



The Thorn and the Blossom

A Two-Sided Love Story

Theodora Goss

We see *The Thorn and the Blossom* as the new buzzworthy romantic literary gift book, offering strong sales potential throughout the year and especially around Christmas and Valentine's Day.

A haunting love affair between two book-lovers, presented as a unique book artifact itself -- crossing the aesthetic appeal of Griffin & Sabine with the moody prose of *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

When Evelyn Morgan walks into Thorne & Son, a bookstore in the Cornish village of Clews, she doesn't know that she's going to meet the love of her life. When Brendan Thorne sells her a medieval poem called *The Book of the Green Knight*, he doesn't know that it will shape his future. After that first meeting, they don't see one another for years -- and yet they never stop thinking about one another. It's as if they're the haunted lovers in the old book itself...

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Key Points/Quotes

- Unique literary conceit—a mysterious, two-part love story packaged in an accordion-fold book so you can read either "her" story or "his" story first. No matter which side you start with, the second part has a revelation for you.
- Crosses the aesthetic-book-lover's appeal of *Griffin & Sabine* with the moody prose of *The Time Traveler's Wife*.
- Author Theodora Goss is a World Fantasy Award winner and Nebula Award finalist for her short fiction; *The Thorn and the Blossom* is her first full book-length work.
- Decorative illustrations by acclaimed cover artist Scott McKowen (Sterling Unabridged Classics, Marvel Comics).
- Quirk has a long track record of success with beautifully designed unorthodox book formats, such as *The Crimes of Dr. Watson*, *Gig Posters*, and *Graceland: An Interactive Pop-Up Tour*. Quirk is also acclaimed for its strange twists on romantic fiction, a la *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. *The Thorn and the Blossom* perfectly combines Quirk's design and production excellence with its bold fiction agenda.

About the Author/Illustrator

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Author Hometown: Hungary

Born in Hungary, Theodora Goss moved to the United States as a child; her fiction often takes place on the border between fantasy and reality, reflecting the influence of a long Eastern European literary tradition. Her story "The Singing of Mount Abora" won the World Fantasy Award in 2008, her story "Pip and the Fairies" was a Nebula Award finalist in 2007, and she has been featured in the annual *Year's Best Fantasy & Horror* anthology several times. Theodora lives in Boston with her husband Kendrick and their daughter Ophelia, and teaches literature at Boston University. Her short fiction collection *In the Forest of Forgetting* was published in 2006; *The Thorn and the Blossom* is her first full-length book release.

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Theodora Goss. "He barely had to think about it now. The first time he met Isabel, he had been sitting in the Botanic Garden on the bench where J. R. R. Tolkien was supposed to have sat when he was a professor at Ox...ford. It had been a difficult autumn. Just that morning, he'd received a letter from yet another university press rejecting his translation of The Tale of the Green Knight. "We do not believe there is sufficient interest in this work to merit a new translation," the letter read. It was the fourth press he'd tried, and he was becoming certain he would continue to receive the same "Every page of The Thorn and the Blossom impressed me more and more until I finished and was just left with awe." Utopia State of Mind. Read more. See all Editorial Reviews. If you are a seller for this product, would you like to suggest updates through seller support? No_content_in_feature. Start reading The Thorn and the Blossom: A Two-Sided Love Story on your Kindle in under a minute. Don't have a Kindle? Get your Kindle here, or download a FREE Kindle Reading App.