

## THIS IS THE STORY OF A LEGEND...

With her mother's dying breath, Eilan, the fifth child of the High Priestess of Avalon, takes life.

The baby is taken to her father, King Coel, and raised in the Roman way as Helena, but in the year A.D. 259 the ten-year-old girl is returned to the mystical place of her birth. There she begins her training as a priestess, in the face of her Aunt Ganeda's determination that she shall fail.

Despite Ganeda's hostility, fired by her resentment over the death of Helena's mother, the child grows to be a gifted priestess, and on the moonlit night of her initiation she has a vision of the Roman, Constantius, the man she will love for the rest of her life. Her vision also reveals that he will father the one whose light will blaze across the world, the one who will free Britannia from Roman tyranny. But to be with him she must betray her sisters and turn her back on the security of Avalon, to build a new life in the danger-filled city of the enemy.

Published posthumously, this spellbinding historical romance is the conclusion to the enchanting Avalon series.

**'Bradley combines romance, rich historical detail, magical dazzlements, grand adventure and feminist sentiments into the kind of novel her fans have been yearning for'** *Publishers Weekly*

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