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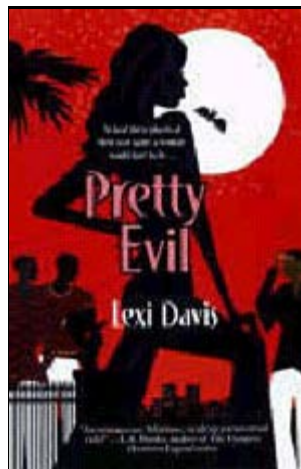
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'Pretty Evil,' by Lexi Davis, at left, is a supernatural thriller set in LA.



Division 7 Mechanic's Wife Publishes First Novel

By JIM PACHAN

(Oct. 12, 2005) A new novel written by the wife of West Hollywood Division 7 Mechanic Trainee Lawrence Kimp hit the bookshelves this week.



Lawrence Kimp

"Pretty Evil" is the first novel published by Kimp's wife, whose pen name is Lexi Davis. A graduate of UCLA with a degree in English, she also earned a certificate in screenwriting.

"The novel is a 'good vs. evil' story set in modern society," says Kimp, a 16-year Metro veteran who, until recently, worked at West Valley Division 8.

The novel traces what happens when three high-living "playas" run afoul of a super bad, super sexy, supernatural "diva."

Much of the action takes place in an abandoned property just a stone's throw away from Rodeo Drive. The dilapidated wreck is more haunted house than Hollywood highlife.

A supernatural vixen

The friends believe the house would be a great financial investment, but it turns out the place is already occupied by a supernatural vixen who resents the intruders and vows to use her shape-shifting powers to dispatch them.

Only the men's best friend, Sunnie, who is armed with an extraordinary gift and some very powerful prayers, can take on the devilish demon – even if she has to pay the ultimate price.

"Pretty Evil" was the first of a two-book deal with publisher Pocket Books, a division of Simon and Schuster. It is on sale at major

bookstores and is available on Davis' website at LexiDavis.com.

Davis has scheduled book-signing events from 2 – 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Dark Delicacies Bookstore, 4213 West Burbank Blvd., Burbank; and from 2 – 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at the County Library, 601 West Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster. Future book signings will be posted on Davis' web site.

Kimp and Davis live in the Antelope Valley with their 13-year-old daughter, Treasure. Now a full-time writer, Davis is close to completing her second novel, also a tale of the paranormal.