



A PASSIONATE SPIRIT

S C Skillman takes readers
on a paranormal journey
in her new thriller

Speaking about the inspiration behind her paranormal thriller, S C Skillman explains, “The ghostly encounters in my book are largely based on real stories – one of which is of my sister Julia who, several years ago, experienced paranormal behaviour while babysitting in a French villa.”

A Passionate Spirit tells the story of 25 year old Zoe, who moves to the Cotswold hills with her new husband, unconventional priest Theo. But fearsome dreams about a young girl running for her life disturb Zoe and she can't shake off the idea that a child's life is in danger... and so is hers.

When two unexpected guests arrive, James and Natasha, Zoe's friend Alice immediately senses something amiss with James – and particularly Natasha – but no-one except Zoe agrees with her. Natasha embarks on a series of mysterious healings which astonish other guests and convince them that Natasha is a miracle worker. But Zoe can't abandon her feelings of unease around Natasha. When Zoe confronts Natasha she is completely unprepared for the terror she is about to face. Zoe will need more than the loyalty and strength of Alice to survive the frightening paranormal forces that are unleashed against her...

As well as ghostly experiences, S C Skillman has also been inspired by esoteric and new age philosophies and eastern religions. “Other ideas were sparked off by the BBC TV drama Merlin; the character Morgana intrigues me and, to an extent, the character Natasha has elements of Morgana in her,” she adds.

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