Subject: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 01:38:29 GMT
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...and some whining.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Quill on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 01:51:49 GMT
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I don’t do graphic bleagh, but SUNSHINE is still supposed to squick you out a little.

Trust me, the scene where Sunshine stakes the vampire with a table knife is plenty squicky. I always want a shower afterwards...

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Inkwell on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 01:59:00 GMT
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When the last UK edition of Beauty got that good review in the Guardian quoted by Robin, I made a careful note to buy it. I do this a lot (make careful book notes). To my eternal shame, I didn't buy it. I do that a lot, too. Partly it's because I'm a very slow reader - my brain is slow and woolly these days - and partly it's down to available resources.

But I am a contrite sinner, and I will atone!

I've never read Con as being handsome, but he's not quite as bleurgh in my mind's eye as perhaps he should be. He is very convincingly alien though.

I never went for the Colin-Firth-in-a-wet-shirt thing either. As for convincing portrayals of Mr Rochester...erm... Toby Stephens produced an interesting interpretation in the most recent BBC version, and I never would have thought he'd be a good candidate before I watched it. But he didn't quite nail it. And I agree that no-one else has either.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by equus_peduus on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 02:41:28 GMT

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Please say that this cover is coming out in the US as well as the UK? Because I can always use more than one copy of Beauty. Of course, I'm sure I can find somebody to acquire me the UK edition if it's only coming out there.

If it ever comes out in e-book edition, I'll buy that too (since it's one of my comfort books, and therefore, needs to be easily available to me at all times) :)

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Eliza B. on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 03:23:18 GMT
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I remember that you told my husband and me once that the cover of the current edition of Beauty made you think of a Kotex box. This is well over 20 years ago, now, and, frankly, I can't get that image out of my mind! Thanks a bunch. But Beauty and Blue Sword are both comfort books for me, regardless of the covers, which have all fallen off at this point anyway.

This new one looks a lot like the black/red/bloody vampire themed books they're selling these days. So I suppose marketing is bang on. Well, whatever it takes to get another generation of kids to grow up with the McKinley vision of a heroine. Yay!

Now, back to listening to my husband read Pegasus out loud. God it makes me giggle when he tries to speak Pegasai. Did you try it out loud when you were writing it?

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Jabenami on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 03:28:19 GMT
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I admit, I was reading the review and blinked in surprise when I got to the moment where Con is called "handsome" and then started snickering to myself as I realized what the rest of the blog post would likely be about.

I can see where the mistake came from, I mean, aren't all vampires tall dark and broody? Don't they all look like Angel? (season 1 of Buffy, not season 5 of Angel) So much of why I love Sunshine (which is one of those books that just gets better with each reread) is because Con actually conveys what it means to be a really and truly and terrifyingly different vampire. He's not handsome. To be fair, though, neither is Rochester and yet he's always quite attractive on film.

Sometimes I wonder how many people make the mistake of deciding that the character in question is attractive because they want them to be.

On the bright side, the Beauty cover is really pretty. If I have to replace my copy any time soon (it's getting worn out from being lent around), I want that cover. Pity I'm in the wrong country for it.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by jmeadows on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 04:01:04 GMT
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LOL! That is *exactly* what I did too.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by EMoon on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 04:19:26 GMT
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Beautiful, beautiful cover.

I have not (to my growing shame) read SUNSHINE because I had heard it had vampires, and I'm not a reader of vampire books (despite friends saying, of other peoples' vampire books, "Oh, this one is DIFFERENT," and always, when I looked at it, it wasn't.) Then I peeked (gingerly, and only because I'd met her) into one of Charlaine Harris's Sookie Stackhouse books, and still loathed the vampires (all of them, ick) but loved Sookie and the little roadhouse with the shapechanging owner (who turns collie.) But every time Sookie looks at Bill or Eric, I flip over some pages until she's flipping burgers or something.

No one told me it had baking in it until I came here. It was always presented as "Robin McKinley's written this really cool vampire book" and my reaction was (I'm ashamed to admit) "Oh, NO, she's gone the way of A, B, C, D..." and I refused to look. But now. Now I have to.

Another guilty secret is that I never found Mr. Rochester sexy. Not in the book. Not in movies.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...

Posted by SShadow on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 04:47:49 GMT
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As soon as I read the bit about Con being handsome, I thought, are we still talking about the same book here? I've always loved the way Con is described; his appearance is vague, but the way Sunshine feels about it is anything but. And I love that he isn't handsome. I'm glad the importance of this point is not just my imagination.

As far as new covers go, I still need to get my hands on the gold Sunshine, and I'm on the wrong side of the pond for this one. Most unfortunate.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by boddhi_d on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 05:13:06 GMT
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Quote:‡‡ And the wistful hope of material gain. Yes, I know I go on about money kind of a lot, but most writers have to. I retweeted a quote from JD Salinger last night: ‘ There is a marvelous peace in not publishing.’ To which I added: Oh please. Not if you need to earn a living. . . . To which here, unhampered by a 140 character limit I will further add: Turkey.

Fie on him. Try Frances Hodgson Burnett instead: In the cover letter for her first submission (a short story to, I believe, Godey's Lady's Book in the late 1860's), she was very clear: "My object is remuneration."

--Dawn in TN

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Ford of Rivendell on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 05:46:32 GMT
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Well from the review it sounds as though the list-maker kinda skimmed the book instead of reading it. "Sunshine, is driving home from a baking stint at her stepfather’s café" uh, wasn't she out at the lake on movie night?

Also I may be missing something, and if I am I apologize, but Colin Firth never played Mr. Rochester of Jane Eyre to my knowledge, however he was Mr. Darcy from the BBC mini-series of Pride and Prejudice.

Robin, in many of your notes that I have read it seems you are quite overly...is self-concious the

word...about Beauty. It is a wonderful story, one I have reread for nearly 20 years, at least a couple times a year. Though I could probably quote it word for word, I still love getting taken into the story by the pages. I have three copies of the 1993 Harper Collins Trophy edition and have given away a couple more. Sadly I have never found a hardcover. I too would love another version, if it were US bound.

I find a great many people lack imagination, let alone a vivid one, or at least the effort to actually use it and it seems increasingly so with todays modern technologies that involve too much video games and Facebook time. This most certainly must be the problem if Beauty or any other of your books do not sell well in the UK.

For myself I have never looked at nor cared to look at critics results, reviews, book lists, or anything else like that.

And yes I know that "young adult" genre is kinds of restricting, as there are a great many who consider themselves to cool to read anything that is not what the other people who consider themselves cool are pretending to read; if they can even bring themselves to read-some circles consider themselves too cool to read...which is way off topic and another story entirely.

Anyway, look at it in another light. The books that get placed there, for the most part, are for all ages to read and enjoy. Many are classic.

Your books sit on the shelves in our local book stores in young adult. To your left sits Jane Austen, James Fenimore Cooper, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Anthony Hope, and to your right sits Robert Louis Stevenson, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, and Jules Verne. Their books are also sometimes distributed elsewhere but that is the one place they all gather...and that is good company to be kept in.

As to the title "Young adult" yes it should be more of something like All ages or Everyone or something more interesting but appropriate, but common sense isn't exactly common.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by rhymeswithcarrot on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 05:51:18 GMT
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"He’s powerful and enigmatic all right, but the kind that makes you want to throw up."

YES. I read Sunshine right before I first watched Buffy, but a couple of years after I'd read Twilight (which I'd read when it first came out. I found it totally underwhelming and mostly forgot about it until 2009 when tween girls were pushing Robert Pattison into the paths of oncoming taxis and buying underwear with his face on them).

I loved Sunshine the first time through, of course, but after reading more of the modern vampire mythos I came back to Sunshine with a whole new appreciation for how creepy Con is. Vampires are not sexy! If your boyfriend wants to eat you, you probably do not want to be dating him.

I've been booktalking Sunshine a lot lately, and my sell is almost always something along the lines of "It's basically the anti-vampire vampire novel...it takes all of the standard vampire tropes, acknowledges them, and then completely turns them upside down. These are not sexy vampires; they are evil, terrifying monsters who will kill you for funsies." And then I gush about how amazing it is until I have extracted a promise from the listener that they will request it from the library RIGHT AWAY.

I also second you on the Colin Firth diving into the lake thing. Underwhelming.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 07:15:33 GMT
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The cover for Beauty is very nice indeed, and hopefully will be a serious attention-getter when it's stacked face out on bookstore shelves.

I retweeted a quote from JD Salinger last night: ‘ There is a marvelous peace in not publishing.’

Yes, well, I suppose there's a marvelous peace in not doing a lot of stuff. This made me think of two things: Samuel Johnson's remark that "No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money", which may be too sweeping a statement but has a certain relevance if a writer has a mortgage, and Ezra Pound's poem "The Lake Isle," which ends "install me in any profession/Save this damn'd profession of writing,/where one needs one's brains all the time." Turkey is an apt response, too. :)

Although you might want to know that I’m the only (mostly) het woman on the planet who did not find the diving-into-the-lake scene particularly interesting.

No you're not. Plenty of company here!

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...

Posted by Guest on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 08:28:11 GMT
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I would quite probably get a second copy just for the cover (and as I am always lending out my McKinley books I should probably have two of everything eventually)

For those of you who want a copy and may not be able to get in your country then

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Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by aperry1027 on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 08:41:21 GMT
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jmeadows wrote on Tue, 14 December 2010 20:01Jabenami wrote on Tue, 14 December 2010 22:28I admit, I was reading the review and blinked in surprise when I got to the moment where Con is called "handsome" and then started snickering to myself as I realized what the rest of the blog post would likely be about.

LOL! That is *exactly* what I did too.

Me too!
I love Sunshine, I read it all the time. I try and get other people to read it too. Con scares the living daylights out of me though. Just cause he formed a friendly alliance with Sunshine does not mean he stopped eating (drinking) other humans... (least, that's the impression I got from the exchange just before he healed her with the doe blood)

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by aperry1027 on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 08:58:58 GMT
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Diane in MN wrote on Tue, 14 December 2010 23:15
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No you're not. Plenty of company here!

Oh yes, I forgot before. I love the new cover for Beauty. And that reminds me that I need to get a new copy (my old one was damaged in a move across the country, by a box cutter)

While I like Colin Firth just fine, that scene was underwhelming at best. And Forgive me but, Rhet Butler was just not an appealing person (On the other hand, I didn't really like Gone With the Wind much, so I'm a little biased I suppose) So your not alone there either.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by anne_d on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 13:54:52 GMT
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Con? Handsome? Wait, what??? To quote the Elder Daughter, "What is this I can't even".

Con is compelling. Con might even be described as charismatic, in the scary evil sense, but handsome, no. A world of no.

I like the new Beauty cover. Come to think, I could probably stand to replace my original elderly paperback with a new shiny copy. Will it be available on this side of the pond?

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by anne_d on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 14:03:32 GMT
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No you're not. Plenty of company here!

Here as well. I enjoyed P&P, I thought Firth did quite nicely as Darcy, but they could've left that scene out entirely for all of me. It wasn't as if it was in the source material, after all, and I prefer my adaptations hew as close to the originals as possible, especially when it's something I love.

Yes, I'm weird that way. [eyerolls]

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 15:57:13 GMT
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Ford of Rivendell wrote on Wed, 15 December 2010 00:46
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That was Mr. Rochester OR Colin Firth's Darcy. :) Two examples of characters not supposed to be handsome who get forced into it on the big screen anyway. Though I never thought Orson Welles was all that attractive, personally. His eyes are kinda weird.

And Nancy Pearl's done more than skim Sunshine--she's been beating the recommendation drum on it for years! I'm too busy/lazy to look up the link for the NPR interview where she called it The Most Awesome Book Ever, or something to that effect, but I have to admit it's a little surprising to hear her give Con the sexy vampire gloss. She knows better...

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by greenmother on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 17:20:45 GMT
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wiping hand over worried brow

Whew! I finally figured out that everyone was referring to the Colin-Firth-diving-into-the-lake scene from Pride and Prejudice and not the Colin-Firth-diving-into-the-lake scene from Love Actually.

I love the new UK cover for Beauty and covet it (in the "I will stroke it and I will pet it" version of covet but not the "My precious" version). After my credit card stops its pre-holiday hyperventilating and plotzing, I will hie myself over to the Book Depository site!

Con is not sexy or handsome, but he is compelling. That's probably a useful trait for a predator, no?

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by bishkebab on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 18:40:43 GMT
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What I want is for Edward Cullen to meet Con, and then cry and wet himself. And then Sunshine walks up and sticks her fingers under his sternum and pulls. And he explodes in a cloud of glittery sparkles.

And then all the Twilight fans buy Sunshine.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Robin on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 21:36:26 GMT
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Snork snork snork snork SNORK. I'm doing a sort of round-up of reactions to last night's blog for this night's blog but this is probably over the line for the blog itself. But . . . yeah. I'm there.

Pollyanna *does* rule, but even she turns a blind eye to TWILIGHT. And I *have* said this on the blog proper--I hate TWILIGHT's *politics*. I hate it that Bella is a little drip who doesn't do anything but be sort of permanently crushed on by this undead bozo who hasn't used his years to any purpose. *Ewwww.* THIS BOTHERS ME. I GET TO SAY THAT IT BOTHERS ME. IT REALLY, REALLY BOTHERS ME THAT TWILIGHT HAS MILLIONS OF FANS WHO ALL WANT AN EDWARD CULLEN OF THEIR OWN. What is *wrong* with this world that so many of us *don't* want to have, you know, real lives of our own???? I get fantasy and daydreaming and perfect lovers and all that, but I *don't* get fantasy and daydreaming and perfect lovers that turn you into a zero.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Ford of Rivendell on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 22:17:50 GMT
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Thanks Black bear. :0) I told ya I missed something, dyslexic ya know. And when I read through the replies nobody mentioned Darcy so I thought I missed something again. I generally watch Jane Eyre movies and Colin Firth is classy in most stuff; thought I missed a combination of the two.

Like I said I never read lists or critics, as I never buy a book based on ads or lists, so I don't believe I had ever heard of Nancy Pearl before. Just based on the blue quote Robin posted there seemed to be a number of mistakes everybody on here caught.

I think it's great when anybody promotes Robin's books, repeatedly, but they should kinda get the facts more correct. Just my opinion and perspective, no offense meant. I understand reviewers and list-makers often mince words in their susmmaries or say certain things to appeal to what's in

fashion now...course that is why I don't like 'em, I like to make my own decisions and choices. Possibly not a good standing point for an author, but I'm a bit stubborn.

Uh, how'd you get a smilie in here? I could only see where to add them in the subject.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Aaron on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 23:08:47 GMT
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greenmother wrote on Wed, 15 December 2010 09:20
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Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by greenmother on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 03:28:16 GMT
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I've never seen P&P, so I can't comment on the prurience or lack thereof of the Colin-Firth-diving-into-the-lake scene. However, I chortle aloud whenever I watch the Love Actually lake scene. The proposal in Love Actually is clever and touching. It may not be the best of theatre but it's become my family's favourite Christmas time movie.

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Posted by greenmother on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 03:39:31 GMT
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I've always been fond of my sister's suggestion for the sequel to Twilight. It's short, pithy and to the point.

"There was a plague and they all died. The End."

The. Best. Sequel. Ever.

Does it show that we both cordially loathe Twilight? Would it be rude to say that, in our view, Meyers can't write her way out of a wet paper bag, not even armed with a blowtorch? I am tickled that my daughter used Sunshine (and Beauty, along with Patricia Briggs' books) as a way to bribe her best friend away from the twee and wifty Twilight twaddle!

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Jack_D'Arcy on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 03:44:22 GMT
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anne_d wrote on Wed, 15 December 2010 08:54To quote the Elder Daughter, "What is this I can't even".

What's that a quote from? For once Google did not help me at all, and it's driving me crazy wondering.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Maren on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 04:37:42 GMT
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Jack_D'Arcy wrote on Wed, 15 December 2010 22:44anne_d wrote on Wed, 15 December 2010 08:54To quote the Elder Daughter, "What is this I can't even".

What's that a quote from? For once Google did not help me at all, and it's driving me crazy wondering.

It's not really originally from any one source, but rather an Internet meme. Commonly used to express befuddlement or amazement in your more lighthearted fora, message boards, blog comments, and the like. :)

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by danceswithpahis on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 05:48:00 GMT
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My favorite image of Con is from when Sunshine first meets him and compares him to dried up mushrooms at the back of the fridge. A few months ago I was looking through my fridge and found some ancient mushrooms. My first thought was, "These look like Con; it's time to use them!" I will confess that this is one of the things that I particularly like about your writing. Most of your characters are NOT stunningly beautiful or amazingly handsome; the only exception I can think of was Lissar and that was at least partly because it was necessary for the story. I've read so many books, stories, etc. where the characters are automatically described as physically attractive that it gets to be nauseating. This is more so for women (I admit that when I read a book or story and a female character is described as beautiful I usually roll my eyes and think, "Stop being lazy and come up with a real description," since so often the theory is, "She's a woman in a story, she MUST be beautiful,"), but even male characters have this issue. Since most of us in real life are not stunningly attractive, at least not in the airbrushed Hollywood manner that seems to be indicated, it's nice to read about characters who are different.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by equus_peduus on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 05:51:43 GMT
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danceswithpahis wrote on Wed, 15 December 2010 21:48My favorite image of Con is from when Sunshine first meets him and compares him to dried up mushrooms at the back of the fridge. This was the bit I thought of when I read the word 'handsome' last night...

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by aperry1027 on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 10:09:09 GMT
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I don't get it either now, but at the risk of shooting myself in the foot, I will say that a lot of Twilight's more rabid fans seem to be teenage girls... Im 28 now, but if I recall correctly teenage girls can be pretty shallow (not all of them, or even some of them all of the time, but enough) And Twilight offers Supper Hot, Super Rich Dude, who Promises to 'love you forever; every single day of forever' When your 16, and middle class, and feel ugly, awkward, and just generally like a misfit, that would be pretty powerful stuff (one day someone will love me like that).
Also Bella was a zero to start with (I read the books when I was desperate. I was stuck in a small town in Tenn for 4 months, had run out of my own books, and the only book store in town mostly had Christian self help books)So it's not like Edward sucked the awesome out of her or anything. In my personal opinion there are many many many books that would fill that void, with much better ideas. But to be fair, the books are bloody everywhere, even book stores that only sell Christan self help books. Hell at this point it's even in Graphic Novel form. That's simply not true of most other sci-fi fantasy books. So people who otherwise don't read for recreation are picking it up. The Twilight books are what my mom used to call bubblegum books. Easy to read, but interest (flavor) fades quickly and it needs to be replaced with the next book (piece). Do I ever hope shes right this time.

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Black Bear on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 13:01:01 GMT
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aperry1027 wrote on Thu, 16 December 2010 05:09So it's not like Edward sucked the awesome out of her or anything.

dies laughing

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by librarykat on Sat, 18 Dec 2010 04:43:31 GMT
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Oh geez, I get sick and stay away from the computer for a couple of days and ALL THIS

HAPPENS!

Nancy Pearl does indeed "know better" about Sunshine, as she does about a lot of books. I don't know if she felt she had to say that to attract readers who prefer the "sparkly" vampires.

I do so much prefer Sunshine over just about any other vampire novel. I just think it's too intense to give most of my middle school girls who have gone ga-ga over Twilight. The good thing, to me, is that the ones who really went crazy over the books have graduated from my school, and the girls who are a year or two younger HATE Twilight with a passion. More of them prefer to pick up The Hunger Games now ...

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Marina on Sun, 19 Dec 2010 11:29:52 GMT
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Did you see the Timothy Dalton version?

Subject: Re: a little shameless self-promotion...
Posted by Marina on Sun, 19 Dec 2010 11:33:32 GMT
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You never found Mr. Rochester sexy, in either book or film.

I'm with you there! Just not my type. Broody is for hens.

I used to adore Sara Teasdale's love poems. I was quite the stupid, ignorant girl then. I still love her nature and history poems, though.