

The Bear And The Serpent Echoes Of The Fall

***Ebook edition featuring exclusive extra reading material** Barcelona, Summer 2003. Three women are sacrificed to an unknown purpose, skin carved with a cryptic alphabet, tongues cut from their mouths. Sent beautiful, sinister letters - clues, or confessions? - Inspector Fabregat cannot decipher the warnings within. As Barcelona explodes in revelry on the Festival of St Joan, Natalia Hernandez, flower of the National Theatre and Catalan idol, lies broken on the steps of the Cathedral. The city bays for blood, Fabregat chases a shadow-like suspect and signs that whisper of secrets beyond his grasp. Barcelona, Winter 2014. Anna Verco - academic, book thief, savant - unearths letters hidden for centuries from a lightning-struck chapel in Mallorca. What they reveal compels her and Fabregat to reignite the Hernandez investigation. Every page she turns conceals a coded message; every street she treads leads her deeper into the labyrinth. As Fabregat baits her with suspects, and threats darken her steps, Anna hunts her own prey - the book that began it all, a medieval revelation written in the language of witches and alchemists: The Serpent Papers. Anna believes this book will unlock the mystery. She does not yet know she is the key.*

"We travel the world," writes Gregory McNamee, "and wherever we go there are snake stories to entertain us." Here are some fifty diverse and unusual accounts of serpents from cultures across time and around the globe: snakes that talk, jump, and dance; snakes that transform into other creatures; snakes that just . . . watch. Many selections are drawn from the rich oral traditions of peoples in every clime that supports reptiles, from the Akimel O'odham of North America to the Mensa Bet-Abrahe of Africa to the Mungkjan of Australia. Included as well are such writings as prayers from the Egyptian Book of the Dead, fairy tales collected by the Brothers Grimm, a poem by Emily Dickinson, and a journal entry by Charles Darwin. What we read about snakes in The Serpent's Tale is just as fascinating for what it says about us, for there always will be something primordial about our connection to them. That bond is evident in these stories: in how we associate snakes with nature's elemental forces, how we attribute special qualities to their eyes and skin, and how they preside over all phases of our existence, from creation to death to resurrection.

This book of oral tales from the south Indian region of Kannada represents the culmination of a lifetime of research by A. K. Ramanujan, one of the most revered scholars and writers of his time. The result of over three decades' labor, this long-awaited collection makes available for the first time a wealth of folktales from a region that has not yet been adequately represented in world literature. Ramanujan's skill as a translator, his graceful writing style, and his profound love and understanding of the subject enrich the tales that he collected, translated, and interpreted. With a written literature recorded from about 800 A.D., Kannada is rich in mythology, devotional and secular poetry, and more recently novels and plays. Ramanujan, born in Mysore in 1929, had an intimate knowledge of the language. In the 1950s, when working as a college lecturer, he began collecting these tales from everyone he could--servants, aunts, schoolteachers, children, carpenters, tailors. In 1970 he began translating and interpreting the tales, a project that absorbed him for the next three decades. When Ramanujan died in 1993, the translations were complete and he had written notes for about half of the tales. With its unsentimental sympathies, its laughter, and its delightfully vivid sense of detail, the collection stands as a significant and moving monument to Ramanujan's memory as a scholar and writer.

From the author of The Angel's Mark, a CWA Dagger longlisted novel and a Walter Scott Prize Academy Recommended Read 2019 'S.W. Perry's ingeniously plotted novels have become my favourite historical crime series.' S. G. MacLean, author of The Seeker series

Treason sleeps for no man... London, 1591. Nicholas Shelby, physician and reluctant spy, returns to his old haunts on London's lawless Bankside. But, when

spymaster Robert Cecil asks him to investigate the dubious practices of a mysterious doctor from Switzerland, Nicholas is soon embroiled in a conspiracy that threatens not just the life of an innocent young patient, but the overthrow of Queen Elizabeth herself. With fellow healer and mistress of the Jackdaw tavern, Bianca Merton, again at his side, Nicholas is drawn into a sinister world of zealots, charlatans and dangerous fanatics...

A Messianic Motif

The number one bestseller and British Book Awards Book of the Year

Odysseus in the Serpent Maze

The Serpent in Kwakiutl Religion

Public Opinion

The Serpent's Ring

Before he became the hero of the Trojan War, young Odysseus battled monsters and magic. Young Prince Odysseus longs to be a hero. But when he and his travelling companions are captured on their way home to Ithaca, Odysseus learns that being a hero isn't always easy. Now Odysseus must fight dastardly pirates, survive the enchanted songs of sirens, slay monsters, and defeat a treacherous king. Worse still, Odysseus has to deal with girls: snooty, spoiled Princess Helen of Sparta and her companion, the annoyingly sensible Penelope. Odysseus must use his strength and cleverness to save his friends, and he must sacrifice more than he ever expected to become the hero he is destined to be. This ebook features personal histories by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris including rare images from the authors' personal collections, as well as a timeline of the Heroic Age and a conversation between the two authors about the making of the series.

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Ancient Secrets. The Alchemist's Creed. What Fate is Andy Mixed Up In? Winner of the Prestigious Readers' Favorite Five-Star Award Resurrection stone? Almost. The Stone of Athanasia has kept the king and his wizard alive for over five-hundred-years, but a villain has stolen it, driving the pair to the brink of death. Andy must hunt down the Stone along with the next ingredient in the curse-breaking potion. But as Andy and his friend, Alden, scour the land, things get really weird when they visit Oomaldee's ancient library and find a portrait that looks exactly like Andy. Andy holds the fate of the monarchy in his hands. But what fate will the library's secrets hold for Andy? Venom of the Serpent's Cunning is the second novel in a coming-of-age, epic fantasy adventure featuring page-turning action, terrifying villains, and witty banter mixed with tender exchanges that will grab your heart and make you beg for more. Author L. R. W. Lee's Andy Smithson series continues to grow in scope and excitement in this second installment. Buy Venom of the Serpent's Cunning to continue the thrilling adventure today! The Andy Smithson epic fantasy series includes: Blast of the Dragon's Fury Venom of the Serpent's Cunning Disgrace of the Unicorn's Honor These first three books are also available in a box set Resurrection of the Phoenix's Grace Vision of the Griffin's Heart Wisdom of the Centaurs' Reason These second three books are also available in another box set Battle for the Land's Soul Power of the Heir's Passion, Prequel Fans of the following books and series are known to enjoy this epic fantasy series: Dragonlance Chronicles Dragons

of Autumn Twilight Dragons of Spring Dawning Dragons of Winter Night Shattered A Ya Urban Fantasy Novel Torn A Ya Urban Fantasy Novel Darkest Designs Dragons of Pern Dragons of Eden Harry Potter A Wrinkle In Time The Chronicles of Narnia Dragons Rioting Game of Thrones Rise of the Dragons A Quest of Heroes Dragonsworn Magic of Recluce The Mallorean The Belgariad The Elenium Shannara Chronicles Sword of Shannara Elfstones of Shannara Magic Tree House Dragonriders of Pern Assassin's Apprentice Godsland Young Adult Fantasy Series Fans of the following authors are known to enjoy this young adult fantasy series: JRR Tolkien David Eddings Terry Brooks Glen G. Thater Daniel Arenson L.R.W. Lee Robin Hobb Peter V. Brett C.S. Lewis Brian Rathbone R.A. Salvatore Joe Abercrombie Morgan Rice Lindsay Buroker Anne McCaffrey Scott Sigler Christopher Paolini J. K. Rowling Brandon Sanderson Taran Matharu Sherrilyn Kenyon Michael J. Sullivan Mark Lawrence Fritz Leiber Conan Patrick Rothfuss Brandon Sanderson Scott Lynch Marion Zimmer Bradley R. Scott Bakker Robert Jordan Brent Weeks Stephen Donaldson Keywords related to this epic fantasy series: children's books with serpents, top children's serpent books with reptiles, best-selling books for kids about serpents shadow and reptiles, teens serpents shadow, best girls serpents, top boys serpent book, reptile, serpent, serpent children, serpents shadow books for kids, best serpent books, book with serpents and snakes and reptiles, top serpents, best-selling award winning serpent book with snakes and serpents and reptiles, serpents shadow.

As Commissioner Alberto Ruggeri stands in the rain, flashes of lightning and a floodlight show a murdered man on a merry-go-round. Someone shot the victim, identified as a Romanian mason, once to the temple. A three-story building and a wooded area flank the playground that is now a crime scene. Now, Ruggeri must try to find out who the laborer is, why he was killed and who is to blame. His investigation leads him to the building nearby and its odd cast of characters. By picking apart statements from witnesses, Ruggeri discovers that the victim was killed in the woods and that a dog chased the killer. One witness even says she saw someone leave the body in the playground. But even these details do little to reveal why the laborer was killed and by whom. As Ruggeri continues to investigate, he comes upon mysteries within mysteries, including another murder victim. Join Ruggeri in a mystery full of quirky characters and unexpected twists. Another person just might turn up dead if the detective is unable to follow The Serpent's Tracks.

The Serpent Papers

The Serpent of Eden: a Philological and Critical Essay on the Text of Genesis III., and Its Various Interpretations

People of the Bear Mother

An Interdisciplinary Survey of Its Manifestations and Origins

A Poem in Twelve Cantos

The Cult of the Serpent

Ogres are bigger than you. Ogres are stronger than you. Ogres rule the world. It's always idyllic in the village until the landlord comes to call. Because the landlord is an Ogre. And Ogres rule the world, with their size and strength and appetites. It's always been that way. It's the natural order of the world. And they only eat people sometimes. But when the headman's son, Torquell, dares lift his hand against the landlord's son, he sets himself on a path to learn the terrible truth about the Ogres, and about the dark sciences that ensured their rule.

Evan and Claire Jones are typical teenagers, forced to go with their parents to yet another boring museum ... that is, until something extraordinary happens to make their day a little

more than interesting. After following a strange little creature into a closed exhibit, Evan and his older sister, Claire, discover the Serpent's Ring, one of the magical relics formed from the shattered Mysticus Orb. Purely by accident, they have awakened its powers and opened a portal to Sagaas, land of ancient gods. Before the siblings can comprehend what has happened, the Serpent's Ring is wrenched from Evan's hand by an enormous fish and flown back to Aegir, the Norse god of the sea. Evan and Claire, accompanied by a band of unlikely heroes, must retrieve the Serpent's Ring before Aegir uses its immense powers to flood all the lands on Earth. For Middle Grade readers and higher Fans of: Percy Jackson Series

The ninth book in the New York Times bestselling Longmire series, featuring Sheriff Walt Longmire. Cord Lyneer, a Mormon 'lost boy' forced off his compound for supposedly rebellious behaviour, shows up in Absaroka County. Without much guidance, divine or otherwise, Sheriff Walt Longmire, his second-in-command Victoria Moretti and his good friend Henry Standing Bear search for the boy's mother and find themselves in a scavenger hunt that ends at the doorstep of an interstate polygamy group. Run by Roy Lyneer - Cord's father - the group is frighteningly well-armed and very good at keeping secrets. As Walt, Henry and Vic pursue the Lyneers, they hear whispers of Big Oil and the CIA and find they might be dealing with more than they bargained for. 'The characters talk straight from the hip and the Wyoming landscape is its own kind of eloquence'

New York Times

A continuation of the historical saga that began with The Soul Thief and The Witches' Kitchen finds Corban Loosestrife returning to his home in Vinland to find his colony destroyed and his beloved wife dead, and when his niece has a prophetic dream about a serpent-worshipping army, he undertakes a dangerous quest.

The Serpent Mage

A Kulipari Novel

The Serpent Dreamer

Melmoth

The Rainbow Serpent

The Serpent's Tracks

A tiresome task. A deceptive dragon. A prince that changes everything. Ophiuchus is a celebrated warrior of the Celestial Kingdom and a warrior among the Stars. He has been always been a dutiful servant of the Prince of Stars. So when the prince asks him to watch over the crafty serpent, Naga, Ophiuchus agrees. But as time passes and

discouragement—both from Naga and others—Ophiuchus wonders if the Prince of Stars was right in asking him to take on the burdens of his task. Will Ophiuchus honor his duty, or give into his heart's weariness? A short graphic novel set in the larger world of C. S. Johnson's *The Starlight Chronicles*.

Twelve-year-old Theo uses arcane knowledge and her own special talent when she encounters two secret societies, one sworn to protect the world from ancient Egyptian magic and one planning to harness it to bring chaos to the world, both of which want a valuable artifact stolen from the London museum for which her parents work. 20,000 first printing.

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The first in the *Echoes of the Fall* series, *The Tiger and the Wolf* is a high fantasy novel by Adrian Tchaikovsky, winner of the British Fantasy Award for Best Novel. In the bleak northern crown of the world, war is coming . . . Maniye's father is the Wolf clan's chieftain, but she's an outcast. Her mother was queen of the Tiger and these tribes have been enemies for generations. Maniye also hides a deadly secret. All can shift into their clan's animal form, but Maniye can take on tiger and wolf shapes. She refuses to disown half her soul so escapes, rescuing a prisoner of the Wolf clan in the process. The killer Broken Axe is set on their trail, to drag them back for retribution. The Wolf chieftan plots to rule the north and controlling his daughter is crucial to his schemes. However, other tribes also prepare for strife. Strangers from the far south appear too, seeking allies in their own conflict. It's a season for omens as priests foresee danger and a darkness falling across the land. Some say a great war is coming, overshadowing even Wolf ambitions. A time of testing and broken laws is near, but what spark will set the world ablaze? Continue this sweeping coming-of-age fantasy with *The Bear and the Serpent*.

The Serpent in Samuel

Reynard the Fox

Supplement

On the Trail of the Serpent

The Serpent's Cane

The Serpent's Tale

The fight to protect the Amphibilands rages on in the second book of this action-packed, illustrated series by former football pro Trevor Pryce. The spider

queen and Lord Marmoo of the scorpions still have their eyes and fangs set on the vulnerable home of the frogs, and this time they've got some impressive backup: the ghost bats, taipan snakes, and blue-banded bees. The constant threats from the outside are keeping the frog warriors busy, so while Gee and Coorah hold down the defenses, Darel and the Kulipari go in search of their dreamcasting turtle friend, Yabber. Yabber, once found, insists he knows who holds the key to saving the Amphibilands: the Rainbow Serpent. With some powerful new allies and a destiny greater than he could have possibly imagined, Darel may be able to beat his enemies and protect his home once and for all.

Rowan faces her most dangerous monster-slaying challenge yet, confronting what could be the most infamous monster of all, in the third book in this fantastical series by New York Times bestselling author, Kelley Armstrong. Rowan is Tamarel's Royal Monster Hunter, and her twin brother, Rhydd, will be its king. After the events of *The Gryphon's Lair*, Rowan, along with her friends, her brother and an entourage of monstrous companions, makes her way back to the Dunnian Woods to deal with the pack of dropbears the group trapped in an abandoned cabin after a vicious attack. The dropbears are just one of a number of rare monster species acting erratically in Tamarel. After a swarm of colocolos nearly tramples the group, Rowan becomes convinced that someone (or something) is driving these monsters out of their natural habitats. But nothing can prepare the Royal Monster Hunter for the truth of the matter: monsters even bigger and deadlier than gryphons have returned to the world, and their nest-building, as well as the actions of the humans trying to drive them out, has upset the balance of nature in Tamarel. Do Rowan's "monster magnet" skills work against the most fearsome monsters imaginable? Find out in this exciting third book in the Royal Guide to Monster Slaying series!

From the New York Times–bestselling and award-winning author of *The Infinity Concerto*, the fantasy saga continues . . . After five years trapped in the Realm of the Sidhedark, Michael Perrin has returned home. He wants nothing more than to live a normal life—but the unearthly music of Arno Waltiri continues to play on. The song of power has weakened the veil between the human and faerie worlds. The streets of Los Angeles are haunted by uncanny beings, strange bodies have been discovered in a dilapidated hotel, and an ancient creature calls to Michael from the waters of a loch in Scotland. The Sidhe have followed Michael home. To repair the rift between Earth and Realm, man and fae, he will have to wield the magic he wished he never learned—and complete an unfinished symphony linked to the ethereal melody of Waltiri's Opus 45, the *Infinity Concerto*. This follow-up to *The Infinity Concerto* is a work of fresh, out-of-the-ordinary fantasy by an acclaimed winner of the Nebula and Hugo Awards, the author of *The Forge of God*, the *Forerunner Saga*, and other reader favorites.

Nothing could have prepared me for a traitor. I thought I knew the world I was

thrust into. I thought I could trust the actions of the men protecting me. I thought sharing an evening with Ren would let him open up to me. But I was wrong. Wrong, wrong, wrong. Now what choice do I have? Can anyone blame me for what I'm about to do? USA Today Bestselling Author Becca Fanning is proud to bring you this Reverse Harem Academy Romance serial, packed with all the action, intrigue and great chemistry you can handle!

The Serpent's Fury

The Serpent-Bearer and the Prince of Stars

Children's Epic Fantasy Book for Kids with a Villianous Serpent, Snakes, Reptiles & Serpents

The Popular Science Monthly

The True Story of the Killer who inspired the hit BBC drama

Elder Race

Named to ten BEST OF THE YEAR lists and selected as a William C. Morris Award Winner, *The Serpent King* is the critically acclaimed, much-beloved story of three teens who find themselves--and each other--while on the cusp of graduating from high school with hopes of leaving their small-town behind. Perfect for fans of John Green's *Turtles All the Way Down*. "Move over, John Green; Zentner is coming for you." —The New York Public Library "Will fill the infinite space that was left in your chest after you finished *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*." —BookRiot.com Dill isn't the most popular kid at his rural Tennessee high school. After his father fell from grace in a public scandal that reverberated throughout their small town, Dill became a target. Fortunately, his two fellow misfits and best friends, Travis and Lydia, have his back. But as they begin their senior year, Dill feels the coils of his future tightening around him. His only escapes are music and his secret feelings for Lydia--neither of which he is brave enough to share. Graduation feels more like an ending to Dill than a beginning. But even before then, he must cope with another ending--one that will rock his life to the core. Debut novelist Jeff Zentner provides an unblinking and at times comic view of the hard realities of growing up in the Bible belt, and an intimate look at the struggles to find one's true self in the wreckage of the past. "A story about friendship, family and forgiveness, it's as funny and witty as it is utterly heartbreaking." —PasteMagazine.com "A brutally honest portrayal of teen life . . . [and] a love letter to the South from a man who really understands it." —Mashable.com "I adored all three of these characters and the way they talked to and loved one another."—New York Times

"Masterful...scary and smart, working as a horror story but also a philosophical inquiry into the nature of will and love. Perry did as much in her richly praised novel *The Essex Serpent*, but this is a deeper, more complex novel and more rewarding." —Washington Post For centuries, the mysterious dark-robed figure has roamed the globe, searching for those whose complicity and cowardice have fed into the rapids of history's darkest waters—and now, in Sarah Perry's breathtaking follow-up to *The Essex Serpent*, it is heading in our direction. It has been years since Helen Franklin left England. In Prague, working as a translator, she has found a home of sorts—or, at least, refuge. That changes when her friend

Karel discovers a mysterious letter in the library, a strange confession and a curious warning that speaks of Melmoth the Witness, a dark legend found in obscure fairy tales and antique village lore. As such superstition has it, Melmoth travels through the ages, dooming those she persuades to join her to a damnation of timeless, itinerant solitude. To Helen it all seems the stuff of unenlightened fantasy. But, unaware, as she wanders the cobblestone streets Helen is being watched. And then Karel disappears. . . .

Music, myth, and magic mix in this tale of a melody not meant for human ears, from the New York Times–bestselling and award-winning author of Darwin’s Radio. Michael Perrin is an aspiring poet, struggling to express the chaotic cadences of his thoughts on paper. He finds a kindred spirit in Arno Waltiri, the film score composer behind several of Michael’s favorite classic movies. The maestro’s greatest piece, however, was performed in front of a live audience only once. The concerto Opus 45, Infinity left its listeners entranced, altered to the very core of their souls. Waltiri’s composition is a song of power. Never meant to be heard by human ears, its melody is as captivating as a siren’s call, its notes ring out like a death knell, and its rhythms shake the very foundations of reality. The music’s otherworldly tones have led Michael through the gate between Earth and the Realm of the Sidhedark, where faeries reign by rule of magic—and where Michael must find his muse if he’s ever to return home. The Infinity Concerto is a fantasy masterpiece by the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author of the Forerunner Saga, Eon, and other imaginative classics.

The follow-up to Mistress of the Art of Death- in the national bestselling series hailed as "the medieval answer to Kay Scarpetta and the CSI detectives." When King Henry II's mistress is found poisoned, suspicion falls on his estranged queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine. The king orders Adelia Aguilar, expert in the science of death, to investigate-and hopefully stave off civil war. A reluctant Adelia finds herself once again in the company of Rowley Picot, the new Bishop of St. Albans...and her baby's father. Their discoveries into the crime are shocking- and omens of greater danger to come.

Academy Of Beasts VII

The Hyena and the Hawk

The Serpent's Mark

Seared by the Serpent

A Study in Primitive Culture

Perfect for fans of Rory Clements and S G MacLean

After the bomb blast ten years ago, everyone thought S.S was dead until 10 years later, when a case links S.S back in the loop as Detective Ray accidentally lands on a clue. A clue that can solve the oil-spill case and save his clients but maybe drag Ray into the cobweb of S.S. Will Ray succeed like always or will this case be his career's biggest challenge or the last challenge? Find out as the events unfold in this gripping mystery thriller. A duel of two maestros. Both ethical in their own ways but in a fight of survival, one must step down or get stepped down...

A true memoir of the electrifying dance of enlightenment through yoga,

meditation and Kundalini awakening. Experience the chaos and trauma of ghostly visitations, angelic presences, alien encounters, shamanic travel, and near death experiences, plus the joy and bliss of holy trances, spiritual rebirth and union with the Divine.

*****NOW THE SUBJECT OF THE MAJOR BBC TV SERIES *** DISCOVER THE INCREDIBLE TRUE CRIME STORY OF SERIAL KILLER, CHARLES SOBHRAJ, AND THE RACE TO BRING HIM TO JUSTICE** Charles Sobhraj remains one of the world's great con men, and as a serial killer, the story of his life and capture endures as legend. Born in Vietnam to a Vietnamese mother and Indian father, Sobhraj grew up with a fluid sense of identity, moving to France before being imprisoned and stripped of his multiple nationalities. Driven to floating from country to country, continent to continent, he became the consummate con artist, stealing passports, smuggling drugs and guns across Asia, busting out of prisons and robbing wealthy associates. But as his situation grew more perilous, he turned to murder, preying on Western tourists dropping out across the 1970s hippie route, leaving a trail of dead bodies and gruesome crime scenes in his wake. First published in 1979, but updated here to include new material, *On the Trail of the Serpent* draws its readers into the story of Sobhraj's life as told exclusively to journalists Richard Neville and Julie Clarke. Blurring the boundaries between true crime and novelisation, this remains the definitive book about Sobhraj - riveting tale of sex, drugs, adventure and murder.

In Adrian Tchaikovsky's Elder Race, a junior anthropologist on a distant planet must help the locals he has sworn to study to save a planet from an unbeatable foe. Lynesse is the lowly Fourth Daughter of the queen, and always getting in the way. But a demon is terrorizing the land, and now she's an adult (albeit barely) with responsibilities (she tells herself). Although she still gets in the way, she understands that the only way to save her people is to invoke the pact between her family and the Elder sorcerer who has inhabited the local tower for as long as her people have lived here (though none in living memory has approached it). But Elder Nyr isn't a sorcerer, and he is forbidden to help, and his knowledge of science tells him the threat cannot possibly be a demon... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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A Flowering Tree and Other Oral Tales from India

The Serpent King

A Serpent's Tooth

The Serpent and the Rose

The most powerful shaman of the People of the Bear Mother invites a young woman to take her soul's great adventure by painting a new piece of animal art on the walls in the deepest chambers of the awesome Great Cave. The time has come for Little Bear to make the life-altering choice

to overcome her fear of the terrifying old shaman, and in doing so, unalterably change all the lives her soul will subsequently experience even as her "lion eye" reappears in each lifetime to identify her avatar. But before she may embark on her hero's journey, she must be initiated as hunter and then as Seer through trials, ordeals, and the revelations of her people's mythology expressed in the art of the Cave. The tale builds to an unexpected climax as one soul experiences many lifetimes in a hunting culture where being born female or male, homosexual or heterosexual, young or old are equally valid ways of being human. Inspired by the work of Joseph Campbell and the artwork of France's 35,000-year-old Chauvet Cave, the novel takes a fresh look at, and is a new take on, the life-ways and religion of our earliest ancestors through Little Bear's encounters with shamans, hunters, avatars, and painted caves. This story reveals that the spiritual messages hidden within this magnificent, incredibly ancient art are the same metaphysical beliefs of the New Age and the same universal human truths at the heart of every world religion and mystical philosophy. 2011 Book Competition Finalist Awards: USA Best Book Awards for New Age Fiction; IBA for Chick Lit-Women's Fiction; IBA for Gay-Lesbian Fiction.

In this study, Brian A. Verrett argues that 1st Samuel contains a serpent motif by practicing biblical theology and literary criticism. This motif derives from the serpent in Genesis 3, and its function within the Samuel narrative is to heighten the reader's anticipation in the coming messiah, who is the son of David and the seed of the woman from Genesis 3:15. This messiah will defeat the serpent and inaugurate his glorious reign over a renewed world. When 1st Samuel is read in this way, one appreciates previously unnoticed features of the text, understands aspects of the text that were formerly confusing, and rightly sees that the whole of 1st Samuel is a messianic document.

The beautiful Averil is heir to the Duchy of Quitaine, in the Kingdom of Lys. She is a powerful mage, trained by the Ladies of the Isle, but when her father calls her home to take up her duties, she must leave that life behind. In her city of Fontevrai, she meets Gereint, raised as a common villager but greatly gifted in magic, a novice of the magical order of the Knights of the Rose. The Knights and their sister order, the Ladies of the Isle, defend a great secret: the means and location of the Serpent's imprisonment a thousand years ago by the Young God in whose name their order was founded. Quitaine is under subtle attack by the King of Lys, who has secretly become an adept of the hidden order of the Serpent, and he will let nothing and no one stand in the way of his quest to discover how to free his God. But the Knights of the Rose, and the Ladies of the Isle believe that if the Serpent is freed, the world will be enslaved to chaos: humanity will destroy itself, and all that man has made will be corrupted. The War of the Rose and Serpent has begun again, after a thousand years. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER Overall Book of the Year and Fiction Book of the Year at the British Book Awards 2017 (Nibbies) Longlisted for the 2017 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction The Waterstones Book of the Year 2016 Shortlisted for the 2016 Costa Novel Award London, 1893. When Cora Seaborne's controlling husband dies, she steps into her new life as a widow with as much relief as sadness. Along with her son Francis - a curious, obsessive boy - she leaves town for Essex, in the hope that fresh air and open space will provide refuge. On arrival, rumours reach them that the mythical Essex Serpent, once said to roam the marshes claiming lives, has returned to the coastal parish of Aldwinter. Cora, a keen amateur naturalist with no patience for superstition, is enthralled, convinced that what the local people think is a magical beast may be a yet-undiscovered species. As she sets out on its trail,

she is introduced to William Ransome, Aldwinter's vicar, who is also deeply suspicious of the rumours, but thinks they are a distraction from true faith. As he tries to calm his parishioners, Will and Cora strike up an intense relationship, and although they agree on absolutely nothing, they find themselves at once drawn together and torn apart, affecting each other in ways that surprise them both. The Essex Serpent is a celebration of love, and the many different shapes it can take.

Venom of the Serpent's Cunning (Book Two)

Unmasking Evolution, tread down the serpent's lie

Snakes in Folklore and Literature

The Essex Serpent

The Infinity Concerto

A Short Story of Demons and Starlight

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