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It's impossible to push Remy away when he tempts her with the one thing she can't resist: a bizarre crime. The search for a bloodthirsty ritual torturer dubbed the Pentacle Killer draws them into a terrifying world of spies, art thieves, and evil alchemy, where the price of immortality is madness—or damnation—and only Lizzie's dark ingenuity can help Eliza survive.

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Review

"Carr expands her dark, weird world.... wrapping the elements around a solid mystery." (Publishers Weekly)

"The mix of figures from history...and fictional characters...plus the dual narration from both Eliza and Lizzie make this a standout." (Library Journal)

"This debut steampunk, gender-swapped take on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story of the uncontrolled id ... [has] energy and over-the-top adventure. Don't think about it too hard, just enjoy the ride." (Library Journal)

"This debut electropunk monster mashup gives you exactly what you never knew you wanted: The classic story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde with a genderbent twist." (barnesandnoble.com)

"Carr's steampunk debut is electrifying, memorable, and razor sharp." (Publishers Weekly)

"A fearlessly imaginative world of magic, mystery and literary allusion that is delightfully immersive and dangerously seductive. ...[Carr's] heroine's journey is full of sensual intrigue and heady danger that will leave readers breathless." (RT Book Reviews (4.5 stars))

"...Ms. Carr takes us into an almost-familiar world, drawing us further into the dark just a bit at a time. If you thought steampunk was played out, here is an utterly convincing revivification." (Wall Street Journal)

From the Back Cover

A perilous case. A worthy foe. Th?s could make her career . . . or ru?n ?t forever.

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About the Author

Viola Carr is the author of the Electric Empire trilogy. She was born in Australia, but wandered into darkest

London one foggy October evening and never found her way out. She now devours countless history books and dictates fantastical novels by gaslight, accompanied by classical music and the snoring of her slumbering cat.

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