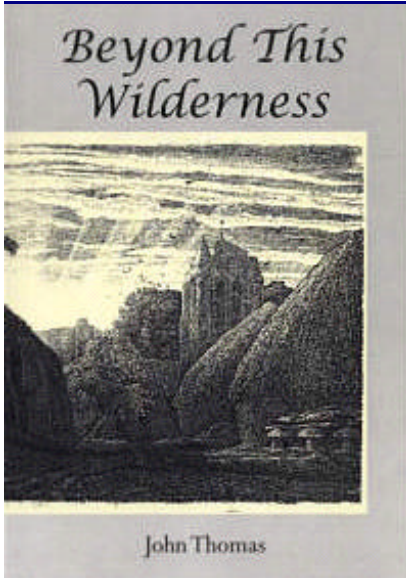


Christian Fiction: Historical Mystery/Suspense



Beyond This Wilderness

by John Thomas
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in Paperback (978-0-953-43046-8) Jan 2011
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A weird and wonderful tale of evil happenings back in the eighteenth century, still having repercussions in the late twentieth century.

- Beyond This Wilderness - is set in the context of an exchange of letters between a parish Priest and his Archdeacon. The Vicar is from a parish on the Welsh border in Shropshire, an outlying part of the Lichfield Diocese and following unexplained and odd strangers in the parish, and with the remembering of old scary tales in his mind, the Vicar feels it necessary to report what has happened to his Archdeacon, without seriously considering that anything is amiss. -

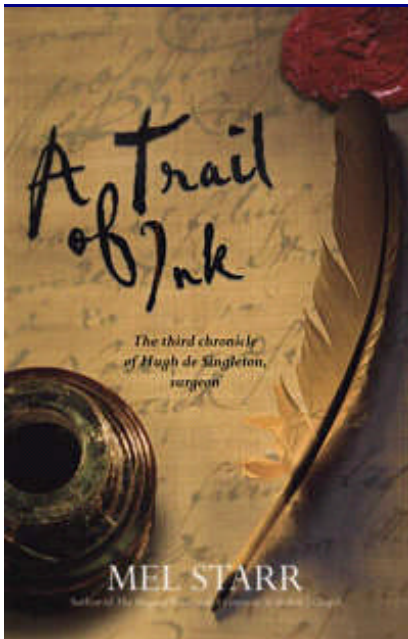
With the finding of the 'Testament' of the Vicar of those past times, everything changes. This testament is included in full and is scary reading, yet contains some contrasting and beautiful, memorable passages. This Vicar had recorded his life in many journals, and years later he feels the need to write of what he has seen and experienced, then has the papers hidden in a way that will only be exposed if the evil re-appears. -

It has! -

A challenging and compelling read. - -

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A Trail of Ink

The Third Chronicle of Hugh de Singleton, Surgeon

by Mel Starr

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Another book of a series no other reviewer gets a chance to read! - Hugh's friend Master John Wycliffe of Canterbury Hall, Oxford has had his lifetime collection of books stolen from his room. Twenty-two books in all, two borrowed from a friend, twenty lovingly collected and annotated over many years of study. - Hugh was in Oxford to further his cause with the stationer's daughter Kate, on the excuse of ordering more ink to write up his records of completed cases. As bailiff to Bampton Castle he was expected to solve local crimes from poaching to murder, and so far he had been successful. - Back in Bampton Castle Lord Gilbert, at the request of his wife Lady Petronilla, speaks to Hugh of his love lorn state and using the loss of Master John's books as a worthy cause, sends Hugh back to Oxford to solve the mystery of the theft, and to find himself a wife. - Though he has the help of a sturdy groom, Arthur, finding the books is no easy task, and wooing Kate meets with difficulties too. There are evil men afoot, murder and mistaken identity, monks and nobles, all are involved, and much happens before the end of the story.

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