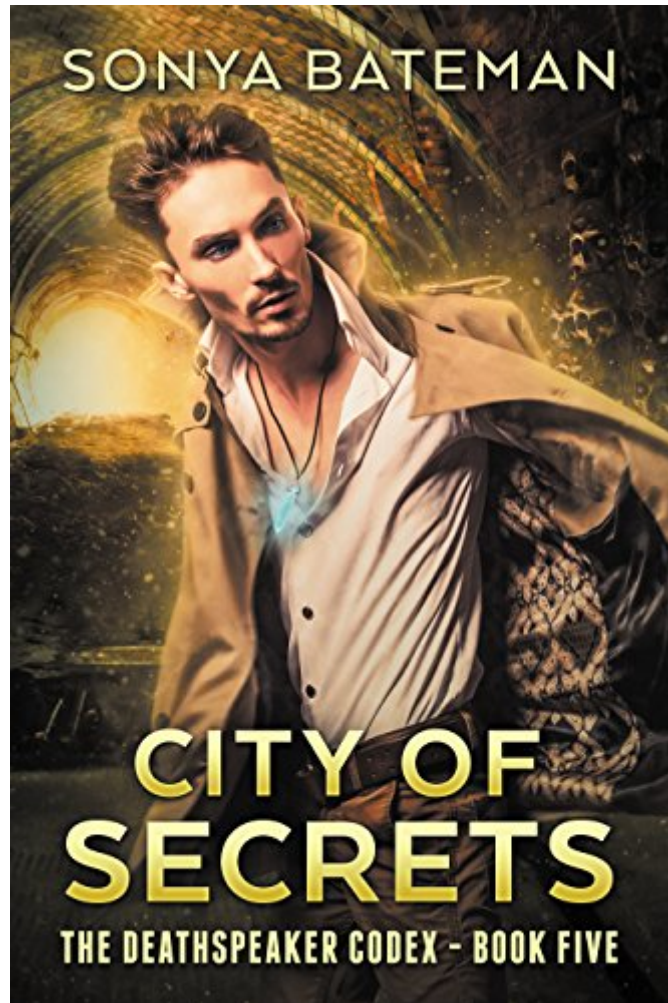


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City Of Secrets (The DeathSpeaker Codex Book 5)



Synopsis

"The enemy of my enemy should be left the hell alone." A creatively violent killer who's clearly not human is targeting Milus Dei members, and Gideon Black isn't exactly sure he should stop it. After all, the deadly cult hasn't done him any favors -- unless you count torturing his father and brother, brutally experimenting on his friends, killing countless Others, and attempting to use his power to wipe out the rest. So when Milus Dei asks for his help finding the killer, he's pretty comfortable turning them down. Then two strangers turn up with personal stakes in the investigation, both a type of Other no one's heard of before. Their paths cross with Gideon, and they soon learn they have a common enemy. But it's not Milus Dei. With the help of a thief, a genie, and an uneasy alliance with the cult that's been hunting him down, the DeathSpeaker faces his greatest challenge yet. There's a monster beneath the city, an immortal shapeshifter whose goals are far beyond revenge -- and the future of the world is written in blood.

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Customer Reviews

This is a breath of fresh air for an avid reader. Seeing as how I don't get out much (paralysed vocal

cord over airway) I love the way she gets her books out there shout out to Facebook. This author reminds me of a cross between Kim Harrison and Laurel Hamilton with a statement like that how could you go wrong?

I love this series so much and this one is definitely my FAVORITE installment so far. Mainly because the appearance of two of Bateman's 'older' characters from previous series. I thought this new temporary team was full of awesomeness. I loved their banters. It was FUN reading this one, especially because this time, the threats didn't directly against Gideon and team (which was nice, they could take a break). I enjoyed it wholesomely. I couldn't wait for the next book.

Gideon Black seems to collect friends, allies, and family members wherever he goes--or wherever the adventure finds him. In this case, the NSA (new enemy) finds him, and he finds in the shadows, new allies. This story had me going, running really, with Gideon and his co-horts the whole time. Ms. Bateman was nice enough to drop an 'Easter Egg' in this installment of the DeathSpeaker Codex series. A well done story, and I'm waiting on the next installment to see what comes after Gideon or, what Gideon goes after.

Unlike most reviewers, I did not feel this was the best of the series. I do enjoy the series, and this was not bad by any means. But I felt the premise of the Djinn and Fae was somewhat unlikely. Djinn have been around for about 10,000 years on Earth, and are very long lived like the Fae, but the Fae and Djinn don't know of each other? There was also no real explanation of the Djinn's powerset. The Djinn get an up to date discussion of the DeathSpeaker's powers, and all we find out from the Djinn is they can change into animals, turn invisible, float, use mirrors as portals, and have something to do with the "elements". The other things was- if Zee is so powerful, how did mere humans catch him in the first place? It seems unlikely. Also, he did seem to lose the final battle rather easily, in my opinion. Hey, I'm only a reader, I know, but I'm just saying. My opinion is probably the minority since most gave it 5 stars. Anyway, It was nice to see Gideon catch a break at the end though.

This is a superb continuation of Ms. Bateman's series. The group continues to fight a big bad and adds a few more unusual friends to their mix. The character development has remained consistently good throughout her series. The author is respectful and considerate enough of her readers to complete each book with no cliffhangers and to hire an excellent editor to make sure her stories are

polished and without errors. Thank you!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the previous books in the Deathspeaker series. City of Secrets doesn't end that streak. New allies, some surprises an awesome villain, spills, chills, awesome action, no chases really but you can't have everything Ms Bateman has created a wonderland of myth and legend. And, unlike some authors, her heroes are not infallible. Powerful, yes, but they have definite limitations. Wonderful characters with their own foibles, great action, fantastic plotlines, a cohesive whole. One thing I suggest is to start with the first book and read forward. Each book is great into itself but things make a LOT more sense if you have the earlier foundation to build on. To provide transparency, I am a friend of the author on Facebook. However, she did not provide me a free copy of the book, nor did she solicit this review. If I did not stand completely by my review I would not have posted it.

Short reads, but they're satisfying... This adventure involves fighting a big, bad djinn with the help of good djinn and his great...great x a bunch descendant. We still have a cult within the government chasing the fae, but for once, they're on the same side. The pace is good, and we have some new characters joining the team. It could have been longer, but the plot was tight and the high points were hit. The only really unsatisfying detail was how the Valentine's were handled...more time could have been given to explaining how that all happened. Four stars, and a request to keep them coming.

I have enjoyed every book in this series and am looking forward to the next book. The story line is always something new and outlandish. Bateman has such a vivid imagination and great story telling. The Death Speaker is such an awesome main character. Every secondary character contributes a lot.

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