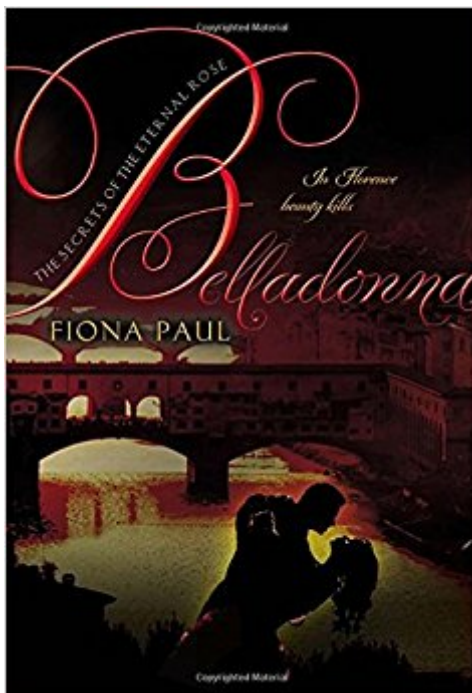


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Synopsis

In Renaissance Italy, love, lust, intrigue and secret societies converge to stunning results! In the second in the stunning Secrets of the Eternal Rose series, Cassandra Caravello is trying to forget Falco, the wild artist who ran off with her heart, as she grows closer to her strong, steady fiancé, Luca. But Luca seems to have his own secrets. When he's arrested by soldiers in the middle of the night, Cass's life is once again thrown into chaos. She must save Luca, and that means finding the Book of the Eternal Rose—the only evidence that will prove he's innocent. So begins her journey to Florence, a city haunted by whispers of vampirism, secret soirees and clandestine meetings of the Order of the Eternal Rose. And home to Falco, who is working for the Order's eerily stunning leader, the Belladonna herself. Can Cass trust her heart to lead her to the truth this time? Nothing is as it seems in this seductive thriller, where the truth may be the deadliest poison of all. Another sensual edge-of-your-seat romance thriller that's just as alluring as *Venom*. This historical romantic mystery is perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory's *The Other Boleyn Girl*, Anna Godbersen's *The Luxe*, Libba Bray's *A Great and Terrible Beauty* and Cecily Von Ziegesar's *Gossip Girl*. Praise for *VENOM*: "Deftly balancing beauty and death, *Venom* renders the canals of renaissance Venice frightening and irresistible in a sensual tale where no one can be trusted and passions kill." --Andrea Cremer, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Nightshade* series

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Customer Reviews

Soon after her secret lover, Falco, leaves Venice, Cass is told that her fiancé, Luca da Perago, has been arrested for heresy. In a stealth visit to his cell, Cass learns that Luca believes these false imprisonments and deaths are related to the Order of the Eternal Rose and its book, which is possessed by the Order's leader, who lives in Florence. With only this clue, Cass sails from Venice to Florence. Paul's second novel in the tantalizing Order of the Eternal Rose series is almost as exciting and evocative of Renaissance Italy as her first, *Venom* (2012).

Cass's rediscovery of Falco and his lucrative, if bizarre, apprenticeship to Bella Briani—better known as Belladonna for her ageless beauty—lures Cass into an underworld of murder, human dissection, and debauchery. As she begins to unravel the mystery of the Order and its goal to find the fifth Humor that guarantees eternal life, she finally begins to appreciate Luca's unselfish strength and bravery, a discovery that makes her even more determined to save him. Enthusiastic readers will await the third book in the series. Grades 9-12.

--Frances Bradburn

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After finishing "Venom" the first book in the secrets of the eternal rose I was so happy to know that there were two more books in this series. I quick purchased belladonna and finished the book in around three days. I fell in love with Cass and Falco being together and also the very charming Luca but this book made me change slightly. From picking up from venom(which I loved). Right away it starts with Luca getting arrested and Cass going to save her fiance which you can feel that she is starting to fall in love with Luca. In Florence Cass and Falco run into each other and you can feel the heated passion start between them again until near the end of the book Cass catches Falco with Belladonna and your heart just falls and feels bad for her. Filled with secret cults, vampire rumors and tons of romance and shocks this book is amazing and meets venom all of the way. And in the end you fall for Luca and see the love growing between him and Cass. I cannot wait to pick up the final book in the series this week and get to reading! I have read many books and this is by far my favorite series ever. I can relate to feeling like Cass and I am going to reread these again in the future for sure. Highly recommended.

Great Book! Happy I picked up the first book randomly at a book store. I do recommend reading this

series.

Belladonna (Secrets of the Eternal Rose) is another winner from Fiona Paul! This book picks up where Venom left off. Falco has left and Cass and Luca continue with their engagement... Luca finds himself thrown in jail accused of a crime he did not commit. Cass must prove Luca is innocent, but she has to leave home and travel to Florence where she must find the Book of the Eternal Rose. In Belladonna (Secrets of the Eternal Rose), Cass finds herself involved with possible vampires, the secret members of the Eternal Rose and Falco. A fun and intriguing read that left me wanting more.

the book is amazing. i love it, the mystery and intrigue continue and the story is neatly paced

I have not read Belladonna just yet, but I read Venom and loved it! I really hope Cass ends up with Falco in the end of Starling or I'll be heartbroken! Luca and Cass are cute, but I'm a sucker for the sweetheated bad-boy. I cannot wait to read Belladonna, when it comes in the mail. Like I said, I hope Cass ends up with Falco. I can't take another heartbreak from a book not letting my OTP happily be together.

The first book in this series was entertaining and fairly well written, but felt forced at times. Fiona Paul's skill has noticeably improved in this sequel. The world she creates is mysterious and captivating, with secret conspiracies and hidden agendas. Beautifully evocative of historic Italy, with enough emotional intrigue to keep the pages turning.

I would read this all over again! I absolutely loved the series! Must read!

The condition of the book was superb and I enjoyed the story. Thank you so much!

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