

It has served us well, this myth of Christ.

– Pope Leo X, 16th century

1291 AD, Acre. As the city burns under the onslaught of the Sultan's men, the *Falcon Temple* sets sail, carrying a small band of knights and a mysterious chest entrusted to them by the Order's Grand Master. But the ship vanishes without a trace . . .

Present-day New York. At the Metropolitan Museum, four horsemen dressed as Knights Templar storm the gala opening of an exhibition of Vatican treasures and, in a brutal and bloody attack, steal an arcane medieval decoder.

For FBI agent Sean Reilly and archaeologist Tess Chaykin, this is just the start of a deadly game of cat and mouse as they race across three continents, trying to stay one step ahead of ruthless killers while chasing down a centuries-old mystery . . .

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