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But the security of a people can vanish in a heartbeat, for wolves are often drawn to fields filled with fattened sheep. Bridei is determined to drive the Gaelic invaders from his lands once and for all. And so, with his land secure and his house in order, he prepares for war.

And one of Bridei's plans to win the war to come involves the beautiful young Ana. A princess of the Light Isles, she has dwelt as a hostage at the court of Fortriu for most of her young life. Despite being a pawn of fortune, she has bewitched all at court and is dearly loved by Bridei and his queen. But Ana understands her duty. And so she will travel north, to make a strategic marriage with a chieftain she has never seen, in the hopes of gaining an ally on whom Bridei's victory relies.

For secrecy's sake, Ana must travel at a soldier's pace, with a small band led by the enigmatic spymaster Faolan. Bridei implores Ana to trust see the good in Faolan...but Ana cannot see beyond his cold competence and killer's eyes.

Then, when she arrives at the chieftain Alpin's stronghold in the mysterious Briar Woods, her discomfort and unease increase tenfold, for this is a place of full of secrets and her betrothed is an enigma himself. The more Ana tries to uncover the truth of her new life, the more she discovers a maze of polite diversions that mask deadly lies. She fears Faolan, but he may prove to be the truest thing in her world.

Or her doom.

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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Loyalties are tested and truth must be distinguished from dangerous lies in the gritty second book of the Bridei Chronicles (after 2005's *The Dark Mirror*), set in a land resembling early Scotland. Hoping to gain the support of nearby chieftain Alpin of Briar Wood in the fight against the invading Dalriada, King Bridei of the Priteni sends an offer and a bride: Ana, a fosterling "hostage" from the distant Light Isles raised in his court. Bridei's personal bodyguard and spy, Faolan, accompanies Ana on the arduous journey, saving her life and struggling to control his growing feelings for her. When problems arise at Alpin's rude court, Ana secretly finds solace with Alpin's mysterious brother, Drustan, long believed to be insane, who has been imprisoned for the murder of Alpin's first wife. Skilled world-building and characterization set Marillier's historical fantasy at the head of the pack. (Oct.)

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Review

"Marillier excels at breathing life into the past." ?*Booklist on The Dark Mirror*

"A fascinating evocation of life in Pictish England and an emotional roller coaster of a story." ?*Interzone on The Dark Mirror*

"An engrossing, beautifully written work of historical fiction." ?*Booklist on Wolfskin*

"A rich tapestry of love and loss, family loyalty and personal sacrifice." ?*Publisher Weekly (starred) on Child of the Prophecy*

"The author's keen understanding of Celtic paganism and early Irish Christianity adds texture to a rich and vibrant novel." ?*Library Journal on Daughter of the Forest*

About the Author

**Juliet Marillier** is the author of the first book in the Bridei Chronicles, *The Dark Mirror*. She is also the author of the Sevenwaters trilogy: *Daughter of the Forest*, *Son of the Shadows*, and *Child of the Prophecy* and a fantasy duet, *Wolfskin* and *Foxmask*. She holds advanced degrees in music and languages, and has had a lifelong passion for both Celtic music and Irish folklore. She resides with her family in Perth, Western Australia.

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