

## The Scorpion Boot

Mankind has fought the war against ghouls of all kinds since the beginning of time. The last stronghold of evil in the known world is the American frontier, but for how long? Bounty hunter Uriah Zane and US marshal Aubrey Coffin are humanity's last hope to rid the world, once and for all, of this demon scourge... The Hell's Angels are a gang of werewolves who have escaped from Hellsgarde Federal Penitentiary. Originally they were recruited out of eastern Europe by Abraham Lincoln to mercilessly tear the Confederates into submission at Gettysburg, thus ending the Civil War. But the Hell's Angels never returned home. They headed west-to join the legions of other ghouls... Armed with an arsenal of weapons, the deadliest being Marshal Aubrey Coffin, notorious ghoul-hunter Uriah Zane must stop the hordes of shape-shifting creatures pushing west. Aided by a beautiful Mexican witch and necromancer, werebeasts are searching the deserts for a coveted key, a key that could give the ghouls everlasting life and final dominion over the earth-with humans as their servants. But first they must face the wrath of Zane, a man who understands better than most the twisted soul of the wolves....

Hell's First Team! They crawl through jungle. Claw through caves. Slog through swamps. Nothing can stop them. And every moment their minds are dominated by a single thought: kill, or die. They take the impossible jobs no ordinary outfit will touch. Because these aren't ordinary men. They're the toughest team in the Pacific War, the one the enemy fears most...The Rat Bastards. A vampire finds herself in a hair-raising situation in this Broken Hearts novel from New York Times bestselling author Michele Bardsley. Archaeologists like me, Moira Jameson, are ready for trouble. Okay, maybe not human-species-threatening trouble. Or the kind of trouble that arrives in the form of a sexy werewolf named Drake. Yeah. Werewolf. And I thought ancient curses and walking corpses were a joke. Um...not so much. 'Cause a walking corpse named Karn wants to reveal vampires, and all of parakind, to the humans. And everyone else thinks that's a bad idea. Then a pyramid mysteriously appears in Broken Heart, Oklahoma, and I'm appointed to get inside, survive booby traps, and awaken two very old, very hungry vampires. Luckily, Drake has my back (and my front). Unfortunately, archaeology sometimes reveals some very nasty surprises. And I'll have to decide between saving myself...or saving the world.

Here together for the first time in a convenient ebook bundle, all four books in New York Times bestselling author Lisa Kleypas' beloved series featuring the Travis family: Sugar Daddy Liberty Jones has dreams and determination that will take her far away from Welcome, Texas. Hardy Cates' ambitions are bigger than Welcome, and Liberty Jones is a complication he doesn't need. But something magical and potent draws them to each other, in a dangerous attraction that is stronger than both of them. Hardy leaves town to pursue his plans and soon Liberty finds herself under the spell of a billionaire tycoon. But the relationship goes deeper than people think, and Liberty begins to discover secrets about her own family's past. Two men. One woman. A choice that can make her or break her. A woman you'll root for every step of the way. A love story you'll never forget. Blue-Eyed Devil Hardy Cates is a self-made millionaire who comes from the wrong side of the tracks. He's made enemies in the rough-and-tumble ride to the top of Houston's oil industry. He's got hot blood in his veins. And vengeance on his mind. Haven Travis refuses to set out on the path her wealthy family has chosen for her. But when Haven marries a man her family disapproves of, her life is set on a new and dangerous course. Two years later, Haven comes home, determined to guard her heart. And Hardy Cates, a family enemy, is the last person she needs darkening her door or setting her soul on fire. Smooth Talking Stranger Jack Travis leads the uncomplicated life of a millionaire Texas playboy. But no one has ever truly touched his heart or soul. Until one day, a woman appears on his doorstep with fury on her face and a baby in her arms. It seems Jack is the father and this woman is the baby's aunt. The real mother has abandoned the child to her more responsible sister. And now, Jack is being called upon to take responsibility for the first time in his life. Brown-Eyed Girl Wedding planner Avery Crosslin may be a rising star in Houston society, but she doesn't believe in true love—at least not for herself. When she meets wealthy bachelor Joe Travis and mistakes him for a wedding photographer, she has no intention of letting him sweep her off her feet. But Joe is a man who goes after what he wants. When Joe makes it clear that he's not going to give up easily, Avery must confront the insecurities and beliefs that stem from a past she would do anything to forget.

Together they survived World War II, but can they survive the treachery of the post war North African desert? Colby, an American ace, is shot down, wounded and imprisoned, then rescued by Rick, a sympathetic German engineer. After the war, they join forces to form Global Transport, flying cargo, sometimes legitimately. Mosquito opens with a desperate flight for life and then the action starts. A simple errand of mercy escalates into tribal warfare, political intrigue and evil agendas, with all sides requiring something from Colby and Rick. A Catholic nun requires a flight of supplies flown to stranded slave children, a vile drug-running child-slaver requires his stolen heroin returned, an Arabian princess requires her brothers return to his throne, the CIA requires the allegiance of the winning side and the French require absolution of this political embarrassment. With the discovery, resurrection and enhancement of a De Havilland Mosquito, Colby and Rick declare war. The author weaves all aspects of the story into a fast paced, thrill-aminute read filled with action, danger and high stakes adventure.

Vol. 2 includes "Discovery of the remains of John Hunter" and "Ben Jonson's skull."

Madame de Morville dedicates The Scorpion Book to "those of my readers who so religiously polish and in this way give earthly life to the shadows of the dark recesses of their minds. May you be led forward by the black shine of these illumined silhouettes, and by the sound of their booted tread be soon guided into the presence and service of the Divine." She is currently planning a schedule of public appearances during the summer of 2003.

In March of 1944, Private Paul D. Veatch was shipped out to to the Pacific Theater of World War II operations. Over the next year and half he was involved in combat in the Philippines, surviving both ambush and shipwreck. Separated from his unit, the 24th Infantry, through tragedy and rescue, he served with both the 21st and the 19th. When the war was declared over, he was part of the occupation force in Japan until his honorable discharge in 1946. This memoir of Veatch's experiences is a dramatic account of combat in the jungle and at sea and a memorable chronicle of one soldier's survival. It is also a remarkable coming of age story, as the young Private Veatch finds friendship, love, and, during his time at his last post, the ancient city of Kurashiki, a fascination for the Japanese culture. His account includes his perspective on historic battles, as well as his thoughts and feelings about combat, culture, home, and the transformation he underwent through war and peace.

The endless jungle. A relentless foe. No way out. From the bestselling author of the Kemp archery novels. World War II, Malaya, 1942: Charlie Torrance, a private in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is plunged into the maelstrom of war after a blitzkrieg Japanese invasion. Suddenly, a sweltering but otherwise uneventful posting in the Malayan jungle becomes a living nightmare. But when his group stumbles upon some mysterious documents, their plight takes a turn for the worse. Torrance is pursued remorselessly by the indomitable Captain Mitsumoto, who will stop at nothing to retrieve the papers. As the British Empire crumbles amidst the mosquitos, rubber plantations and whip cracking bullets, even surviving will feel like victory... A stunning, brutal, blood-soaked military thriller, perfect for fans of Jack Higgins, Mark Sullivan, and Alistair MacLean. Praise for Jonathan Lunn 'Full-blooded action. Simply superb' Northern Echo 'A rollicking tale with plenty of punches.' Lancashire Evening Post

Trained by the Marines as a Military Criminal Investigator, Warrant Officer Harley Dodd retires after twenty years and returns home for the first time since enlistment. Had he maintained contact with the family, he would have known his mother had been placed in a nursing home, his sister Ella Mae, twenty-eight, lay in a coma as the result of being attacked in her home a year ago, and his niece Hayley, age ten, abducted and never found. When he solves the crime, he's recognized as a hero, but no one knows the truth. He did not extradite the repeat sex offender to Colorado. If found, the body would be snagged or floating in Colorado's Muddy Boggy River. That victim proved to be Harley's first and the beginning of a crusade to eradicate the Pedophilia Plague in the state of Wisconsin. "We kill rabid dogs, don't we? Rabid humans deserve the same!"

With his compelling Centurions trilogy complete, Anthony Riches returns to his bestselling Empire sequence of novels with his storytelling skills polished to perfection. Set in the second century AD, The Scorpion's Strike continues the story of Marcus Aquila's fight for justice for a family ripped asunder by imperial assassins. Still seeking revenge, Marcus finds himself thrown back into the heart of the chaos that is shaking the Roman Empire to its roots. Fresh from their close escape from imperial betrayal in the German forest, Marcus and the Tungrians are ordered to Gaul, where an outlaw called Maturnus is wreaking havoc. Havoc that may be more than mere banditry, as deserters and freed slaves flock to his cause: rebellion is in the air for the first time in a generation. And if escape from Rome's memories is a relief for the young centurion, he soon discovers that danger has followed him west to Gaul. The expedition is led by Praetorians whom he has every cause to hate. And to fear, if they should discover who he really is. 'A masterclass in military historical fiction' Sunday Express on Retribution

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It's only a few months since Gregor and Boots returned from the Underland, leaving their mother behind to heal from the plague. Though Gregor's family receives frequent updates on her condition, they all know Gregor must return to fulfill his role as the warrior who is key to the Underlanders' survival.

"She's a lovably flawed heroine and he's a complex, appealing, and forthright hero. While this fun tale stands on its own, the author also provides satisfying glimpses of the happily paired-off protagonists of the earlier books in the series" --

The book is the volume of "History of Customs in the Yuan Dynasty" among a series of books of "Deep into China Histories". The earliest known written records of the history of China date from as early as 1250 BC, from the Shang dynasty (c. 1600–1046 BC) and the Bamboo Annals (296 BC) describe a Xia dynasty (c. 2070–1600 BC) before the Shang, but no writing is known from the period The Shang ruled in the Yellow River valley, which is commonly held to be the cradle of Chinese civilization. However, Neolithic civilizations originated at various cultural centers along both the Yellow River and Yangtze River. These Yellow River and Yangtze civilizations arose millennia before the Shang. With thousands of years of continuous history, China is one of the world's oldest civilizations, and is regarded as one of the cradles of civilization. The Zhou dynasty (1046–256 BC) supplanted the Shang and introduced the concept of the Mandate of Heaven to justify their rule. The central Zhou government began to weaken due to external and internal pressures in the 8th century BC, and the country eventually splintered into smaller states during the Spring and Autumn period. These states became independent and warred with one another in the following Warring States period. Much of traditional Chinese culture, literature and philosophy first developed during those troubled times. In 221 BC Qin Shi Huang conquered the various warring states and created for himself the title of Huangdi or "emperor" of the Qin, marking the beginning of imperial China. However, the oppressive government fell soon after his death, and was supplanted by the longer-lived Han dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD). Successive dynasties developed bureaucratic systems that enabled the emperor to control vast territories directly. In the 21 centuries from 206 BC until AD 1912, routine administrative tasks were handled by a special elite of scholar-officials. Young men, well-versed in calligraphy, history, literature, and philosophy, were carefully selected through difficult government examinations. China's last dynasty was the Qing (1644–1912), which was replaced by the Republic of China in 1912, and in the mainland by the People's Republic of China in 1949. Chinese history has alternated between periods of political unity and peace, and periods of war and failed statehood – the most recent being the Chinese Civil War (1927–1949). China was occasionally dominated by steppe peoples, most of whom were eventually assimilated into the Han Chinese culture and population. Between eras of multiple kingdoms and warlordism, Chinese dynasties have ruled parts or all of China; in some eras control stretched as far as Xinjiang and Tibet, as at present. Traditional culture, and influences from other parts of Asia and the Western world (carried by waves of immigration, cultural assimilation, expansion, and foreign contact), form the basis of the modern culture of China.

A pioneer in the strange art and ambiguous science of zoophagy—that is, of studying animals by eating them—British natural historian FRANCIS TREVELYAN BUCKLAND (1826-1880) was a wildly popular speaker and writer of the Victorian era. In his classic four-volume *Curiosities of Natural History*, published between 1857 and 1872, he shared his love of creatures exotic and mysterious with readers who devoured his charming and erudite essays much in the same way he devoured his animal subjects. "If there is one

person that I would have expected to have captured a sea serpent in the 19th century for the sole purpose of eating it, it would be Frank Buckland," writes cryptozoologist Loren Coleman in his new introduction to Buckland's series. One of the founding grandfathers of cryptozoology, the discipline that investigates animal mysteries, Buckland was not "a wild-eyed 'true believer' in anything strange," insists Coleman, but brought, instead, "a skeptical, open-minded approach" to his work. Indeed, here, in the "first series" of *Curiosities of Natural History*, Buckland's erudition is clear in his animated discussions of, among many other things, the stupidity of newts, French sailors eating rats, skinning a boa constrictor, how a fish might drown, and the cunning of monkeys. This new edition, a replica of the original 1858 third edition, is part of Cosimo's Loren Coleman Presents series. LOREN COLEMAN is author of numerous books of cryptozoology, including *Bigfoot!: The True Story of Apes in America* and *Mothman and Other Curious Encounters*. From the author of *When Elephants Fly* comes an exceptional new novel about falling down, risking everything and embracing what makes us unique. Don't miss this compulsively readable novel about the most unlikely of heroes. *Danger* "Danny" Danielle Warren is no stranger to falling. After losing an eye in a childhood accident, she had to relearn her perception of movement and space. Now Danny keeps her head down, studies hard, and works to fulfill everyone else's needs. She's certain that her mom's bitterness and her TV star father's absence are her fault. If only she were more—more athletic, charismatic, attractive—life would be perfect. When her dad calls with an offer to join him to film the next episode of his popular survivalist show, Danny jumps at the chance to prove she's not the disappointment he left behind. Being on set with the hottest teen movie idol of the moment, Gus Price, should be the cherry on top. But when their small plane crashes in the Amazon, and a terrible secret is revealed, Danny must face the truth about the parent she worships and falling for Gus, and find her own inner strength and worth to light the way home.

This novel is about a character that started her career as a policewoman and at a certain time in her life things change drastically. Her thinking becomes deadly as she transforms into the opposite of what she's been in her life. Two men who make her life a living hell torment her and the police can't seem to stop them no matter what they try. Her desire to confront these two men grows until she is given that chance. This former policewoman has developed a new career in which she can fulfill her wildest dreams while making her country safer.

Be ruthless. Be rich. Live like gods. Joella's band of thieves lives deep in the jungle. Riding on giant scorpion dragons, they search the beautiful landscape for villages and caravans to rob. But dangerous mists thread through the jungle's undergrowth. One touch transforms victims into mindless, murderous shells of their former selves. When the mists interrupt a routine raid, Joella becomes separated from her people. She's alone except for a stolen book of legends and Marc, a pacifist dedicated to preserving the ways of the old goddess. Searching for their tribes, Joella and Marc brave mist-infected beasts, deceitful clans, and the sweltering days and freezing nights of their beloved jungle. An uneasy alliance grows between them as they read from the book and uncover in its pages the truth of why the jungle has been fraught with evil. They must trust each other to right the wrongs of the past and save themselves, or risk the very landscape they hold so dear. *The Scorpion's Lullaby* is a fast-paced, lyrical fantasy filled with creatures and characters who will take your breath away. Get your copy of *The Scorpion's Lullaby* today to discover the legends propelling the unforgettable tale in this luminous, unique world. additional keywords: young adult fantasy, high fantasy, jungle, storytelling, legend, monsters, goddess, strong female heroine, teenage warrior, thief, raider, fantastic creatures, myth

Ollie Hobart has murdered his way from Colorado to Arizona, lining his pockets with gold along the way. He has outlived every bandit who has ridden with him, always staying one step ahead of the law. Now, allied with a band of renegade Navajos, he believes there's no one to stop him from raiding every mine surrounding Tucson. John Savage is one of Hobart's victims, losing his family in a hail of gunfire from the merciless killer. He has taken his revenge against every member of Hobart's gang, but the man himself continues to elude vengeance. Savage has sworn that Hobart will not leave Tucson alive, and in the final moments of his bloody quest he will learn whether the inscription on his silver-inlaid pistol is a blessing or a curse: "Don't draw me without reason, nor keep me without honor."

In the future, the UN has brought back an ancient way to keep the peace. The children of world leaders are held hostage—if a war begins, they pay with their lives. Greta is the Crown Princess of the Pan Polar Confederacy, a superpower formed of modern-day Canada. She is also a Child of Peace, a hostage held by the de facto ruler of the world, the great Artificial Intelligence, Talis. The hostages are Talis's strategy to keep the peace: if her country enters a war, Greta dies. The system has worked for centuries. Parents don't want to see their children murdered. Greta will be free if she can make it to her eighteenth birthday. Until then she is prepared to die with dignity, if necessary. But everything changes when Elian arrives at the Precepture. He's a hostage from a new American alliance, and he defies the machines that control every part of their lives—and is severely punished for it. Greta is furious that Elian has disrupted their quiet, structured world. But slowly, his rebellion opens her eyes to the brutality of the rules they live under, and to the subtle resistance of her companions. And Greta discovers her own quiet power. Then Elian's country declares war on Greta's and invades the prefecture, taking the hostages hostage. Now the great Talis is furious, and coming himself to mete out punishment. Which surely means that Greta and Elian will be killed...unless Greta can think of a way to save them.

The world has forever changed. Nuclear war has destroyed all governments, left the land barren, and pushed man near extinction. One of the only foods man can eat is the cattlemorm, a new species that drags its body along the earth like a snail, but the cattlemorm are slowly disappearing. Eighteen-year-old Sean Anders realizes his village is running out of food. After he and three others are chosen to embark on a mission that could save the people of Nova from starvation, they travel across a barren land made even

more dangerous by unpredictable weather, bandits, and a new species that has replaced man at the top of the food chain. As Sean learns what it takes to be a man in a world that belongs to the fittest, he soon discovers how far mankind's cruelty extends when there are no rules to follow or laws to govern. Now only time will tell if he can survive long enough to save his people or whether he will be just another victim of a harsh new world.

A 2020 LOCUS AWARD FINALIST Jeff VanderMeer's *Dead Astronauts* presents a City with no name of its own where, in the shadow of the all-powerful Company, lives human and otherwise converge in terrifying and miraculous ways. At stake: the fate of the future, the fate of Earth—all the Earths. A messianic blue fox who slips through warrens of time and space on a mysterious mission. A homeless woman haunted by a demon who finds the key to all things in a strange journal. A giant leviathan of a fish, centuries old, who hides a secret, remembering a past that may not be its own. Three ragtag rebels waging an endless war for the fate of the world against an all-powerful corporation. A raving madman who wanders the desert lost in the past, haunted by his own creation: an invisible monster whose name he has forgotten and whose purpose remains hidden.

Saddle up for western action in this Lou Prophet, Bounty Hunter novel from Peter Brandvold. Lou Prophet loves to keep beautiful women company. But when the invitation comes from Miss Louisa Bonaventure, the Vengeance Queen, he finds himself intimate with hot lead instead of her warm female form. Louisa's got him riding the brutal Mexican frontier chasing outlaws led by Tony Lazzaro, a notorious thief whose deadly weapon, Sugar Delphi, is a blind and blood-hungry pistolera. While Lou and Louisa hunt for Lazzaro, they've got two gangs hot on their tail: vicious Mojaves hungry for white hides, and Mexican Rurales hungry for gold. They're not sure who's more of a threat, but decide to keep their enemies closer by riding with the Rurales. In a true case of the blind leading the blind, Lou Prophet prays that this pursuit ends with him on the right end of a smoking pistol...

Set in a small northwestern town, a coming-of-age story about a boy, his twice-married mother, and his charismatic uncle is overshadowed by the death of his father, a suspicious fire that destroys the town, and three murders

You are cradling a newborn. The scent of innocence penetrates your spirit. This child has no concept of good or evil....only your nearness. Now it is time to kill! Kill the baby!

Allow me to introduce you to Colbalt Drake. He is a Native American who, because he was born an albino, lived as an outcast. He was a victim of genetic circumstance, plagued by a humanity that tortured him by turning a blind eye. Hindsight. Nurture or Nature? The unavoidable events and conditions of his life formed a corridor toward evil. Mass murderer. The choice is yours. Do you delude yourself with storybook endings, or do you concede to the certainty that Cobalt Drake is a budding Hitler? -----Jane Seitz

Magazine Editor Emeritus

Slocum rides into a treacherous town—and straight through hell! The Big Race at Scorpion Bend is a deadly ride with the fastest cowboys in the territory—and Slocum is ahead by a nose...

“Walking A Tightrope While Wearing Combat Boots” is a spiritual journey that brought a Southern Baptist preacher’s wife through 25 years of fighting the devil, while serving and growing in the Lord. Within this book are the lessons she learned so that she could grow in Him, and get to know a Living God in a personal way. Living the life and fighting the battles has produced a vessel of pure gold, fit for the Masters use. A vessel God is using to bring healing and deliverance to His people. Many of God’s children are walking this same walk. Sometimes there seems to be no relief in sight. If you are a struggling Christian, then this book is for you. Here you will learn that you too can be used mightily by God. He is seeking those who would learn to do battle with the enemy, WARRIORS VICTORIOUS!

From #1 bestselling authors Preston & Child comes a thrilling novel following archaeologist Nora Kelly and FBI Agent Corrie Swanson as they work together to solve a twisted crime that reaches far beyond any of their worst fears. Following the acclaimed debut of *Old Bones*, this second "happily anticipated" new thriller in Preston & Child's series features Nora Kelly, archaeologist at the Santa Fe Archeological Institute, and rookie FBI Agent Corrie Swanson, as they team up to solve a mystery that quickly escalates into nightmare (Booklist). A mummified corpse, over half a century old, is found in the cellar of an abandoned building in a remote New Mexico ghost town. Corrie is assigned what seems to her a throwaway case: to ID the body and determine cause of death. She brings archaeologist Nora Kelly to excavate the body and lend her expertise to the investigation, and together they uncover something unexpected and shocking: the deceased apparently died in agony, in a fetal position, skin coming off in sheets, with a rictus of horror frozen on his face. Hidden on the corpse lies a 16th century Spanish gold cross of immense value. When they at last identify the body -- and the bizarre cause of death -- Corrie and Nora open a door into a terrifying, secret world of ancient treasure and modern obsession: a world centered on arguably the most defining, frightening, and transformative moment in American history.

The remnant of Glenrock has been scattered. But they are not beaten. The Safe Lands have long kept the true meaning of Liberation secret from their people. But after being sentenced to Liberation themselves, Mason and Omar soon discover the truth. Levi watched his brothers' public sentencing and tries to hold out hope they are still alive, He is forced to focus his attention elsewhere, however, when his new wife, Jemma, is captured and made the Safe Lands' newest Queen. His only choice to save Jemma may be to take up Omar's old role of undercover vigilante, leading the rebels in their quest to overthrow the government. But will Levi's new role be enough? Meanwhile, Jemma's sister, Shaylinn, is ready to give birth to the "Safe Lands" children ... but not even Ciddah is sure they can be delivered safely in the midst of a rebellion. And Mason must face the fact Omar's illness could be fatal. If they can all unite their efforts, together they may be able to expose the Safe Lands' lies to the people. But if they fail, they will all surely die.

Follow Gregor in the fourth enthralling adventure in Suzanne Collins' New York Times bestselling *Underland Chronicles* -- with gorgeous new cover art coming July 1st! In Book 4 of the bestselling *Underland Chronicles*, Gregor is drawn ever deeper into a brewing crisis. For generations, rats have run the mice out of whatever lands they've claimed, keeping them constantly

on the move. But now the mice are disappearing and the young queen Luxa is determined to find out why. Gregor and Boots join Luxa on a simple fact-finding mission. But when the true fate of the mice is revealed, it is something far more sinister than they had imagined -- and it points the way to the final prophecy Gregor has yet to fulfill. His abilities are put to the test in this suspenseful, action-packed penultimate installment of Suzanne Collins's thrilling Underland Chronicles.

Ranging from the mysterious to pulp action to the Lovecraftian, this vivid collection of short fiction explores a world of radio heroes, masterful villains, and creatures from places unknown. Hell's First Team! They crawl through jungle. Claw through caves. Slog through swamps. Nothing can stop them. And every moment their minds are dominated by a single thought: kill, or die. They take the impossible jobs no ordinary outfit will touch. Because these aren't ordinary men. They're the toughest team in the Pacific War, the one the enemy fears most. Originally published under the pen name John Mackie

WINNER: 2011 PEOPLE'S BOOK PRIZE. Torpedoed by a German U-boat, adrift on the open ocean, gravely weakened and slowly dying of thirst - the odds of making shore are lengthening with each gruelling hour. Deliverance from the decaying lifeboat will take something far more remarkable than sheer endurance. And after survival at sea, yet more anguish lies in wait. Based on a true incident in 1942. "Dignified yet compelling... packs an enormous emotional wallop"--Mark Thornton, Costa Award judge 2010. "A novel of raw intensity and startling emotional power"--Lancashire Evening Post. "A remarkable imaginative achievement"--Edward Stourton. "Destined to become a true maritime classic "--Angus Konstam. "A brilliantly conceived story of endurance and romance"--Lord Butler. "A powerful and remarkable novel"--Army Children Archive. "Elevated to the realms of the truly memorable"--Simon Appleby, Bookgeeks.

Haunted by history. Bound by mystery. Lori Chase doesn't know what to think about ghosts. She may have seen a few in the past, but those were just childish imaginings . . . right? Only now that she is living in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, spirits seem to be on everyone's mind. The town is obsessed with its bloody Civil War history, and the old inn that Lori's parent run is supposedly haunted by the souls of dead soldiers. Then Lori meets one such soldier -- the devastatingly handsome Nathaniel Pierce. Nathaniel's soul cannot rest, and he desperately needs Lori's help. Because Nathaniel was not killed in the famous battle. He was murdered. Lori begins to investigate the age-old mystery, stumbling upon shocking clues and secrets. At the same time, she can't help falling for Nathaniel, just as he is falling for her . . . .

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