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Across The Nightingale Floor: Tales Of The Otori Book 1



Synopsis

In his palace at Inuyama, Lord Iida Sadamu, warlord of the Tohan clan, surveys his famous nightingale floor. Its surface sings at the tread of every human foot, and no assassin can cross it. But sixteen-year-old Otori Takeo, his family murdered by Iida's warriors, has the magical skills of the Tribe - preternatural hearing, invisibility, a second self - that enable him to enter the lair of the Tohan. He has love in his heart and death at his fingertips . . . Lian Hearn's stunningly powerful bestseller, Across the Nightingale Floor, is an epic story for readers young and old. Set in a mythical, feudal, Japanese land, a world both beautiful and cruel, the intense love story of two young people takes place against a background of warring clans, secret alliances, high honour and lightning swordplay. The first novel in the epic Tales of the Otori series, Across the Nightingale Floor is followed by Grass For His Pillow and Brilliance of the Moon.

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Customer Reviews

Read the prequel "Heavens Net is Wide" first, I enjoyed this first in the series and first novel by the

author very much. Some of the reviewers had some problems with it's "flaws". And other than nit picking, really, there are some favorite spots that each of us wish Lian Hearn had spent a little more time developing to please our personal tastes. But it still rates a 5 stars as a very enjoyable read and I do find myself reading straight thru the series and appreciating the authors increasing skill.

It had been a number of years since I read the "Tales of the Otori" series and it was just as GREAT as I had remembered it. The writing is tight, the scope is broad, and the characters "realistic" and well developed. Over a few weeks I reread the entire series, all 5 books. I was helped in that I also purchased the Kindle versions, with the Whispersync (Audible), so I could listen to portions on my morning walks, read the hardbacks at home, and take the Kindle version as I was away from home. I enjoyed every minute of it all. Now, having repurchased all the hardbacks, I can pass them on to friends and family (the first time I read library copies). I highly recommend the series!

I love everything about this book and this series. the story is compelling, inspiring, and enchanting. this is a series where one cannot help but to grow attached to the characters and their plight. this particular book shows a very special transition in the story. I recommend this book for any one who lives reading

This is a great book. It really kept my interest, I had a hard time putting it down. I can't wait to read the next one. I highly recommend this book.

I read this book straight through because I found the story so riveting. I have always loved "historical fiction" and this book described a culture and era that I was not previously familiar with. I don't want to give any of the story away, but if you are a fan of historical fiction, you will enjoy this story of an ancient era in China and will be fascinated with the culture that was pervasive during those times. The characters are very interesting and strong, and I couldn't wait to purchase the other two books in this trilogy to continue to read about the saga.

I read my first book and was impressed so that is why I ordered the others. I am going to complete the collection and keep these books. Very nicely written.

An amazing book with a great mixture of adventure, romance and mystery behind the main characters. This book transports the reader to the rich world of the samurais, their clans, wars and

rivalry with a mix of fantasy. I read this book when I was a teenager but I love it even more as an adult!

I fell in love with the characters, found the plot compelling and the writing style was at the same time conversational and intelligent.

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