



Selina Rosen, the author of the story "Unchained" which appears in [Space Grunts: Full-Throttle Space Tales #3](#), is on deck for today's interview. Selina is the author of fourteen novels and dozens of short stories which can be found in such anthologies as *Turn the Other Chick* and *Thieves' World*. Her first full-length fantasy novel, *Sword Masters*, was released in 2008 by Dragon Moon Press. The sequel, *Jabone's Sword*, is due out in 2009. Her online episodic series, *The House*, available at her website, www.selinarosen.com. Selina owns Yard Dog Press and created their *Bubbas of the Apocalypse* universe.

How did you get involved with *Space Grunts*?

I was asked by Dayton Ward.

What angle did you explore on the theme of soldiers in space?

I wrote a trilogy – currently available from Baen's Universe as an ebook - When I wrote *Chains Of Freedom*, the first book in the trilogy, C.J. Cherryh went through it and said I had started the story in the wrong place and that I needed to lose the opening scene - which was a background for one of the characters - and just have her tell the story briefly later in the novel. I agreed that she was right and rewrote the novel without that scene,

but I always wanted to tell that story. The minute Dayton sent me the info on the anthology I thought, "Here's my chance to finally tell that story."

Where do you get your story ideas?

Everywhere, life, the news, dreams, talking to people, whenever I'm asked this question what I immediately wonder is how other people go through life without having story ideas pop into their head.

What do you see as some of the advantages of the short story format over longer fiction formats, such as novels?

I don't really. Some stories are novel ideas and some are short story ideas it's a simple as that.

As a writer, what scares you the most?

Not making enough money writing to be able to continue doing it.

What can readers expect from you next?

Jabone's Sword should be coming out sometime in 2010. Laura Underwood and I just turned in the second Holmes and Storm mystery *Bad City* and we just started the third one *Bad Seas*. I have short stories coming out in Esther Freisner's *Witch Way To The Mall* and *Strip Mauled* and I just had a story come out in [Space Sirens: Full-Throttle](#) [Space Tales #2](#) from Flying Pen Press.