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Editorial Review

From the Author

I am passionate about **religion, psychology and travel** so I wanted to weave these aspects into Pentecost. **I also love kick-ass, action adventure books** and movies so the pace of the book needed to move just as fast.

The idea for the Pentecost stones came from a visit to Venice where there is a huge golden mural in one of the domes of St Mark's Basilica showing the Holy Spirit descending at Pentecost. I love Venice and was there in the floods, so the scene set there came quickly. I wanted to have a book about a **religious mystery** that could be plausible and set in the modern day, but that also investigated what became of the Apostles, as well as weaving in my fascinations with **Carl Jung and modern psychology**. I found some amazing links that prove fact is stranger than fiction.

I studied the early church during my Masters degree but revisited the research in order to find out where the **bones of the Apostles** are kept in the present day. This search took me from **India and Iran in the east, through Israel, Spain, Italy, Tunisia and eventually over to the USA**. I have visited many of the locations myself as travel is an immense passion of mine. I also enjoy describing fascinating settings and believe the location should be just as interesting to the reader as the action and characters.

Dr Morgan Sierra is indeed my alter-ego. I am an experience-junkie and the adventures I send her on are such stuff as dreams are made on. I hope you enjoy the vicarious ride as much as I have done.

About the Author

J.F. Penn has a Masters degree in Theology from the University of Oxford, Mansfield College. She combines her passion for religion and psychology with kick-ass action-adventure in her novels.

J.F.Penn loves action-adventure thrillers and cites as writing inspirations James Rollins, Steve Berry, Andy McDermott, Matthew Reilly, Clive Cussler as well as Dan Brown.

Penn loves scuba diving, traveling with her backpack, Pinot Noir, reading in the hammock and constant change.

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