



An historical fantasy/romance that tells of the impossible challenge of living a life without breaking a commandment between the thirteenth and twentieth centuries.

Matthew angered the Senate when he committed murder, thus changing his planned destiny. They decided that to regain his destiny and Magdalena, the girl he loves, Matthew must live one life without breaking a commandment. Through the centuries Matthew's lives include being a smuggler, bishop, gold prospector and a Samurai warrior. In every life he fails; the Senate ensures there is a dilemma which Matthew can only resolve by default.

In the 20th century he meets Magdalena, now called Marion and married to Alex. Matthew tells her of his lives, adventures and disappointments.

Throughout the novel Matthew tries to convince Marion of the truth, Marion is confused; she realises she loves both Alex and Matthew and that she is loved by both. On her death, Marion confronts the Senate demanding Matthew be released from his ordeal.

#### **About the author**

Beatrice Holloway is a playwright and author who has been writing children's stories since 2014. In 2015, Beatrice was appointed Children's Storyteller on Hillingdon Narrowboats Association which has led her to write about canal life. Beatrice is a retired teacher and a member of The Society of Women Writers and Journalists and the Society of Authors. Her other adult books include: *Elusive Destiny* and *Archie's Children*.

#### **Review**

Excellent plot idea that has you wondering at the start of each chapter, which historical era will feature this time and whether the hero can achieve the destiny that is at the same time so simple yet so subject to the turns of fate!

- Ray, Kindle 2013 review

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