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## Description

Mia Montrose is a 21st-century Australian woman with a Doctorate in Ancient Languages who has just scored the most promising job of her career.

When Mia experiences mysterious happenings and forces beyond her control, she begins to understand that history does not always stay in the past.

Ashlee Granville is a 19th-century clairvoyant, forced to suppress her talents as she enters the marriage market of English upper-class society. But Ashlee is not a girl who likes to bow to the inevitable - she has plans of her own.

Lillet du Lac is a 13th-century woman, priestess of an ancient order now protected by the Cathar faith, who are making their last stand against the Roman Catholic Franks at the giant hill fort of Montségur. As the castle falls, Lillet escapes with something more valuable than any of their lives ...

Despite the time, distance and cultures that separate them, these women share several things in common. They belong to an ancient bloodline of Grail kings, protected by a Sion knight named Albray, and they are each compelled to visit an ancient mountain in the Sinai. This mount contains the keys which may unlock a gateway to a dimension of light and the Gene of Isis

## Insightful reviews

Kayla: I loved Traci Harding's original series The Ancient Future and the first book in the Mystique trilogy has not disappointed. What an exciting new world to explore.

The story follows the perspectives of three women, Ashlee Devere, Mia Montrose and Lillet du Lac. All three are members of an ancient blood line of significant women through history, and carry DNA which sets them apart from regular 'Joe's' like you and me. They are granted special psychic abilities because of the Gene of Isis, and this very ability leads them into an adventure to rival an Indiana Jones movie. Not only that but a certain companion who is fated to travel and interact with the women proves very alluring, and this character really made the book for me due to a charming combination of loyalty, bravery and wit.

I found towards the end it was a little difficult to keep track of which character was speaking and where the story last left off and who was doing something at any given time due to the period changes and sheer number of characters with similar titles, but seeing as this was my only complaint it really shows what a great book this was.

Please give it a read, I can't really express more than that!

Anne Holcomb: This is the first book I've read by Traci Harding, and I definitely see more in my future. Gene of Isis is like a crazy combination of Indiana Jones, the Da Vinci Code, Regency

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romance, and science lesson all blended up and packaged into an intergenerational, feminist adventure story. Mia is an archaeologist studying ancient languages who's invited to a dig sponsored by a mysterious billionaire. The stories of her ancestors, Ashlee - a young wife in Regency England - and Lillet - a priestess of an obscure French religious sect who lived in the Middle Ages - are told as Mia reads through their memoirs. It's obvious that the author did tons of research for this book which is overstuffed with obscure facts and ideas. I listened to the first book on audio but I think I'd opt for print for the rest of the series, because there is so much explanation. At times it gets repetitious, but at other times it's helpful because so many crazy concepts and ideas are introduced. If you like stories where everyday life and the supernatural combine, you will enjoy this book. Also, Albray the ghost knight is my new fictional-guy crush - he's adorable :)

Adrienne: Appalling historical mistakes and stupid dialogue didn't stop me from lapping this yarn up. Guess I'll be reading part 2 shortly.

Cam: I admit I basically picked up this novel (and the opposite within the trilogy) simply because i have obvious it within the book place many time and again and idea the covers lovely. It started out a bit gradual and never in any respect that riveting yet i have to say as soon as the proverbial ball acquired rolling it saved on doing so. shocked to determine it truly is one of many different Grail/Christ bloodline fiction books out there. For the main half I saved thinking about who the lady at the entrance conceal was once intended to be and it frustrated me to all hell that the reader does not get an outline of Ashlee till after four or five (longish) chapters because it used to be in first individual narration. The writing was once really sturdy however the twenty first century voice of the writer (who i've got the suspicion has invested herself in Mia Montrose being blond and Australian) occasionally bled into the speech of the nineteenth Century characters and Lillet, although rarely. Over all it was once a good, unique learn seeing as i began overdue final evening and complete today. As a religious and spiritual Catholic i do not brain examining concerning the intended secrets and techniques of the Church and the alleged bloodline of Christ yet at times, fleetingly yet nonetheless there, this publication did aggravate me. it could possibly were how it used to be written yet this can be simply an observation.

Alli: back the beginning of an exhilarating trilogy via Traci Harding. With the publication commencing because the magazine of 1 of the most characters, Ashlee, as a tender lady with 'abilities' that her father considers to be a incapacity as a result of his place in society and the occasions that spread whilst he attempts to suppress them by way of sending her to an asylum provides us an realizing of the way strong Ashlee will be. The story then jumps to the present time as a far off relative, Mia, examining the magazine of Ashlee. As we find via Mia what has happened long ago in Ashlee's life, the tale alternatives up velocity and we're taken on a trip that may take us to the Sinai wilderness in Egypt (having been there myself to St. Catherine's Monastery i believe i used to be drawn into the e-book much more so!) We additionally learn an account by way of Lillet du Lulac and regrettably at this element of the publication approximately mid method there's a lot of 'sterile' details given from her element of view. This didn't learn in addition to many of the different magazine entries and debts read. as soon as previous this a part of the scroll magazine the story picked up speed back and the adventures continued, together with Lillet's adventures getting extra exciting. Something that used to be somewhat complicated was once all of the names starting with A, uncertain if there has been a reasoning

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at the back of this yet for instance - Ashlee, Albray, Akbar, Andre as all of them belonged in diversified times. Another complicated part firstly of the radical was once Ashlee's creation of the Devere brothers and her referencing them in formal titles so there has been Lord Devere and Mr Devere and while she steered who was once asserting what it used to be complicated maintaining a tally of if it used to be Lord or Mr Devere within the scenes. In a while Mr Devere is both talked about through his first identify 'Ernest' or simply as 'Devere'. I suppose that the trilogy might develop into like Traci's different novels with the several plains of lifestyles and strength of otherworldly beings yet i'm but to find this as i have to learn the subsequent 2 novels during this series. I loved how a lot energy girls got during this book. And that women and men required one another to be stronger. I relatively enjoyed how all diversified ideologies have been tied into one another and a mild 'twisting' of our recognized truths to make you query whether it is a possibility. Linking historical Egypt, the Crusades and different present discoveries to what we all know and do not totally find out about them. I am quite awaiting what's in shop within the subsequent booklet and to work out if as a lot learn and twists have long past into the writing back (i anticipate they've got as that's what Traci Harding does best!)

Tenielle: i'm very conflicted. I enjoyed the 1st a part of the book. It used to be ideal - intriguing, spell binding and consuming. Ashlee's character was once so good characterised, and the period she lived in very vividly described. I felt like i used to be there with her. the 1st half was once so solid that I jumped onto BookDepo and acquired the second one book! But after that... it went downhill. i did not like Mia. greater than that, the booklet all started examining like a historical past textbook - dealing with the heritage in paragraphs instead of providing it as a true story. i discovered myself skipping parts, pages at a time. This e-book had loads potential. i am not yes if i'll learn the next, to be honest.

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