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### The Twyford Code

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A sweeping Elizabethan historical fantasy from an internationally renowned author that evokes the seafaring adventures of Robert Louis Stevenson with the magic of *The Bear and the Nightingale* and *Marion Zimmer Bradley's Ancestors of Avalon* HMH Books For Young Readers The mysterious connection between a teacher's disappearance and an unsolved code in a children's book is explored in this new novel from the "modern Agatha Christie" (The Sunday Times, London) and

author of *The Appeal*. Forty years ago, Steven "Smithy" Smith found a copy of a famous children's book by disgraced author Edith Twyford, its margins full of strange markings and annotations. When he showed it to his remedial English teacher Miss Iles, she believed that it was part of a secret code that ran through all of Twyford's novels. And when she later disappeared on a class field trip, Smithy becomes convinced that she had been right. Now, out of prison after a long stretch, Smithy decides to investigate the mystery that has haunted him for decades. In a series of voice recordings on an old iPhone, Smithy alternates between visiting the

people of his childhood and looking back on the events that later landed him in prison. But it soon becomes clear that Edith Twyford wasn't just a writer of forgotten children's stories. The Twyford Code holds a great secret, and Smithy may just have the key. "Filled with numerous clues, acrostics, and red herrings, this thrilling scavenger hunt for the truth is delightfully deceptive and thoroughly immersive" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). **Mageborn** Citadel Press Diana Paxson's retelling of the early part of the famous myth, repopularized a century ago by Wagner's Ring Cycle, is an epic portrait of a violent yet passionate era in European history.

Her masterful portrayal of brilliance and magic, of greed and lust, of envy and love, creates powerful images of the lives of the Germanic peoples amid the ruins of the Roman Empire.

**Book of the Cauldron**

Simon and Schuster

Introduces the world of Roshar through the experiences of a war-weary royal compelled by visions, a highborn youth condemned to military slavery, and a woman who is desperate to save her impoverished house.

*Dragon Guard Warrior*

Avon Books

The Romans came, conquered, and departed, leaving behind them a strange new religion called Christianity. The princes of Britannia have driven back the invading Saxons and dream of a return to bygone days, while others on the island invoke the magic of a time older still. For the revered ancient goddesses Eve on in the hearts and memories of the proud royal women of the old British tribes. And now, King Artor -- wounded in body and spirit -- proclaims that the sword and the spear must be put to rest, and summons his mother Igerne, Lady of the Lake, to use the powers of the

Cauldron to heal a troubled, wartorn land. But old jealousies and new power struggles threaten disaster, as Artor's sister Morgause hides a deadly secret and a darker magic. It is Guendivar the queen who holds the key to their survival, if she can master her own power in time. For a darkness is emanating from high places -- and it threatens to devastate a realm. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

**Helen Isle: Magical Sestina Book** Ballantine Books

After years of conflict, Britannia finally knows peace and Artor reigns from his throne at Camelot. But discontent rumbles through the kingdom. A new generation longs for the glory their fathers knew. Medraut, the son conceived by deceit, lusts for Artor's crown -- and his queen. Dreams of an empire draw the king to Gallia to battle again, leaving the sovereignty of the isle in Guendivar's hands. As Artor's painful absence grows longer, the land cries out for its champion -- and even the queen doubts his return. With the rise of revolt home to a country in turmoil. Only he can heal the land and reclaim the

kingdom -- or else the hallowed isle will be ripped asunder once again. A darkness born and bred for revenge shadows the nation. But one hope shines -- the Defender of Britannia.

*The Jewel of Fire* John

Joseph Adams

Provides a clear and concise history of Asatru - a living religion that encompasses the magical practices of the Norse and Germanic peoples - and also provides thorough instruction on how to practice and make it a part of every day life. Includes information on rituals, rune casting, ethics, and divination. Essential Asatru features a foreword by Isaac Bonewits, author of *Bonewits Essential Guide to Wicca and Witchcraft* and is the only accessible, reader-friendly book on Asatru on the market today.

*Silverhair the Wanderer*

AuthorHouse

With his father in a coma, CIA operative Samuel Tolen may have found a way to answer mankind's greatest question: Is there life after death? When the Sudarium of Oviedo - the venerable cloth that once covered Jesus Christ's face on the cross - is stolen from a cathedral in Spain, it sparks a series of grisly

murders. Each victim is killed in a manner resembling the form of execution of one of the Apostles. American CIA operative Samuel Tolen, Spanish inspector Pascal Diaz, and British archaeologist Dr. Jade Mollur embark on a journey to reclaim the Sudarium. Their search takes a surprising turn when a 2,000-year-old clue from Joseph of Arimathea suggests a far greater secret is within reach; a startling discovery that would forever change humanity. Embroiled in a deadly hunt that takes them from the grounds of Harvard University to the coast of Costa Rica, from a hallowed Greek Isle to an exquisite Spanish cathedral, and ultimately to the doorstep of mankind's greatest civilization, Tolen, Diaz, and Mollur will search for the ultimate truth in the midst of unspeakable deception. But is it a truth mankind was meant to discover?

#### These Hollow Vows Avon Books

A dark and addictive fantasy read for fans of Graceling and Sarah J. Maas. The life of an orphan soldier becomes entwined with that of the mysterious heir to the

throne, whose very presence draws out the secret magic living inside her: a magic that breaks every law she is duty-bound to uphold... The room is small and dark. Row upon row of jars line the shelves, each one sealed with blood-red wax. The seal's mark is a twisted circle of briar with gleaming, gold-tipped thorns. And in each jar a flicker of forbidden magic dances... beautiful, but deadly. Sold to the Crown in the aftermath of the Last Great War, Grace Marchant has never known her parents. Now, she trains as an elite soldier tracking down mageborn - those born with an ancient and long-outlawed magic - and destroying them if they don't surrender their power to the Crown. The mageborn who submit are collared, then handed over to the King's cousin and heir: the elusive Bastien Larelwyn, Lord of Thorns, locked away in his shadowy workshop deep inside the castle. What becomes of them is hard to say - the Lord of Thorns keeps his secrets close. Grace has always fought the voice inside her that questions whether the law is truly just, but when her closest friend is next on Bastien's list, Grace's

loyalties are tested to the limit. Confronting Bastien - searching his strangely compelling obsidian-black eyes for answers - Grace is shocked to feel herself begin to change, to show the first signs of the wild magic she so fears. Only the Lord of Thorns has the power to save her and the rest of the mageborn - if he doesn't destroy them all first... Read what everyone's saying about Jessica Thorne: 'Took my heart out of my chest, stomped on it and then put it back, while whispering, 'Keep reading'... I sat and ugly cried for 15 minutes... reminds me of something Sarah J. Maas would write.' Awesome Alitza, 5 stars 'WOW WOW WOW... a gripping tale full of action, romance, strategy and finding the strength within... a fantastically written heroine and I was besotted with her and her story from the first chapter.' Esotericerlixir, 5 stars 'Oh my good lord this book was AMAZING... the world was so unique, and the plot was tantalizing... I loved it.' Goodreads reviewer 'WOW! Thorne delivers a captivating, audacious, epically written fantasy novel. I could not put this book down.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Hands

down this is one of the best books I have read in a long time... It's breathtaking and special and legitimately made me laugh and cheer out loud and yes, cry. Must read. Must buy. Must share with everyone you know.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Really does pack a punch... I loved every minute of it... filled with action, adventure, and romance and it will have you at the edge of your seat so many times. There were things I never saw coming and I held my breath on numerous occasions... This book has everything a fantasy reader will love... If I could give more than five stars I would. I absolutely loved it.' Amanda J Evans, 5 stars

*The Sea Star* Turtleback Books

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.

**Island of the Blue Dolphins** National Geographic Books

Bright, bookish Oscar Lowe has grown to love the quiet routine of his life as a care assistant at a Cambridge nursing home, until the fateful day when

he is lured into King's College chapel by the otherworldly sound of an organ. There he meets and falls in love with Iris Bellwether and her privileged, eccentric clique, led by her brother Eden. A troubled but charismatic music prodigy, Eden convinces his sister and their friends to participate in a series of disturbing experiments. However, as the line between genius and madness begins to blur, Oscar fears that danger could await them all ... 'The Bellwether Revivals renders the cruelties and frailties of genius with acuity and tenderness, exploring the naive sophistication of bright young minds, the moral immunity granted to coterie of privilege, and the true nature of mastery in art. Seductive, resonant, and disquieting, Benjamin Wood's novel captures strains and cadences, qualities of music that are rarely rendered except in sound' Eleanor Catton, author of *The Luminaries*, the winner of the 2013 Man Booker Prize.

*The Book of the Cauldron* Macmillan Reference USA In *Essential Asatru*, renowned author and priestess Diana Paxson demystifies an ancient,

rich, and often misunderstood religion, and offers a practical guide for its modern followers. A Journey to Fulfillment and Renewal Filled with clear, concise instructions on living Asatru every day, this truly accessible guide takes you on a journey from Asatru's origins in Scandinavian and German paganism to its recognition as an official religion in the 1970s and its widespread acceptance today. *Essential Asatru* also includes: · A complete history of Asatru gods and goddesses, including Odin, Thor, and Ostara · The life values, such as honor, truth, fidelity, and hospitality, that shape Asatru's tenets · Indispensable information on rituals, rune casting, ethics, and divination *Essential Asatru* is an elegant and splendid introduction to a centuries-old religion that continues to enrich and fascinate its followers today. Praise for *Essential Asatru* "This mainstreamed book on Asatru offers a thorough grounding in both history and the present and shows how those values—the true heart of any religion—are expressed in the lives of

its faithful. This book is recommended for personal education, library shelves, and world religion classes." —Facing North "A solid and thorough yet concise introduction to the religion, its history, the gods and goddesses, and the basics of modern practice." —Idunna  
*The Bellwether Revivals*  
Penguin

The legend of King Arthur is brilliantly retold through four "hallows" or sacred objects of Britain: the Sword, the Spear, the Cauldron, and the Stone.  
*The Hallowed Isle* Harper Collins

Destiny lies in the clashing of magic steel. The hope of all Britain rests in the hands of the warrior sons. A Saxon of royal blood, Oesc has fled the drowned, doomed country to which he is heir in order to claim rich lands in Britannia. Though sworn to the spirits of his new home, he truly serves an older god...and a darker sorcery: the power of the Spear. But the Spear's magic is opposed by that of the Sword of Rome, a weapon now wielded by young King Artor, and before him by Artor's father Uthir. In Uthir's hand, the blade slew Oesc's own father, and now vengeance burns

fiercely in Oesc's heart--a lust for revenge that could destroy a greatness before it fully flowers.  
*Hallowed Isle Book Two*  
Citadel Press

The Romans came, conquered, and departed, leaving behind them a strange new religion called Christianity. The princes of Britannia have driven back the invading Saxons and dream of a return to bygone days, while others on the island invoke the magic of a time older still. For the revered ancient goddesses Eve on in the hearts and memories of the proud royal women of the old British tribes. And now, King Artor -- wounded in body and spirit -- proclaims that the sword and the spear must be put to rest, and summons his mother Igierne, Lady of the Lake, to use the powers of the Cauldron to heal a troubled, wartorn land. But old jealousies and new power struggles threaten disaster, as Artor's sister Morgause hides a deadly secret and a darker magic. It is Guendivar the queen who holds the key to their survival, if she can master her own power in time. For a darkness is emanating from high places -- and it threatens

to devastate a realm.  
*The Hallowed Isle Book Two* Harper Collins  
The second in Paxson's unique and brilliant retelling of the beloved King Arthur legend in four parts--each related from the distinctly different perspective of the four prevalent tribal cultures of sixth century Britain.  
*The Hallowed Isle Book Four* Berkley  
From New York Times best-selling author Lexi Ryan, *Cruel Prince* meets *A Court of Thorns and Roses* in this sexy, action-packed fantasy about a girl who is caught between two treacherous faerie courts and their dangerously seductive princes. Brie hates the Fae and refuses to have anything to do with them, even if that means starving on the street. But when her sister is sold to the sadistic king of the Unseelie court to pay a debt, she'll do whatever it takes to get her back--including making a deal with the king himself to steal three magical relics from the Seelie court. Gaining unfettered access to the Seelie court is easier said than done. Brie's only choice is to pose as a potential bride for Prince Ronan, and she soon finds herself falling for him. Unwilling to let

her heart distract her, she accepts help from a band of Unseelie misfits with their own secret agenda. As Brie spends time with their mysterious leader, Finn, she struggles to resist his seductive charm. Caught between two dangerous courts, Brie must decide who to trust with her loyalty. And with her heart.

Master of Earth and Water  
Birlinn

Marion Zimmer Bradley's beloved Avalon saga continues with the dramatic story of the ancestors of Avalon, from their life on the doomed island of Atlantis to their escape to the mist-shrouded isle of Britain.

*Essential Asatru* Houghton  
Mifflin Harcourt

A retelling of the classic

Arthurian legend, full of action, adventure, and epic thrills! Mighty Rome subjugated the isle of Britain only to abandon it, leaving behind a bloody patchwork of warring tribes. The fragile peace imposed by the conquerors has been shattered, compelling Artoria Argantel -- Lady of the Lake and Druid priestess -- to call upon the Spirit of War and Justice to deliver a champion who will unite the broken land. It is from Argantel's ancient and royal blood that the hero will spring; his sword will be forged from star-steel by ancient spells, carried by soldier-priests from the steppes of Asia to the edges of the Empire. Only one man can wield this

holy steel, aided by the wizard Merlin, whose heritage is a magic wilder still. Only one man can free the sword from its prison of stone ... Artor, a fosterling of unknown parentage. The promised High King.

**The Book of the Stone**

National Geographic  
Books

Epic in its sweep and peopled by the remarkable women who have always inhabited Avalon, Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Sword of Avalon* expands the legendary saga that has enchanted countless readers over the years and is sure to please Bradley's loyal readership and anyone who loves wonderfully told stories of history, myth, and fantasy.