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### About the Author

Libbie Hawker writes historical and literary fiction featuring deeply human characters, with rich details of time and place. She is the author of ten novels, most of which take place in the distant past among ancient civilizations. She lives in the beautiful San Juan Islands with her husband. Find more information about this author at [www.LibbieHawker.com](http://www.LibbieHawker.com).

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