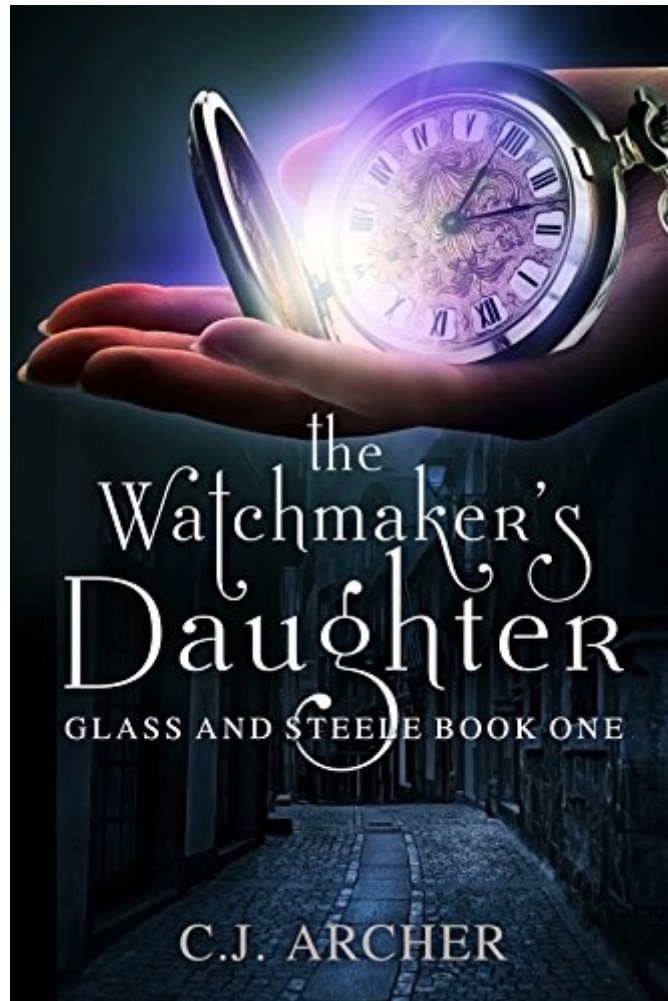


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The Watchmaker's Daughter (Glass And Steele Book 1)



Synopsis

REVIEWS "What an absolutely fun read! This story had me captivated from beginning to end and eagerly awaiting the next book! Loved it! Mystery, and magic, with another great female lead!"
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DESCRIPTION India Steele is desperate. Her father is dead, her fiancé took her inheritance, and no one will employ her, despite years working for her watchmaker father. Indeed, the other London watchmakers seem frightened of her. Alone, poor, and at the end of her tether, India takes employment with the only person who'll accept her - an enigmatic and mysterious man from America. A man who possesses a strange watch that rejuvenates him when he's ill. Matthew Glass must find a particular watchmaker, but he won't tell India why any old one won't do. Nor will he tell her what he does back home, and how he can afford to stay in a house in one of London's best streets. So when she reads about an American outlaw known as the Dark Rider arriving in England, she suspects Mr. Glass is the fugitive. When danger comes to their door, she's certain of it. But if she notifies the authorities, she'll find herself unemployed and homeless again - and she will have betrayed the man who saved her life. With a cast of quirky characters, an intriguing mystery, and a dash of romance, *THE WATCHMAKER'S DAUGHTER* is the start of a thrilling new historical fantasy series from the author of the bestselling *Ministry of Curiosities*, *Freak House*, and *Emily Chambers Spirit Medium* books.

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Customer Reviews

CJ Archer is one of my absolute favourite authors, and I was lucky enough to get my hands on an advanced copy of *The Watchmaker's Daughter*, book 1 in the Glass and Steele series. This is an amazing book. I can't say that enough. CJ Archer's writing style is absolutely gripping. It took me less than 24 hours to read the whole book because I just couldn't put it down. I don't know what it is, but her writing style is enthralling. I am yet to come across another author who can pull me in with their words in the way CJ Archer does. I've been a huge fan of CJ Archer's other works for years. Her historical fantasies are the perfect blend of my two favourite genres. *The Watchmaker's Daughter* is no exception. The fantasy is subtle, but it is present throughout the book. The historical setting isn't in-your-face, but it suits the book perfectly. The setting and the plot are intertwined in such a way that I can't imagine the book taking place anywhere else. India Steele is a highly developed character, and she's one of the best I've come across in such a long time. She's a 27 year old woman, which makes her one of the oldest characters I've read - speaking of which, why are most female protagonists in their late teens or early 20s? Anyway, India. She's a 27 year old spinster, who also happens to be an orphan and homeless and broke. After being thrown out onto the street, she finds a job with a man named Mr Glass, which leads her on a journey to discover the truth about the world she lives in. Magic is real, and it's all around her. What I find with all of CJ Archer's writing is that she creates these highly developed and unique characters. In this book, she also creates a superb sense of suspense.

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