

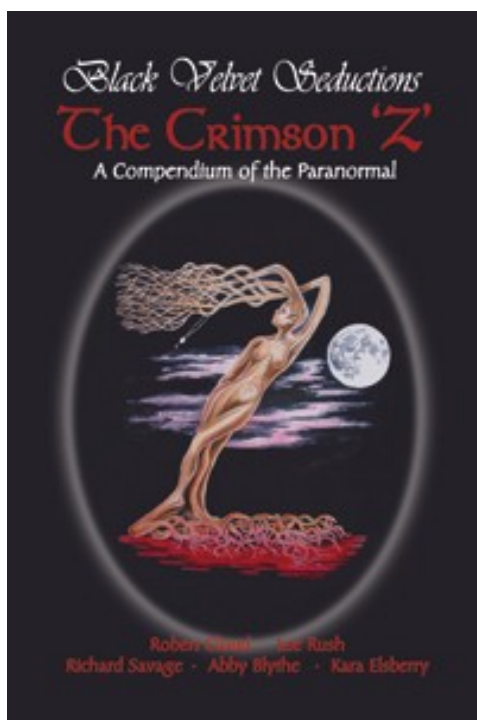
# Black Velvet Seductions



*Black Velvet Seductions Winter 2007 Free Reader's Newsletter*  
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## THE BIRTH OF THE CRIMSON Z

By Robert Cloud



***The Crimson Z***  
*A Compendium of the Paranormal*

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The authors of Black Velvet Seductions and the editor gathered together in a Yahoo chat for a brainstorming session to come up with an idea for an anthology for Halloween.

Several ideas were tossed around. The first idea actually centered around a haunted house with two spirits. One trapped within the house and the other trapped within an item inside the house. They were to have been lovers, or husband and wife, or lovers that had never been able to consummate their love. Each author would have followed a new resident of the house. Then one of the authors suggested that perhaps there would be a piece of jewelry involved instead of the original item we had suggested. This got my mind whirling.

Suddenly, I pictured an old man setting up a shop. Inside the shop was a cabinet full of jewelry. Each piece of jewelry that had been created under a special set of conditions would be marked with the mark of the jeweler, an intricate Z. This gave rise to the idea of the mark turning a brilliant red when the light of the sun or moon hit it in a certain way. The birth of

The Crimson Z took place and I spilled it out into the brainstorming session. Everyone rallied around the idea and the haunted house went to the wayside and the ideas of the mystical jewelry surfaced in everyone's mind.

I did not want the piece to be a standard anthology. I wanted the tale of the jeweler to be central to the book so I planned to write a story weaving each of the main stories together with little interludes as he told the stories to some person who had become an admirer of the cabinet and a seeker of the stories.

As I began writing it began to develop into even more of a story. The tale of Zachariah and Melanie became a love story that spanned an age difference that few could contemplate and yet it made my heart yearn for them to succeed.

The original idea of the spirit being trapped in an object had never left my mind. It had stayed there and had grown from the very minute Zachariah was formed.

Lilith was born. Her spirit and her evil watching and waiting to find a way to be free to unleash her evil upon the unsuspecting innocence of Melanie fueled the story.

Meanwhile the tales continued to grow. As each author turned in their piece and I completed the interludes between them I saw new growth and power develop. Then the editor stepped in and pulled that extra from me that she always does.

The Crimson Z is a series of very powerful stories, unlike anything you will ever read. I hope you agree with me, I know I am prejudiced, but I also know you will not be disappointed.

***Read excerpts of all the stories in The Crimson Z at the black Velvet Seductions website***  
[\*\*\*http://www.blackvelvetseductions.com\*\*\*](http://www.blackvelvetseductions.com)



*Black Velvet Seductions  
Announces  
Valentines Day Contest*

Several Black Velvet Seductions authors have been busy creating special Valentines Day stories for our Valentines Day contest.

Some of the stories are truthful accounts of a favorite Valentines Day actually experienced by one of our authors. Some of the accounts are fictional, entirely made up by our tricky authors.

It will be the task of our site visitors, through careful study of the excerpts and so on on our site to figure out not only which stories are true, but which stories were written by which author.

The contestant who correctly matches the most authors with their stories will win a free ebook of their choice.

The contestant who correctly determines most accurately which stories were true and which were false will win a free ebook of their choice.

The contestant who most accurately determines both the correct author and the truthfulness of each piece will win two ebooks of their choice.

Be careful though. Our authors love to tease and trick. Just because a story starts out "I" doesn't mean it is a true story. Conversely, just because a story is written in third person (he did, she did) doesn't mean it is untrue.

Visit our site on February 5th thru the 14th to enter our contest. Only one entry per contestant please.

*Find Your Favorite Author's  
Newsletters, Websites, Blogs & Emails*

Very soon visitors to the Black Velvet Seductions website at <http://www.blackvelvetseductions.com> will be able to find links to their favorite author's newsletter, website, blog, and emails, all from our clean, attractive, easy to navigate site.

We are expanding to make our site better for readers and authors alike.

**Watch for Exciting Changes!**

## Coming Soon!

### Black Velvet Seductions Birthday Club

Watch the Black Velvet Seductions site for the birthday club banner which will be appearing soon. When the banner appears click it to join the club that gives you gifts on your birthday!

### Find Books By Author

Have you ever discovered a new favorite author and wanted to read all their previous books but balked at the amount of research it would take to find them all, especially those written under other names or published by different publishers? Soon there will be a new area at the Black Velvet Seductions website where readers will be able to locate all the currently available books by their favorite authors regardless of how many pen names the author uses or how many publishers have published their work. The new area will also include links to the publisher's website where the book can be published.

### Nominate Your Favorite Books

We will be adding a new area that will allow readers to nominate their favorite Black Velvet Seductions books to "the keeper shelf." Books appearing on the keeper shelf will appear on special pages of the website, along with the comments of all those who nominated them.

### Contest Corner

We are working on a brand new area of the website which will allow visitors to our website to locate contests hosted by Black Velvet Seductions authors as well as authors who are not published by Black Velvet Seductions. Our hope is that it will become a one stop spot for readers looking for author and publisher sponsored contests.

### Cover Art Contest

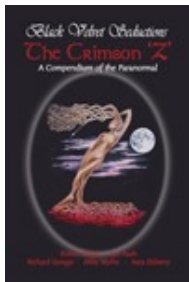
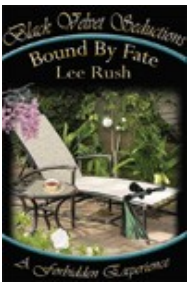
Beginning in March we will be hosting a brand new cover art contest. Come vote on your favorite covers each month and select the Black Velvet Seductions cover of the year.



## Themes Shape Both Writing and Art For Black Velvet Seductions Authors

Writers often develop certain themes that they write about. For example, Diana Palmer's books often have a hero and heroine who were childhood sweethearts who parted badly. The books are about reuniting. Reunification is a reoccurring theme in her books.

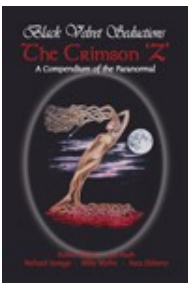
I wondered if the authors at Black Velvet Seductions had themes that were particularly alluring to them so I asked them about the themes in their books.



Lee Rush, author of **Bound by Fate**, a contemporary romance with a BDSM theme and **Love of a Pendant Heart** a novella length paranormal published as part of **The Crimson Z** anthology had this to say.

*"I guess for me the theme would be wrapped up in something found that you didn't really know you were searching for and the problems that go along with it when you realize you were searching for something. Most of my books are about how things happen in life that we don't plan on or expect and how they color the way we look at things. Friendships and things develop and change a lot of the things in our lives. They can cause heartache or happiness and it is the way that we adjust to those things that make us who and what we are."*

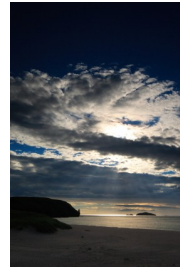
Lee smiles and adds, *"another thing that finds its way into my stories is the furry thing. I hung out in the furry rooms on Yahoo for awhile until the rooms were dismantled. In the time I spent there I met a lot of fun people that gave me great ideas for some of my stories. It might seem strange to some, but you really can find a story in the most unexpected of places!"*



Richard Savage, author of **The Anniversary** an erotic paranormal with a BDSM element that is part of Black Velvet Seductions recently released paranormal anthology **The Crimson Z** said, *"For me with both erotic writing and erotic art the only common theme or message I would like to get across is that all is normal, or at least not abnormal. I hear so many people bringing their own baggage to art and literature. There is a huge prejudice of what should be and what normality is."*

He sighed. *"I like to think that in caring, loving relationships, much more emphasis should be on the caring and loving. The activities as long as they are consensual are down to the indi-*

*viduals involved. The overriding theme in my stories and art is to show life in all its glorious shades. Explore freely. If you have never tried it how do you know if you like it or not?"* Ric's artwork can be seen at [www.swage.net](http://www.swage.net)



JC McCabe, author of **Killer Caregiver** a romantic suspense due out later this year said *"Suspense and romance are common in my writing. Ever since I can remember, I've always joined these two elements together because it is like adding dynamite to my story lines. And with suspense I can do what I love the most, research!"*

JC sank deeper into her chair with a reflective expression and explained further. *"Picking a topic is like picking an ear of corn. I look at it, turn it around, touch it to see if it is worth keeping. Then I pull off its skin and look at it naked. Then I ask, what can I use to dress up this naked theme to make it appeal?"*

*Research to me is like going to the top designers, picking out their hottest items and using them to dress up my theme. It worked for me in **Killer Caregiver**.*

*With **Killer Caregiver** creating my main characters was easy but making them live was less easy. Just saying that she was attacked by a sadist wasn't enough for me. I wanted the reader to feel what Abby felt so I needed to get inside her and live it, and I did.*

*Adding romance to **Killer Caregiver** adds a winning touch because it satisfies everyone's desire for perfect, true love.*

**Sensual — Erotic — Poignant  
Sensuous Journeys  
From Black Velvet Seductions**



Contract Bride  
Ayn Amorelli



Studs for Hire:  
Woman on Top  
Cherry Ames

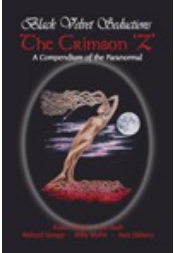
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## Author News



**News from Abby Blythe / Jessica Joy**  
**Author of:**  
**Fool Me Once**  
**Incorrigible (one of the stories in the Crimson Z anthology)**

Wow! At long last, I'm getting some peace and quiet from Virginia Marshall's nagging. For those of you who happened to read **Incorrigible**, which is one of the stories in the recently released **Crimson Z** anthology, you'll know that Virginia was a sex-loving, spirited specter who couldn't pass over until her murderer was brought to justice.



Even after I wrote the ending of **Incorrigible**, Virginia haunted me, demanding her own story. I tried to reason with her that justice had been served, and she should pass over and let me write another story, but she insisted that I find a way to reunite her with her one true love, Clay. (She can be pretty 'persuasive' <G>).

I'm pleased to say that I've just finished the first chapter of **Irrepressible** a story where Virginia is given a body, a hunky spirit guide named Gabriel, and a second chance at love...but not without a few challenges.

Here's the opening.

*Virginia Marshall's consciousness woke with a jolt. If she'd had a body instead of being a spirit, her pulse would have been racing, pounding hard in her ears. Instead, she was drowning in disorientation.*

*"Where am I?" she muttered. "What the hell is going on?"*

*Slowly, she turned surveying the unfamiliar surroundings – a bedroom, judging from the expensive, but tasteless, bed and dressers. The red satin comforter and sheets reminded her of a turn of the century bordello. It was bad enough she was still anchored in the mortal realm, but this place was positively tacky.*

*She hovered near the window glancing through the small square pains down the street. Modest bungalows lined the street. Why was she still here? Hadn't her soul been ready to pass over? She'd sensed the presence of her parents and grandparents, waiting for her in a bright cosmic light, but something had stopped her from moving toward them, tethering her to this mortal realm once again.*



**News from Lee Rush**  
**Author of:**  
**Bound by Fate**  
**Love of a Pendant Heart (one of the stories in the Crimson Z anthology)**

I'm still working on the rewrite of my first book, a story for the next edition of **The Crimson Z**, and have a couple more ideas running around in my head.

I tend to work on one until I run out of words for it and then work on another one, alternating back and forth. A bit time consuming maybe but eventually I get it all done!

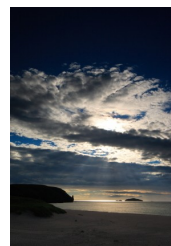
I'm also working on a story about a really, really nasty Dom and the submissive that falls under his spell, then breaks away to learn what a real Dom should be.

I'm creating a piece of jewelry that will be prominent in the next Halloween story. It will be used as a prize in a



contest when that book is released. It came out pretty nice, so much so that my grand daughter wants me to make one for her!

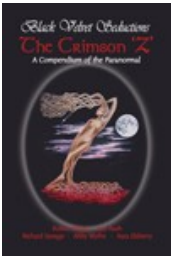
*The necklace featured in my next Crimson Z story. It will be given away when that book is released*



**News from JC McCabe**  
**Author of:**  
**Killer Caregiver (watch for it later this year)**

I am hard at work on my next novel. In it I want to take romance and suspense to the next level. Conflicting characters with a spice of forbidden lust wasn't enough for this novel so I'm going to sprinkle ashes and angel dust in this suspense....be careful who you root for in this novel. Your choice may cost you the death of your soul. Unclean...coming soon.

## Author News Continued



**News from Richard Savage**  
**Author and Cover Artist**

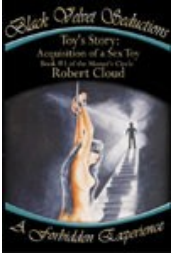
**Author of:**

***The Anniversary* (a story within *The Crimson Z* anthology)**

**Created Original cover art for:**

***The Crimson Z***

***Toy's Story: Acquisition of a Sex Toy***



I'm currently hard at work on several writing projects. My first task is to finish my story for the Valentines Day contest being held at the Black Velvet Seductions website in February.

Once that piece is complete ***Temporally Yours***, an erotic paranormal romance will take center stage. ***Temporally Yours*** is slated for the next edition of ***The Crimson Z***. Beyond that I will be working on my first novel length piece, ***The Trainer***. ***The Trainer*** is slated for Black Velvet Seduction's ***Forbidden Experiences*** line. Look for it later this year.

I had the opportunity to speak about my artwork at the Arthritis Research Club in Chatteris recently. Many of my art students were in attendance and the club members treated me like a celebrity which was fun. The event was covered in the ***Fenland Citizen***.

As always, I am interested in exploring ideas for new pictures, either for private clients who are looking for artwork for their home, or for commercial enterprises who are looking for a piece to make a corporate statement. I also work with several publishers and am always eager to discuss illustration or cover art work. My work can be seen at my website <http://www.swage.net>



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Give Him Something  
He'll Really Love!***

***Art prints and original  
fine art by erotic artist  
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