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From NY Times bestselling author Laurie London comes the third book in the Iron Portal series.

Imprisoned for years, he never forgot her.

Zara Kane is leading a double life. By day, she's a respected antiques expert, working at a library, but by night, she's a thief, stealing back artifacts that belong to her homeland. When she learns that a man she once loved—who abandoned her when she needed him the most—has been wrongly imprisoned, she uses her para-ability Talent to orchestrate a daring escape.

Vince Crawford is a damaged man. After years of torture and suffering, the beautiful boy with the sparkling brown eyes is gone, replaced by a jaded ex-con hellbent on revenge. He isn't afraid of anything, but when the woman he's never stopped loving and the son he never knew he had are threatened by a ruthless enemy who knows they're his greatest weakness, Vince will stop at nothing to keep them safe...even if it costs him his life.

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From Reader Review Warrior's Heart for online ebook

Mary Mattson says

Vince Crawford has been in prison for the last 10 years. He has a “Talent” the Pacifican Army wants to capitalize on. They think he can detect portals to Cascadia or at least know where a portal is. Cascadia is different world for the one we know. Cascadia life is equivalent to our medieval time. No electricity no modern conveniences. The Pacifians bring precious artifacts back to sell on the black market.

Vince was taken by the army the night before he was going to bring his pregnant girlfriend, Zara, from Cascadia to Pacifica. They were going to marry and raise their child together. In those 10 years they torture, beat and starve Vince, but he never gives up the portals location. It’s the one thing he can do to protect Zara and their baby. Zara had no idea that the army took him and just thought he changed his mind about their plans. She hated him for those 10 years and when she finds out what really happened she’s horrified at what she thought of him. When her brother Asher comes to see her, his fiancé tells her that Vince is alive. She is Vince’s sister Olivia. Zara want to recuse him right away and not wait any longer.

After rescuing Vince, he pulls away from Zara. He feels dark and dirty and confused. He loves her but feels she and their baby would be better off without him. Zara doesn’t push him and lets him acclimate to his new surroundings. Later he wonders why he isn’t making love to Zara, and let me tell you those scenes were scorching hot! Ummm, Yummm!

The story follows Zara and Vince to Cascadia, where they decide to settle. It’s a different take on the paranormal love story and I enjoyed it immensely.

I found I had the first Portal book in my TBR pile on my kindle, so I am reading that now. Then I’ll read Asher’s and Olivia’s story.

A copy of this book was given to me by the author for an honest review.

Larena says

Paranormal Romance

Zara Kane leads a double life. During the day she works at the library and is a respected antiquities expert. At night though she is a thief that steals the artifacts that belong to her homeland. Years ago she was abandoned by the man she once loved when she needed him the most though when she finds out he has been wrongly imprisoned, she uses her para-ability Talent to orchestrate a daring escape.

Vince Crawford has suffered years of suffering and torture and is now a damaged man. The beautiful boy with the sparking brown eyes he used to be is now gone and in his place is now a jaded ex-con that is hell-bent on revenge. He is not afraid of anything. Though when a ruthless enemy who knows his greatest weakness threatens the woman he never stopped loving and the son he never knew he had he will stop at nothing to keep them safe. Even if the cost is his life.

This is an amazing book that is part of a series. It holds up very well on its own as a standalone but it will have readers eagerly looking for the other books in the series to read more about a world that proves to be engrossing and different. It has a lot of action and takes some great twists and turns and keeps the reader hanging until the very end on if everything will work out for the characters. The story will also having

readers wanting to read the next book in the series.

Received a review copy

Denise Van plew says

Be still me darling in this one the romance and adventure really heats up. As I was transported once again into this world Zara is doing what she does best and retrieving. There is nothing slow in a beginning in this one. She has to sides she shows and also one very special someone close to her heart she is raising. She thinks she is doing it alone and the other one who held her heart left along time ago. Just like in most cases there is two sides to every story when it comes to people. Vince is been imprisoned and endured a tremendous amount just for not talking. He too has a special talent which is why he is where he is. when others reveal to Zara some mind blowing news she goes heart first in doing what she does best but that will put her on a path that will forever change her life for better I say. this author will give you the best once again she has on these tow and their relationship's path once they find each other again. A second chance per say one that will be filled with tremendous challenges that thanks to love will give them the strength to take them on kicking. Not a disappointment but one that make my heart race and also delight in. A talent that can take paranormal couple it with romance to where you are so immersed you will have forgotten this just another piece and by the end it really isn't just more fuller with this one.

Danielle Gypsy Soul says

Warrior's Heart is the 3rd book in Laurie London's Iron Portal Series. This book could be reead as a stand alone although their are some characters from the previous books.

This book centers around Vince and Zara. Vince had been going across the portal to see his girlfriend Zara. He was going to bring her across and the two were going to start a life together along with the baby she was carrying. However, the night before he was to meet her to bring her across for good Vince was taken by the Army and his father was killed. The army wanted to use Vince's talent but he refused to work for them and so he has been in prison for the past 10 years. During those 10 years, a doctor has tortured Vince to try to get the location of the portal but Vince knew that Zara and their baby wouldn't be safe if he gave the location up so he refused to tell them.

Zara doesn't know that Vince was taken by the army and thinks that he just changed his mind about her and the baby. She came across the portal anyway and has been leading a double life. By day she works in a museum and by night she is a thief who steals Cascadian artifacts to return them to her world.

Zara is approached by Asher and Olivia (Vince's sister) and told that he didn't just abandon them but was in prison for the past 10 years. Zara insists on rescuing Vince and gets Asher to help her. However, once Vince is free from prison he is confused and broken and thinks that Olivia would be better with someone else. Zara is patient and gives Vince time and space to adjust while still being there for him. Vince is a bit consumed with getting revenge on the scientist who tortured him and Zara is hurt that Vince isn't asking more questions about their son.

This was my favorite book in the series so far. I really loved both Vince and Zara and thought that the relationship was developed really well. Vince didn't immediately bounce back and needed time to adjust to life outside of prison and that was written exceptionally well. There was some action but this story was more about relationships and second chances.

I was given this book by the author in return for an unbiased review.

ZETTER says

Protecting My Family!!!

Zara Kane and Vince Crawford two talents had one from Cascadia and the other from Pacifica....They fell in love and was thinking about a future but that say future never came because Vince was taking by the army.

Ten years later, Vince still held captive but the army while Zara did everything to take care of their son, Darius....Zara was reunited with her long lost brother Asher Kane, a Warrior of the Iron Guild.

Zara met Asher's fiancée, Olivia Crawford who turned out to be the man who held her heart's sister. They brought Zara up to date regarding Vince's ordeal. She didn't care what she had to do, all she knew was that she had to save Vince no matter what.

Vince had a hard time adjusting to being outside the prison's walls, it was hard for Zara as well but she never gave up on him. When danger was surrounding their family, together with Asher and Olivia, Zara and Vince made sure that no harm came to their son.

An excellent novel, loved Vince's transition from being scared to not being good enough for Zara and Darius to find risking everything for them..... **WARRIOR'S HEART** had me rooting for the hero and the heroine from their first encounter.

Laurie London did a great job....This is a good book about second chances. 5 +++++ .

Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

I received this book from the author in return for a fair and honest review.

I am loving the Iron Portal series and Warrior's Heart is no exception. Vince was taken away abruptly by the army ten years ago, presumed dead by his family for a long time. Zara was the one left behind that no one knew about but with a present of her own. Both these people have to fight to survive and have their own demons to bear, Vincent's just being more physical. What the 'Doctor' did to him was sickening, and his reasoning for it, although it sort of made sense in a twisted sort of way, absolutely did not excuse what he was doing to the Talents. Zara honed her Talent and used it to 'rescue' items that had been stolen from Cascadia. When she learns that Vincent is alive and can be found, she uses her Talent to rescue him too.

This book was harder to read as Vincent tries to deal with his past and his PTSD, whilst at the same time I was full of admiration for Zara and how she handled things. I fall more in love with Cascadia every time we visit and I loved the family reunion and yes, I shed a tear or two.

This is once again incredibly well-written, packed full of emotion and a delight to read. I would recommend this book and this series without any hesitation at all. Love it.

Merissa
Archaeolibrarian - I Dig Good Books!

Donna Sweeney says

kindly provided by the author with and ARC in exchange for an honest review.

This was my first book by Laurie and despite it being the 3rd book in the series I found it very easy to follow. I can tell that there is lots of inclusion from the characters from books 1 & 2 and despite not reading those stories, I was able to keep the thread quite easily.

This story has PLENTY of HOT romance.....love me some paranormal lovin' !!! The story surrounds Zara and Vince and their "I can never forget you" passion. Sounds good no ?.

Well, I really enjoyed this story. I found it gripping and it kept my complete interest from start to finish. Given that I am feeling a bit funky at the moment, this story was a blessing.

Defiantly worth a read if you enjoy "get your teeth stuck in" paranormal romance books.

Well done Laurie.

4 when I break out of this prison, you are soooo mine Stars !!!

many thanks for this opportunity. I will certainly read more of your gripping stories !

Later peeps xxx

Kelly says

I had a bit of a tough time getting into the 2nd book in this series (probably my fault for skipping book 1. What can I say? I'm a rebel. I do what I want.), but this one worked from page 1.

We got (kinda) introduced to Vince in the previous book. Well, he got mentioned at least. His life has been terrible since he was abducted and imprisoned and, when we first meet him, there's no end in sight. Then the love of his life reappears and suddenly things are looking rosier.

Except they're not at first. Because years and years of degradation and torture aren't something you get over right away. Vince has a lot of healing to do before he feels worthy of Zara and their son. I got that. Totally. His need to stick it to his captors worked. His desire to prove himself worked. Zara's patience with him worked.

I have a serious soft spot for damaged heroes and Vince hit all my buttons. Poor guy. Someone get him a cookie. Or give him one of Zara's cupcakes. He deserves it.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Heather Kavanagh says

“Copy gifted in exchange for an honest review”

Another win for the Iron Portal Series! This book was fantastic. Vincent and Zara coming together was epic. But what I loved most I think about this book was the fact that Zara was a strong woman who in essence defied insurmountable odds. Delving into a place unknown and learning to survive all the while her heart searches for the one man who can complete her.

Once I started reading, I couldn't put the book down. It was beautifully written; details and descriptions of the scenery, the people were wonderfully created allowing for me the reader to actually see the world in which the Author Goddess herself has created! I love this series. Not one book that I've read has been a let down in any manner. Truly a must read for anyone who loves Romance, with that perfect touch science fiction to really make it stand out.

First love books are the most epic in my mind, because it shows the longing; the need and the commitment as two hearts fight and ache to be together once more. Can't say enough in regards to this book. As of now it's my favorite in the Iron Portal Series. Then again, I've said that for every book that has been released in this series. LOL Keep writing Miss Author Goddess, and I'll keep reading!

PepperP0t says

Ten years ago, Vince Crawford had everything planned. He was bringing his pregnant Cascadian girlfriend, Zara Kane, home to meet his family and live with them in Pacifica. But he was taken prisoner by the Pacifican army and has been tortured all those years to get the location of a secret portal into Cascadia.

Meanwhile, Zara's built a life in Pacifica. She lives quietly with her son, works as a librarian and uses her talent during her off hours to retrieve stolen Cascadian artifacts and return them to her people via a Cascadian underground network. Unknown to Zara, the network has something to return to Zara.

Zara's long lost brother, Asher, finds and visits Zara with his fiancée, Olivia in tow. As the siblings begin to catch up after more than 10 years apart, Zara's shocked to learn Olivia's twin is her Vince. Zara's more shocked to find out Vince didn't get scared, lie and abandon her after finding out he'd be a father at 17.

This outing was more of a romance than its predecessors and as the others in the series able to be a stand-alone but definitely not recommended. The smexy scenes and chemistry between the leads was worth the price of admission and the Iron Guild get to flex their strength when Pacifican's think they have their own private horde of Cascadians to use and abuse.

Sue Zawisa says

REVIEW for WARRIOR'S HEART

I received this as an ARC for an honest review

When Zara Kane is confronted in the basement of the library where she works....while on a covert mission....she is sure she has been discovered by her enemies..the Pacifican Army. But what she finds instead is her brother...Asher Kane a warrior from her home world of Cascadia....and his mate, Olivia. That is when she finds out Olivia is the sister of her long lost lover, Vince, whom she thought just left her when he found out she was pregnant ten years ago. She has simmered with rage and hatred all that time, only to find out now that he was captured and put in prison on the night he was to come to her... What happens next can only be described as extraordinary. Zara is a Cloaking Talent...one that has FATA BLOOD running through her veins. So does Vince it seems, which is why he has been in prison....he refuses to help the Pacifican Army. He can sense the portals that connect the two worlds and the Army wants him to show them where they are. In a daring rescue, Zara uses her power to save Vince. But after being drugged and tortured for ten years , is there any hope of him being the young man she fell in love with, and will he want to be a father to his son that he has never met ??? Time and circumstance will tell.

Carrie says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Remember Vince from the last book? He's Olivia's brother who was taken away by the army when his talent was revealed. Also, in the last book, Asher identified his sister (Zara) in some of Vince's drawings, indicating that somehow these two knew each other.

Zara believes that the man of her dreams abandoned her and her unborn child and has let this shape her life. She has been using her power to become invisible to take back artifacts stolen from her world. When she suddenly finds out that Vince has been in prison all this time (and he didn't mean to abandon her), everything changes. She is determined to help rescue him and introduce him to their son.

Vince is certainly not the bright eyed boy Zara fell in love with. They have both grown and changed along the way, but he suffered years of torture and interrogation. He didn't break and use his portal finding power, but he certainly has the scars of his time in prison. Zara and Vince have their work cut out for them in this story.

This book is definitely darker than the ones previous. Zara and Vince have a great love story, but it is clouded by years of pain. Watching them work through it all was tough, but the end result was worth it. These two gave us a look at the gritty and dangerous work that the army has created.

Karen says

****Copy received in return for an honest review****

This is a great standalone story and book three in the series. Book One introduced the concept of two worlds post war, divided by hidden portals. Cascadia is a world without technology or motorized vehicles and its citizens have paranormal abilities the Pacificans covet. For years the Pacifican Army has created crime waves they attribute to the Cascadians, giving them the reason they need for sustaining funding and support to continue their troop numbers. They also seek out descendents of Cascadians living in Pacifica who have

paranormal abilities and force them into the army. Those who refuse are incarcerated. The more promising of these Talents are sent to a research lab, The Institute. That is where Vince Crawford has been held for the past ten years, refusing to give up information about a portal he discovered that led him to Cascadia and Zara Kane, the girl he fell in love with.

Zara had just told Vince she was pregnant when he disappeared. Thinking he abandoned her, she is shocked to learn he has been imprisoned the whole time. Fiercely determined to free him, she convinces her brother to help and uses her cloaking Talent to get Vince away from his work detail and to a safe house. But neither of the lovers are the same people they were before Vince was taken. Their resulting story is one of bravery, love and patience in the face of Vince's PTSD and the force of the Pacifican Army intent on recapturing their most valuable prisoner.

Ally says

Interesting world building

The world building in this book was fascinating. And yes, I started at number three and should really have started at the beginning but whatevs.

Setting / Time / Genre: a place called Pacifica and another place called Cascadia (can we go out on a limb here and say the author is from the Northwest? As in Washington state?), New Seattle, possibly future but kinda like now but an alternate now. Two worlds, one Pacifica, now with modern conveniences and the other more medieval with no electricity or other modern conveniences.

Length: 300 pages

Series: Yes and the next one I will be reading is the first

Sexy times: More than a few less than a half a dozen. Sort of descriptive, so there was some steam but not enough to power a ship.

Plan on reading more by the author: Yes, I'd like to at least read the first in the series.

Synopsis in one sentence or slightly more: Woman from Cascadia meets man from Pacifica who can pass through portals with ease, romance ensues, pregnancy ensues, plans are made, he's kidnapped by the Pacifican army, she thinks he's abandoned her, she moves to Pacifica, has the baby, finds out he's alive, stages a break out (oh, he's been in Pacifican prison for 10 years), things happen, the evil doctor does villainous things, etc.

Heroine: Zara. I like her. A lot. She is tough. She doesn't give up on our tortured and abused hero, she's raised a kid on her own, and she's seeking to right the wrongs in this world. You go girl!

Hero: Vince. Prison tats. Tortured for years by the most villainous of villains. Is broken out of prison and has to wrap his head around the fact that he has a kid and he is free for the first time in years. He's got some serious demons. He needs approval. His ego has taken some serious hits.

Why it did or didn't work for me: It worked.

a) world building. Awesome job, Ms. London. Awesome. I am fascinated by this place and these two worlds

and the rules for moving between the worlds. The rules for having talents and using said talents. And the characters.

b) Again, Ms. London, you gave us a tough heroine. Thank you.

c) After Vince escapes from prison, this is not an automatic HEA. These two, they have to figure things out - how they work together after 10 years, how they work together as adults, how they work together after being through some pretty sh!t stuff in life.

d) ok the evil doctor was just a wee bit too evil. More cartoon like than real. Next time, let's ease up on that ok? I mean there is terrible and then there is Ramsey Bolton over the top terrible. A caricature of evil. You see what I am saying?

Ingrid Stephanie Jordan says

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Ms. London's Iron Portal Book 3 , as War continues between the Cascadian's and the Pacific Army we learn about Zara Kane, Asher

(from Iron Portal Book 2) is Zara's brother. Her abilities that she hid from everyone was cloaking. When Zara was a young girl she fell in love with a boy by the Portal and became pregnant, they were going to run away together but he never showed up so here she was ten years later raising her son, Darius all by herself. Asher thought Zara was dead, then she was alive so he went looking for her with his fiancée, Olivia.

Vince Crawford has been tortured, drugged and chained for Ten years. Because of his ability to find Portals. Dr. Dobrynnin works for The Pacific Army and he will do anything, kill anyone he has too, to find the Portal. Vince wouldn't give the doctor the time of day let alone the Portal, if he did they would find his first and only LOVE. So it was a no brainer no one would know where the Portal was and one day he would die in this hell hole just like his father did.

I was gifted this ARC for a honest and truthful review
