops.

<Guest 4> Well I am a Vegas girl so you can't live here and not know Swingers or who Vicki Pettersson is.

<ShaunaGranger> Victory rolls: <http://www.pinuppassion.com/images/victoryrolls7.jpg>

<Guest 18> east coast book signings?

<kyatty2007> oooh that's awesome!

<Quincey_Forder> oh, btw, speaking of fame, Vicki do you know if Zodiac and-or Taken has been licenced for a French edition?

<SamanthaB> I always feel bad for the little boy in that movie

<Guest 18> boston is great too! **hint hint** 😊

<Quincey_Forder> Brussels? **joking**

<SamanthaB> Are you serious? One day I will so totally go. I swear it - one day!

<literaryescapism> Does anyone have any questions for vicki?

<kyatty2007> not for recording 😊

<literaryescapism> What's the question?

<Guest 16> if this was turned into a movie, who would play Grif? rowr.

<kyatty2007> mine?

<literaryescapism> yup

<kyatty2007> ha ha you already know what it is

<Quincey_Forder> I'd love to read science-fiction written by Vicki ^^

<literaryescapism> yeah, I'm brain-blanking right now... **grin**

<kyatty2007> I FB'd it to you earlier...

<kyatty2007> ooh standalone?

<literaryescapism> gtocha

<Guest 4> Do you see yourself branching out into stories set in places other than Vegas? (Not that I'm complaining, it's nice to read recognize a place)

<Quincey_Forder> when you start a new book, what's the process you go through between the idea to the first draft?

<kyatty2007> and you made 2 worlds **G**

<wickedlilpixie> gotta run, **waves**

<Quincey_Forder> do you make a synopsis and dramatis personae? I'm pretty systematic when I start a story

<SamanthaB> Why do you go back and forth between Dallas and Vegas?

<Guest 4> I'm cool with that.

<ShaunaGranger> Tom Hardy

<Guest 10> R

<SamanthaB> ...Gosling?

<Guest 10> Ryan Gosslin?

<SamanthaB> Ryan Gosling!

<ShaunaGranger> Yes, he's pretty. In Crazy Stupid Love he was "hot"

<Guest 16> my sister said grif on the cover looks kinds like gossling 😊

<ShaunaGranger> I vote for Tom Hardy as Griff

<Quincey_Forder> Zodiac is the BEST inspiration for game masters and players who play UNKNOWN ARMIES. especially since our GM set his campaign in Vegas.

<SamanthaB> I think he can go either way as THE NOTEBOOK proves

<ShaunaGranger> Inception

<Guest 10> Not pretty but definately HOT. Have you seen Crazy Stupid LOVE?!

<ShaunaGranger> Love Emma Stone

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<ShaunaGranger> She's Gosling's love interest in Crazy Stupid Love
<Guest 10> Also in Crazy Stupid Love
<SamanthaB> He's the non-Chris Pine spy in THIS MEANS WAR and he's Bane in DARK KNIGHT RISES but that's...well, remember Ledger as the Joker? Not helpful.
<Guest 16> i'll play kit, opposite gossling 😊 lol
<Quincey_Forder> the lady from Continuum would do a nice Kit, if the cover is accurate portrait of her
<ShaunaGranger> Thank you Samantha, totally drawing a blank there lol
<Guest 10> Amanda Sigfried with darker hair
<Guest 10> Did I spell her name right?
<SamanthaB> On side note, Chris Pine is yummy
<SamanthaB> Loved him as Kirk in STAR TREK
<Quincey_Forder> I'll have to go soon. it's almost four in the morning here, and I work in 4 hours and a half
<SamanthaB> Joanna as Joanna or as Olivia?
<Quincey_Forder> make her animated ^^
<Guest 16> i'll play joanna opposite gerard butler, as hunter? >_<
<SamanthaB> Oh, it would rock as an anime
<Guest 10> lol at guest 16
<SamanthaB> Except that TV and romance tends to take FOREVER
<Quincey_Forder> Madhouse or Production IG would be the best way to go
<kyatty2007> Yeah Vamp D took a HUGE detour
<Guest 16> i'd love to see the zodiac series through the comic books that the kids read and collected
<SamanthaB> Once Upon a Time, for instance, drove me crazy with the Snow/Charming, David/Mary Margaret drama - they kept getting this || close and messing up.GAH!
<SamanthaB> Except Twilight - movies are better
<Guest 4> I get mad when the movie doesn't mlive up to the book
<Quincey_Forder> Hunger Games movie was awesome
<literaryescapism> agreed
<Guest 16> i couldnt get through LotR books either.
<Guest 10> I am very critical when books are turned into movies/series. They almost never messure up to me.
<Quincey_Forder> Judy Dench as President Coin ^^
<SamanthaB> Lord of the Rings cut out all the explanation parts for the movies, which was good, and added more women...but they also cut Glorfindel & Tom Bombadil
<Guest 10> I can't bring myself to ring Lord of the Rings
<SamanthaB> and Arwen's brothers. Twin elves would've been nice to see.
<Guest 18> books are allways better. you are able to meld the authors world with your own insted of seeing some twisted idea the director has.
<Guest 10> Or watch the movies
<LarissasLife> I did miss the shire war in the movies hehe I still hate that they skipped it =/
<SamanthaB> I always try to judge the movies/tv series on their own - it's only fair since they rarely stack up to the books
<Guest 16> what is your FAAAAAVORITE book?
<ShaunaGranger> I hear kids have ereaders, but they're full of games, not books. So sad.
<Guest 10> I have friends who find my reading habits terrible. I think some of them think I have an anti social diorder
<Guest 4> We had this discussion in my lit class and it is funny because I see people reading on their kindles and ipads at work at lunch everyday
<Quincey_Forder> got all of Vicki's books on my kindle ^^
<SamanthaB> That's just wrong. I mean, READ is right there in the dang thing's name!
<SamanthaB> You guys ever read CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY? The Oompa Loompa's song for Mike Teevee pretty much says it all.
<kyatty2007> hell yes the book is ALWAYS better
<Guest 10> I LOVE EVE DALLAS!!!!
<Guest 16> i love how The Taken has super light elements (Kit's personal sunshine) and SUPER dark elements mashed up into one story.

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<Quincey_Forder> well, folks, it's time for me to go. four am here. It was great chatting with you, Vicki! see you on Twitter ^^

<Guest 16> is it hard for you to write those super dark elements or does it eventually bother you?

<Quincey_Forder> thanks all for the great time!

<Guest 10> Im on the last one. I love the series. Mystery and Mayhem!!!

<SamanthaB> It was fun watching THAT progress on Twitter, LOL - Lar was like a total machine. I took twice that long to get through it.

<LarissasLife> LMAO Sam!!!

<Quincey_Forder> four in the morning ^^

<Quincey_Forder> bye! au revoir, tout le monde!

<kyatty2007> bonsoir1

<SamanthaB> I love Nora Robert's...what was it? Montana Sky? The one about the three half-sisters who have to live together on their dead father's ranch for a year

<kyatty2007> ok who broke Vicki?

<VickiPettersson> Yeah Montana Sky!

<VickiPettersson> I'm not broken. They broke themselves.

<LarissasLife> lol

<Guest 18> vicki cant wait till the new book comes out - and if you come to boston be sure to go to the north end for pizza - then coffee.

<SamanthaB> You mean end the recording, right? Not the chat?

<Guest 10> This has been a pleasure for sure. My first chat, I will be joining in more often!

<ShaunaGranger> Thanks for your time Vicki!

<kyatty2007> oooh something for off record, besides my other one....is there a limit on what you'll sign in Cinci

<SamanthaB> I definitely have a question or two for the spoiler section, big surprise, LOL

<Guest 10> Thanks for having me!

<Guest 16> i'll be @ burbank 😊

<Guest 4> I'm going to try to make your signing in Vegas.

<kyatty2007> ha ha hum no

<kyatty2007> # of books

<LarissasLife> lol Sam you are so predictable =P

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