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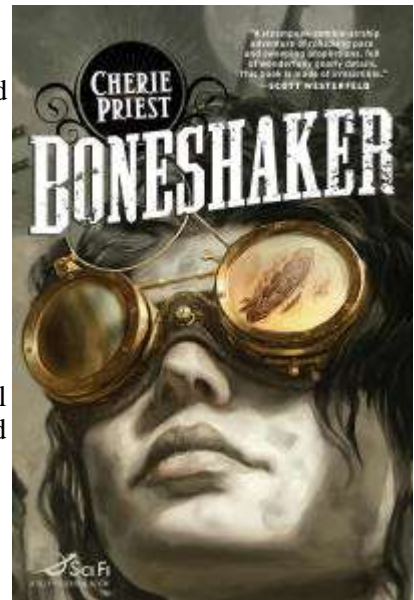
Talk with Cherie Priest, author of steampunk novel, *Boneshaker*

Award-winning Northwest author Cherie Priest will read from and discuss her steampunk* novel, *Boneshaker* at the Olympia Timberland Library, after hours, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 3. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

The novel has won a 2010 Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association book award and is a finalist for the prestigious Nebula Award. Winners will be announced in mid-May. (The annual Nebula awards are presented by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America for excellence in science fiction and fantasy writing. www.nebulaawards.com)

About the Book

In the early days of the Civil War, inventor Leviticus Blue creates a machine, his Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine that accidentally decimates Seattle's banking district and uncovers a vein of Blight Gas that turns everyone who breathes it into the living dead. Sixteen years later Briar, Blue's widow, lives in the poor neighborhood outside the wall that's been built around the uninhabitable city. Life is tough with a ruined reputation, but she and her teenage son Ezekiel are surviving--until Zeke impetuously decides that he must reclaim his father's name from the clutches of history. His quest will take him under the wall and into a city teeming with ravenous undead, air pirates, criminal overlords, and heavily armed refugees. And only Briar can bring him out alive.



About the Author

Priest is the author of seven novels. She made her debut with the Eden Moore series of Southern Gothic ghost stories that began with *Four and Twenty Blackbirds*, a Blooker award winner. (The Blooker—is a literary prize for “blooks” – printed, bound and published books based on blogs, websites or other online content. www.blookerprize.com) Priest lives in Seattle and keeps a blog at cpriest.livejournal.com.

The Olympia Timberland Library is located at 313 8th Avenue SE. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.

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*Steampunk: A literary genre that applies science fiction or fantasy elements to historical settings and that features steam-powered, mechanical machines rather than electronic devices.

In Library Journal, 3/4/2010, *Boneshaker* is named one of the 20 core titles of steampunk. www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6720180.html

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