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The Curse-Maker A Mystery



KELLI STANLEY

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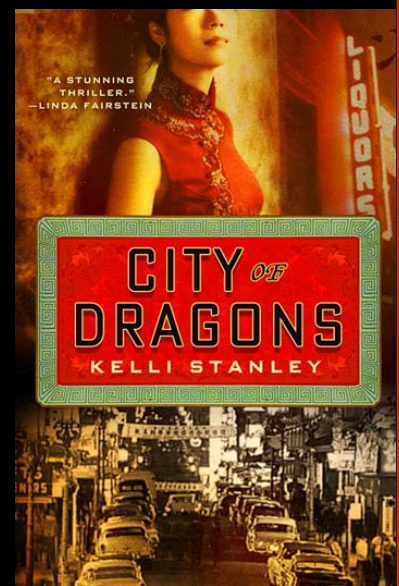
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When Roman physician Arcturus and his stunning wife Gwyna arrive at Aquae Sulis (Bath) for a holiday, a dead body is floating in the sacred spring. The murdered man is a curse-maker whose curses actually come true, and as murder follows murder, it looks like there's now a curse on Arcturus. Kelli Stanley's second Arcturus mystery is ***The Curse-Maker***, published by Minotaur / Thomas Dunne in 2011. Stanley's Roman noir series began with ***Nox Dormienda*** (A Long Night for Sleeping), which won the Bruce Alexander Award for Best Historical Mystery and was nominated for a Macavity Award.

Kelli Stanley reinvented the golden era of noir fiction with her bestselling and critically acclaimed historical suspense thriller ***City of Dragons***, set in 1940 San Francisco, and featuring the heroine Miranda Corbie. Stanley holds a Master's degree in Classics, and is immersed in the detail of the Roman Empire as well as San Francisco's unique history.

"From classical to sheer class, and for a book that is so meticulously researched, it has a wild and wondrous sense of humour. Imagine Ellis Peters re-written by Elmore Leonard and you'll have some notion of this gem of a novel - it moves like a gladiator on speed."

—Ken Bruen, Shamus Award-winning author of *Cross* and *Once Were*



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