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Editorial Review

Review

"*The Ninja's Daughter* is a compelling mystery powered by political intrigue and cultural conflicts. Susan Spann portrays sixteenth-century Japan with a love of detail and setting that never swamps the vivid characters and the story, which centers on the murder of a girl with dreams beyond her station."

—LISA BRACKMANN, *New York Times*—bestselling author of *Rock Paper Tiger* and *Go-Between*

"Steeped in the lore of samurai culture and ninja stealth, *The Ninja's Daughter* weaves a sophisticated tapestry of intrigue and murder. Compelling, exotic, and irresistible."

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—CATRIONA McPHERSON, award-winning author of *The Child Garden*

"In *The Ninja's Daughter*, Susan Spann's poetic voice brilliantly captures the societal disparities, political intrigues, and martial conflicts of sixteenth-century Japan through the persevering efforts of ninja detective Hiro Hattori to solve a murder authorities consider of no consequence."

—JEFFREY SIGER, international bestselling author

PRAISE FOR *CLAWS OF THE CAT*:

"While Spann demonstrates admirable attention to detail in her ninja detective debut, it's the contemporary tone of her prose that makes this intriguing 16th-century historical so accessible."

—*Library Journal* STARRED REVIEW, MYSTERY DEBUT OF THE MONTH

"Spann displays her knowledge and expertise while presenting a fascinating and complicated mystery. This is fun, historically entertaining and a very good book."

—*RT Book Reviews* (4 STARS)

"An excursion into 16th century Japan where exotic locales take on a familiar flavor as a samurai investigates a murder....It's an intriguing tale with dramatic descriptions and vivid characterizations, revealing that love, jealousy, and greed not only are universal emotions, but also remain unchanged by the centuries."

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PRAISE FOR *BLADE OF THE SAMURAI*:

"An outstanding historical mystery set in Japan during the shogunate...What adds to the enjoyment of the history is a most elegant mystery that grows out of the politics of the time... All this is told in stripped down prose as we edge carefully through the thickets of confusion and emerge on to the plain of revelation as the killer is unmasked and uncertainty over the threat to the shogun is resolved."

—*San Francisco Book Review*

"Hiro and Father Mateo's second adventure combines enlightenment on 16th-century Japanese life with a sharp and well-integrated mystery."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"After her exciting historical mystery debut, *Claws of the Cat*, Spann proves she has the touch in her sophomore entry. The deceptively simple prose educates readers about 16th-century Japan, while the well-plotted story moves at ninja speed. The endearing characters fight to defend honor and truth, giving this strong YA appeal."

—*Library Journal*

PRAISE FOR *FLASK OF THE DRUNKEN MASTER*:

"Spann's third historical set in 16th-century Japan offers an accessible entry into the country's fascinating history and culture. ... An added draw are Hiro and Father Mateo, who make a remarkable crime-solving team."

—*Library Journal*

"Like earlier series entries, this one is most likely to interest readers with tastes for political intrigue in 16th-century Japan and red herrings."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

Susan Spann is the 2015 Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' Writer of the Year and the author of three previous novels in the Shinobi Mystery series: *Claws of the Cat*, *Blade of the Samurai*, and *Flask of the Drunken Master*. She has a degree in Asian Studies and a lifelong love of Japanese history and culture. When not writing, she works as a transactional attorney focusing on publishing and business law, and raises seahorses and rare corals in her marine aquarium.

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