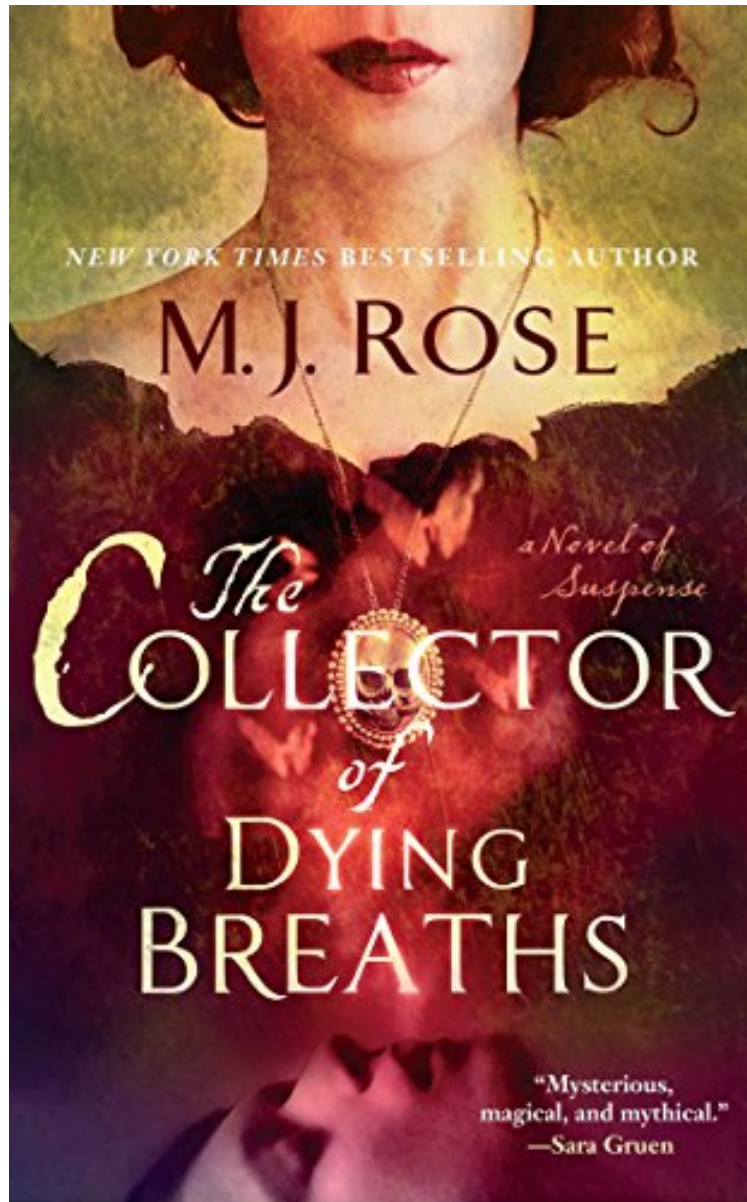


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Von M. J. Rose : The Collector of Dying Breaths: A Novel of Suspense (Reincarnationist series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Collector of Dying Breaths: A Novel of Suspense (Reincarnationist series):

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Wonderful historic atmosphere full of breath-taking scents and fated loveVon JohannaWhen I got this book, I had no idea that it was part of a series. If I had known I wouldn't have requested it. And that would have been a tremendous loss. It's not necessary to know the other books of the Reincarnationist series because *The Collector of Dying Breaths* works well as a stand-alone too. I'm so glad that I've been able to read this wonderful book and I strongly recommend it to all lovers of historical fiction. I like stories where the past is woven into the present and both plotlines intermingle and become one coherent plot. Rose has accomplished this masterfully in her latest novel. I enjoyed both narrators, Jac and Ren, and was never disappointed when one perspective switched to another. It clearly speaks for the book if it's able to catch my interest with both layers equally. The mystery of the dying breath has fascinated many scholars throughout history, just like the search for the Holy Grail or the quest to turn lead into gold. Even Thomas Edison and Henry Ford were allegedly fanatical about capturing one's soul in the last breath. It would be the path to immortality. I would have never combined this quest with a perfume maker but it totally convinced me after all. I've learned a lot about smells and perfumes in this book. Who would have thought that whale vomit or chimney residue were important ingredients for the best perfumes? I loved to read about the way perfumes were created and how the same material could be used for poisons or potions. But the book wasn't only about perfumes. It was about the love for everything sensual, the touch of a woman, the smell of a flower or lots of beautiful antiquities to enjoy for the eye. Many characters were collectors, not only of dying breaths, but of rarities and art from all over the world. The author's writing was excellent. I could almost smell the perfumes she described. The language was lush and colorful, never corny with emotions or too focused on historical details. So now you might ask why I didn't give it a full rating? Well, I wasn't satisfied with the ending. Considering the epicness of the quest that Jac is on, the ending was sort of not spectacular enough, too quick and easy. I could have written that concluding thought right at the beginning. *The Collector of Dying Breaths* is an epic novel about love and sacrifice, how to reach immortality and what comes after death. I think it is the conclusion to the series but can be also read as a stand-alone.

KurzbeschreibungNew York Times bestselling author M. J. Rose's wondrously original (Providence Journal) suspense novel featuring perfumer Jac L'Etoile combines fascinating history, torrid romance, and a compelling mystery (Associated Press). Florence, Italy 1533: An orphan named Ren le Florentin is plucked from poverty to become not only the greatest perfumer in the country, but also the most dangerous, creating deadly poisons for his Queen, Catherine de Medici, to use against her rivals. But while mixing herbs and essences under the light of flickering candles, Ren can't begin to imagine the tragic and personal consequences for which his lethal potions will be responsible. Paris, France The Present: Renowned mythologist Jac L'Etoile becomes obsessed with Ren le Florentin who may have been working on an elixir that would unlock the secret to immortality. Together with her estranged lover, Griffin, they confront an eccentric heiress in possession of a world-class art collection, a woman who has her own dark purpose for the elixir and believes the end will justify her deadly means. Fiery and lush, set against deep, wild forests and dimly lit chateaus, this gothic tale zigzags from the violent days of Catherine de Medici's court to twenty-first-century France. Sara Gruen, New York Times bestselling author of *Water for Elephants*, raves about the book: Mysterious, magical, and mythical. What a joy to read! Pressestimmen "M.J. Rose's latest is breathtaking. *The Collector of Dying Breaths* combines fascinating history, torrid romance and a compelling mystery into a marvelous package that will entice fans of Anne Rice and Diana Gabaldon. Rose has taken an interesting premise and uses history to tell her tale....an original reading experience. (Associated Press) What can I say; M.J. Rose has done it again. She presents a story so intricate and mesmerizing that the reader can get lost in the pages an excellent choice for avid book clubbers to discuss and debate. (Free Lance-Star) "Rose's latest venture into myth and reality is a page-turning, alluring concoction of fiction infused with fantastical yet actual history. Readers will be charmed by her well-drawn and memorable characters, and they will be mesmerized by her enchanting narrative, which takes them on a mystical and magical journey." (Library Journal (starred)) "Crisp, evocative prose elevates this above other paranormal thrillers." (Publishers Weekly) A suspenseful and enigmatic story, with gripping historical details and the paranormal subtext Rose has become famous for, which will please her many fans. (Kirkus) "Rose masterfully combines romance, mystery, and dual timelines. The storyline and extensive historical details are fascinating. (Romantic Times (FOUR-AND-A-HALF STARS TOP PICK)) "Wondrously original... elegantly written. Rose manages to utterly suspend our disbelief in a book that leaves us, appropriately enough, breathless." (Providence Journal) "Mysterious, magical, and mythical what a joy to read!" (Sara Gruen, New York Times bestselling author of *Water for Elephants*) History, mystery, ambition, lust, love, death and the timeless quest for immortality a riveting tale of suspense. (B.A. Shapiro, New York Times bestselling author of *The Art Forger*) From the labyrinthine alleyways of 16th century Paris to the danger-infused woodlands of 21st century Fontainebleau, M.J. Rose has crafted a superb, mesmerizing tale of two people separated by centuries yet linked by a haunting secret. Poison, obsession and undying love have never been so enticing or so lethal. I could not stop reading it! (C.W. Gortner, author of *The Confessions of Catherine de Medici*)

"With an alchemist's skill, M.J. Rose mixes present and past with the dark scent of love and an intricate mystery, creating a blend that is splendidly, spookily magical." (Susanna Kearsley, New York Times bestselling author) "M.J. Rose masterfully serves up suspense with generous sides of philosophy and intrigue. I devoured this fascinating tale about Catherine de Medici and her perfumer simmered with the compelling modern-day story of an intelligent woman in search of personal completion. Alchemy, mythology, and an exploration of reincarnation lace this tantalizing telling. A lavish and satisfying banquet of a book!" (Lynn Cullen, bestselling author of Mrs. Poe) Kurzbeschreibung New York Times bestselling author M. J. Rose's wondrously original (Providence Journal) suspense novel featuring perfumer Jac L'Étoile combines fascinating history, torrid romance, and a compelling mystery (Associated Press). Florence, Italy 1533: An orphan named Ren le Florentin is plucked from poverty to become not only the greatest perfumer in the country, but also the most dangerous, creating deadly poisons for his Queen, Catherine de Medici, to use against her rivals. But while mixing herbs and essences under the light of flickering candles, Ren can't begin to imagine the tragic and personal consequences for which his lethal potions will be responsible. Paris, France The Present: Renowned mythologist Jac L'Étoile becomes obsessed with Ren le Florentin who may have been working on an elixir that would unlock the secret to immortality. Together with her estranged lover, Griffin, they confront an eccentric heiress in possession of a world-class art collection, a woman who has her own dark purpose for the elixir and believes the end will justify her deadly means. Fiery and lush, set against deep, wild forests and dimly lit chateaus, this gothic tale zigzags from the violent days of Catherine de Medici's court to twenty-first-century France. Sara Gruen, New York Times bestselling author of *Water for Elephants*, raves about the book: Mysterious, magical, and mythical. What a joy to read!