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Editorial Review

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This singular, magical volume invites readers to examine handmade postcards and open colorful envelopes as they eavesdrop on lonely London card-designer Griffin Moss and mysterious South Pacific islander Sabine Strohmer. Sabine introduces herself to Griffin with a note congratulating him on a design on one of the postcards he illustrates--and alluding to an alteration he made during the creative process. Perplexed because he works alone and discusses his creative dilemmas with no one, he responds, begging her to enlighten him as to how she knew about the original design. In her next missive, she admits, "I share your sight," and their correspondence grows increasingly intimate. Sabine continues to make psychic observations and beckons to Griffin from her atoll; Griffin fantasizes about her to escape his drab existence, his interest turning to obsession. Their personalities shine through both their art and penmanship: Griffin's faintly disturbing, often subliminally violent collages, blocky printed words and imperfectly typewritten pages contrast with Sabine's whimsical doodles, fanciful postage stamps and flowing, calligraphic script. Pop-up book author Bantock's (*There Was an Old Lady*) images and concept will haunt the imagination. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

About the Author

Nick Bantock is the author of numerous illustrated novels, including *Griffin & Sabine* , *Sabine's Notebook* , *The Golden Mean* , *The Gryphon* , and *Alexandria* , which together spent 100 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list. Born in England, he now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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For all who have seen these books of postcards and letters, the idea of an audiobook version seems absurd. Artist Griffin Moss is suddenly discovered by Sabine, a mysterious woman from a tiny island on the other side of the world. Here begins their "Extraordinary Correspondence." Marina Sirtis uses her unusual accent to bring out the exotic characteristics of Sabine. With every word, the mystery unravels to the very last thread. So can this tale of letters and pictures be recounted on tape? Most definitely. Disappear into this unbelievable tale, the beautiful tones of Marina Sirtis and the cautious words of Maxwell Caulfield as Griffin. M.B.K. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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