

Dragon Tales

News from Author Bryan Davis (January 2005)

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The hottest news – straight from the dragon’s mouth

Advance Reader Copies of Circles of Seven will be available by the end of January. If you would like to write a review for a publication, then please let me know, and I’ll send you a free copy. If you want to read the first chapter, go to <http://www.dragonsinourmidst.com/circles1.pdf> Adobe Acrobat Reader is required.

***Circles of Seven* is scheduled for an April, 2005 release.** Billy and Bonnie will face the greatest dangers they have ever encountered, relying on their faith and courage, along with their friends, in their journey to England and into the dark realms of the *Circles of Seven*. You can pre-order this book from me at <http://www.daviscrossing.com/circles.htm> or from Amazon.com at <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0899571727> .

School and church visits: I am currently scheduling speaking appearances at schools and churches through May. If you want me to visit your school, please let me know by e-mail at info@daviscrossing.com. If you are not in the Central Florida area, I need advance notice enough to schedule other events in or near your city to make the trip a good use of time and resources. I have made appearances at both public and Christian schools and can gear my speaking subjects accordingly. If you need a brochure, I can send you one.

I would especially like to set up a western U.S. tour in April, visiting Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, OR, and the Seattle area. The tricky part will be the scheduling, so if you would like for me to come your way and have contacts at schools, churches, and/or bookstores, please let me know as soon as possible.

Libraries: It would be a great help if readers would ask their public or school libraries to buy the book series for their collections. Librarians are sometimes more receptive to enthusiastic readers than to authors. If you show them the books or provide ISBN numbers, they can order them.

Here are the ISBN numbers:

Raising Dragons – 0899571700

The Candlestone – 0899571719

Circles of Seven - 0899571727

Bryan’s Appearance Schedule

February 1-3 – CBA Advance in Nashville, TN

Convention book signings and meetings with bookstore and distributor personnel

Public book signing in Nashville to be announced.

February 8 – Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Piedmont Lakes Middle School - Apopka, FL

February 16 – St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
Four speaking sessions: sixth through eighth grades

March 3-6 - Florida Christian Writers Conference Bradenton, FL
Working with authors

March 11-13 - Consecration: Christian Sci-fi and Fantasy Convention Chicago, IL
Participating in panel discussions

March 14 – Book signing, Cincinnati, OH
Family Christian Store
Eastgate Crossing Space 612
4530 Eastgate Blvd
Cincinnati, OH 45245-1256

March 15 – Miami Christian Academy, Cincinnati, OH
6830 School Street
Cincinnati, OH 45244
Speaking to students about writing

March 15 – Evening talk, Milford, OH
Faith Writers Book Club

March 31 and April 1 – Piedmont Lakes Middle School, Apopka, FL
Speaking to ten classes about my books and writing in general

The Message Forum on the Dragons in our Midst website has been a huge success! With over one hundred readers signed up, we have over 1500 posted messages. If you want to become a member of the message board, you can sign up at <http://www.dragonsinourmidst.com/dragonsclub.asp> or you can send an e-mail to me requesting membership. It's heartwarming to read how so many lives are being touched by this series. Here are three examples:

I very much enjoyed your books, they were the best books I have ever read. To tell you the truth, I had anger issues like Billy. But thanks to your books, I no longer have trouble with that. Thank you so much for inspiring me with your awesome books.

I LOVE these books. I can't wait to read all of them. Bonnie inspired me to strengthen the bridge between me and God.

I think the section in Candlestone where Billy reads Bonnie's journal is the best section of either of the books. It made me realize how much like Billy I really am

and that I need to change. Plus I was really struggling with my faith when I read it, so it helped me through that too. Thank you Mr. Davis.

The Candlestone inspires adult readers! I'd like to share with you the following review that was posted on Amazon.com by an adult. It's lengthy, but well worth the read.

If you thought Bryan Davis created a masterpiece in the first book, then this book will leave you shaking your head in awe. ... I want to credit Mr. Davis with creating a spiritually marvelous and uplifting novel. Yes, it was a page turner (up until 4:00 and 2:00 am on successive nights), yes the writing gets tighter and the characters deeper. But the biggest impact that *The Candlestone* had on me was spiritually.

I'm guessing we all have moments in time when we are spiritually at a low ebb. Ironically, Christmas day was one of those low points for me. I was toast. However, during the course of reading *The Candlestone* I couldn't help but be re-energized by the very same power and Spirit that are the source of strength for young Bonnie, The Professor and Billy.

Yes, the book is far more "Christian" than the previous book, but it turned out great for this old boy that it was so. The reliance of the characters in scripture and on the basic principles of foundational Christian doctrine helped to remind me of the foundations of my own faith. There was enough scripture (without constant Bible references) and enough power in the "imagined" prayers - though I'm sure that large parts of those prayers are prayed every day somewhere by someone - that the prose sparked my own faith and continued to bring my mind back to my Savior and his wonderful love.

Yah. I know it sounds sappy. Kind of odd for a guy who typically likes stuff that has an edgier feel and characters that have rapier wit, but there are certainly some days when truth does far more for the weary soul than just good writing alone. Great job Bryan.

I will share that my opinion - as a Christian for 22 years, a youth leader, worship leader, outreach ministry head and children's and adult Sunday school teacher - is that Mr. Davis has done a great job of reshaping a legend and imbuing it with a sense of the scared and supernatural without making it hokey, trite and obvious. Quite refreshing indeed.

But you know what? Don't just believe me, experience *The Candlestone* yourself and then let me know what time you were up until ;-)

Want a super Dad's newsletter? A great resource for fathers is the [allprodad.com](http://www.allprodad.com) website. If you want to sign up for a free daily inspirational e-mail called "Play of the Day," go to - <http://www.allprodad.com/playoftheday.asp> The person in charge of this ministry is a guy who shares my name, Bryan Davis. He has a heart for fatherhood and has been a wonderful help with my books. Please check out his site and grab the opportunity to get the allprodad messages.

Old News, but worth remembering:

Raising Dragons, signed by the author (or unsigned, if you wish), only \$12.00, includes shipping in the U.S. Go to <http://www.daviscrossing.com/raisingdragons.htm>

Think about family or friends who might like this book as a gift. I can inscribe it to whomever you wish. Just fill out the “Message to Seller” field in PayPal’s checkout procedure to tell me how to sign it. If you prefer to pay by check, go to <http://www.daviscrossing.com/buybooks.htm> and fill out the form.

Would you like to review *Raising Dragons* or *The Candlestone*?

Go to the Amazon.com page for the book at the following link:
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0899571700> for *Raising Dragons*
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0899571719> for *The Candlestone*
and then click on “Write a Review.” If you can give the books five stars, I would appreciate it. If you let me know that you wrote a review, I’ll send you a special *Raising Dragons* gift.

Thanks to all of you who are telling others about this book series. Spreading the news to your friends is the best way to make these books succeed.

Would you like to buy books by Bryan Davis?

There are several ways to buy Bryan’s books. Many Christian bookstores have them in stock, or your local bookstore, Christian or otherwise, can order them for you. The store may need the ISBN numbers:

Raising Dragons – 0899571700

The Candlestone – 0899571719

Circles of Seven - 0899571727

The Image of a Father – 0899571425

Spit and Polish for Husbands – 0899571484

You can also order the books from Amazon.com or other online bookstores.

Link for *Raising Dragons* on Amazon.com:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0899571700>

Link for *The Candlestone* - <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0899571719>

To order directly from Bryan, go to <http://www.daviscrossing.com/shopping.htm> There you will find instructions for online credit card purchases or for mailing in a check. With this option, you can get autographed copies.

Other books by Bryan Davis:

The Image of a Father – <http://www.imageofafather.com>

Spit and Polish for Husbands – <http://www.spitandpolish.com>

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