The Thorn and the Blossom
A Two-Sided Love Story

Theodora Goss

We see The Thorn and the Blossom as the new buzzworthy romantic literary
gift book, offering strong sales potential throughout the year and especially
around Christmas and Valentine’s Day.

A haunting love affair between two book-lovers, presented as a unique book
artifact itself — crossing the aesthetic appeal of Griffin & Sabine with the moody
prose of The Time Traveler’s Wife.

When Evelyn Morgan walks into Thorne & Son, a bookstore in the Cornish
village of Clews, she doesn’t know that she’s going to meet the love of her life.
When Brendan Thorne sells her a medieval poem called The Book of the Green
Knight, he doesn’t know that it will shape his future. After that first meeting, they
don’t see one another for years — and yet they never stop thinking about one
another. It’s as if they’re the haunted lovers in the old book itself...

Key Points/Quotes
- Unique literary conceit—a mysterious, two-part love story packaged in an accordion-fold
  book so you can read either “her” story or “his” story first. No matter which side you start
  with, the second part has a revelation for you.
- Crosses the aesthetic-book-lover’s appeal of Griffin & Sabine with the moody prose of
  The Time Traveler’s Wife.
- Author Theodora Goss is a World Fantasy Award winner and Nebula Award finalist for
  her short fiction; The Thorn and the Blossom is her first full book-length work.
- Decorative illustrations by acclaimed cover artist Scott McK Owen (Sterling Unabridged
  Classics, Marvel Comics).
- Quirk has a long track record of success with beautifully designed unorthodox book
  formats, such as The Crimes of Dr. Watson, Gig Posters, and Graceland: An Interactive
  Pop-Up Tour. Quirk is also acclaimed for its strange twists on romantic fiction, la Pride
  and Prejudice and Zombies. The Thorn and the Blossom perfectly combines Quirk’s
  design and production excellence with its bold fiction agenda.

About the Author/Illustrator

Author Residence: Boston, MA
Author Hometown: Hungary

Born in Hungary, Theodora Goss moved to the United States as a child; her fiction
often takes place on the border between fantasy and reality, reflecting the
influence of a long Eastern European literary tradition. Her story "The Singing of
Mount Abora" won the World Fantasy Award in 2008, her story "Pip and the
Fairies" was a Nebula Award finalist in 2007, and she has been featured in the
annual Year’s Best Fantasy & Horror anthology several times. Theodora lives in
Boston with her husband Kendrick and their daughter Ophelia, and teaches
literature at Boston University. Her short fiction collection In the Forest of
Forgetting was published in 2006; The Thorn and the Blossom is her first
full-length book release.

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