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Description

Chalus Chabrol, 1199: the Occitanian knights battled for their lives against Richard the Lionheart. They are guarding the Blue Flame, under which all Occitanians must unite to save themselves against invasion. But the knights cannot survive and so it falls to Parsifal, young son of the knight Bernard, to smuggle the Flame to safety.

As an old recluse, Parsifal returns home to an Occitan that is divided rather than united. Both the Cathars and Catholics seek the Blue Flame to claim the Occitan as their own.

Parsifal's path intertwines with Raimon, son of a Cathar weaver, and Yolanda, daughter of the Catholic Count, who are falling in love. But the righteous crusades begin setting boy against girl, family against family, neighbour against neighbour, the south against the north. The tumult rises to a roaring peak when the Inquisitors arrive to slaughter the heretics and possess the Blue Flame. Raimon and Yolanda must fight to unite the Cathars and the Catholics and help Parsifal find the Blue Flame's true meaning before the Occitan is destroyed forever.

Sales Points

- This is the first novel in the *Perfect Fire* trilogy. The hardcover edition of the second installment, *White Heat*, is also available in December 2008 (ISBN: 9781847244697)
- '... gorgeously and intricately braided ... K. M. Grant provides a top-notch tale of star-crossed lovers, intrigue, twisted religious hatreds and the mystical power of landscape' – *The Financial Times*
- '(K. M. Grant) has woven such a gripping plot that I shall certainly be lining up to read book two. I hope she doesn't keep us waiting too long' – *The Guardian*
- 'By the end of this first volume of a trilogy, my heart was in my mouth' – *Bookbag*
- Suitable for children aged 10 years and up

Author Profile

K. M. Grant has written several books of historical fiction including *How the Hangman Lost His Heart*, which was an Ottakar's Book of the Month and a *Sunday Times* Children's Book of the Week. She has also written the *DeGranville Trilogy* of *Blood Red Horse*, *Green Jasper* and *Blaze of Silver*. She is a freelance writer as well as a columnist for the *Scottish Daily Mail*. She lives in Glasgow with her husband and three children.