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Editorial Review

Review

Steampunk is a fascinating genre, and Ballantine and Morris have captured it perfectly. I think this series could serve as a great introduction to the genre, in fact, since you really don't have to have much of an understanding of steampunk to enjoy the book. There also seems to be an element or two of the pulp genre, though much of that is actually turned on it's head.-Pew Reviews

If James Bond wore a corset and drank Earl Grey it might be something like the adventures in Phoenix Rising...The two agents make light-hearted banter whilst chasing down evil villains and mad scientists and getting in and out of scrapes in immaculate period style. It's anachronistic and absurd, but Phoenix Rising has a sweet ending and getting to it is gleeful fun.

-Warp Core Sci Fi

This was a great start to a great series. Steampunk-when written right-can be a grand adventure into the past that tells a whole new story of the ingenuity of the human mind. The banter between Eliza and Wellington, or "Welly" as she calls him, had me chuckling in more than one spot. --RomFan Reviews

I enjoyed this book more than I think I can express in a single review. The moment I finished it I wanted the next one in the series. The steampunk world is incredible, all the way from awesome weaponry to colorful clothing. Eliza's sassy attitude kept me upbeat throughout the entire book, even when I was scared for the characters' lives.-All About Romance

This book combines aspects of the "The Odd Couple", the first three Indiana Jones movies, any good detective novel and the TV show, Cold Case...People love Steampunk and I think in Ballantine and Morris we have authors that can carry the torch. If you haven't purchased this book or downloaded it you are missing out.-Geek Life

From the Back Cover

Evil is most assuredly afoot—and Britain's fate rests in the hands of an alluring renegade . . . and a librarian.

These are dark days indeed in Victoria's England. Londoners are vanishing, then reappearing, washing up as corpses on the banks of the Thames, drained of blood and bone. Yet the Ministry of Peculiar Occurrences—the Crown's clandestine organization whose bailiwick is the strange and unsettling—will not allow its agents to investigate. Fearless and exceedingly lovely Eliza D. Braun, however, with her bulletproof corset and a disturbing fondness for dynamite, refuses to let the matter rest . . . and she's prepared to drag her timorous new partner, Wellington Books, along with her into the perilous fray.

For a malevolent brotherhood is operating in the deepening London shadows, intent upon the enslavement of all Britons. And Books and Braun—he with his encyclopedic brain and she with her remarkable devices—must get to the twisted roots of a most nefarious plot . . . or see England fall to the Phoenix!

About the Author

Born in New Zealand, Philippa (Pip) Ballantine has always had her head in a book. A corporate librarian for thirteen years, she has a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Library and Information Science. She is New Zealand's first podcast novelist and has produced four podiobooks. Many of these have been shortlisted for the Parsec Awards, and she has won a Sir Julius Vogel Award. She is also the author of *Geist* and the soon-to-be-published *Spectyr*. While New Zealand *calls*, currently Philippa *calls* America home.

While Tee Morris began his writing career with Dragon Moon Press's 2002 historical epic fantasy *Morevi: The Chronicles of Rafe and Askana*, it is his podcast of that book and works such as *Podcasting for Dummies* and *All a Twitter* that have earned him the distinction as one of the pioneers of social media. With *Phoenix Rising*, Tee returns to where he prefers to be—his imagination. When he is not there, Tee lives in the Washington, D.C. area with his five cats and one daughter, all of whom have him very well-trained.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Annie Hernandez:

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