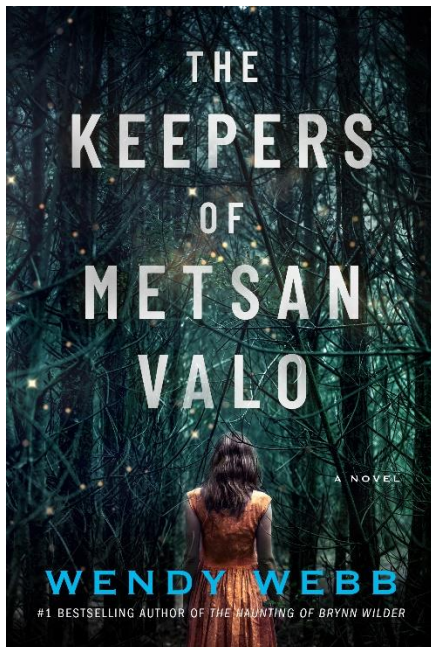


From the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Haunting of Brynn Wilder* and *Daughters of the Lake* comes an engrossing tale of family secrets and a generations-old mystery that can stay hidden no longer.

THE KEEPERS OF METSAN VALO

A Novel by Wendy Webb

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Wendy Webb, dubbed “Queen of the Northern Gothic” by reviewers, is back again with a richly atmospheric, deliciously haunting novel just in time for fall. In **THE KEEPERS OF METSAN VALO** (Lake Union Publishing; on sale date: 10/5/21; available in trade paperback original and Kindle eBook), Wendy infuses her latest story with folklore from her own family’s Finnish history.

When Anni’s beloved grandmother passes away, she, her twin brother, and the rest of their family gather at Metsan Valo, the family estate on the shores of Lake Superior, for the reading of the will. No sooner does Anni arrive than frightening and unexplainable things start happening. Strange visions, whispers in the walls, and unnerving nightmares plague her first days and nights, compounding her grief and rattling her spirit. Anni fears that her return to Metsan Valo has invited less of a welcoming and more of a warning.

Once Anni’s grandmother’s final wishes are revealed in a heated reading of the will, family tensions reach a fever pitch. However, when tragedy strikes the home for a second time, Anni and her family set out to unspool a mystery that spans centuries. A mystery that seems fiercely relentless in its desire to be uncovered.

About the Author

Wendy Webb is the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling and multiple award-winning author of six novels of gothic suspense, including *The Haunting of Brynn Wilder*; *Daughters of the Lake*; *The Vanishing*; *The Fate of Mercy Alban*; *The Tale of Halcyon Crane*; and *The End of Temperance Dare*, which has been optioned for both film and television. Her books are sold worldwide and have been translated into seven languages. Dubbed “Queen of the Northern Gothic” by reviewers, Wendy sets her stories on the windswept, rocky shores of the Great Lakes. Wendy lives in Minneapolis, where she is at work on her next novel when she’s not walking a good dog along the parkway and lakes near her home. Visit her at www.wendykwebb.com.

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Early Praise for *The Keepers at Metsan Valo*

"Wendy Webb once again spins a magical web in *The Keepers of Metsan Valo*, weaving Nordic folklore, family legacy, and the bonds that unite us to each other and to the natural world. She is the sorceress of Lake Superior. Get ready to be ensnared!" —**Carol Goodman, two-time Mary Higgins Clark Award-winning author of *The Lake of Dead Languages* and *The Stranger Behind You***

"A novel taut with threats and secrets, family lore, and folktales. Who—or what—truly guards and keeps the magnificent house and grounds of Metsan Valo? That is the question that thrums through the novel. And who—or what—is threatening and haunting the family who calls it home? Dark, brooding, and mysterious, as all good Gothics should be. Loved it." —**Kim Taylor Blakemore, author of *After Alice Fell* and *The Companion***

Past Praise for Wendy Webb

The Haunting of Brynn Wilder

"The action builds to a satisfying and uplifting ending...Webb consistently entertains." —**Publishers Weekly**

"Endearing and greatly readable...[a] tale that is both warm and poignant." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Webb's chilling tale of a woman running from a tragic loss will put a spell on you." —**E! Online**

"Prepare to lose yourself in Wendy Webb's lusciously written *The Haunting of Brynn Wilder*." —**POPSUGAR**

"Enchanting." —**The Nerd Daily**

"Wendy Webb weaves a searing gothic tale with elements of horror, mystery, and romance...It is incredibly absorbing and atmospheric." —**Bookreporter**

"Wendy Webb is a rising voice in thrillers, and we can't wait to see what she does next." —**CrimeReads**

Daughters of the Lake

An *Entertainment Weekly* New and Notable selection

A Refinery29 Best Book of November

A Liz & Lisa Best Book of the Month

"Simultaneously melancholy and sweet at its core." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Well-delineated characters and a suspenseful plot make this a winner." —**Publishers Weekly**

"*Daughters of the Lake* has everything you could want in a spellbinding read: unexpected family secrets, ghosts, tragic love stories, intertwined fates." —**Refinery29**

"...Perfect for anyone who loves a good ghost story that bleeds into the present day." —**Health**

"*Daughters of the Lake* is gothic to its core, a story of ghostly revenge, of wronged parties setting history right." —**Star Tribune**

"*Daughters of the Lake* provides an immersive reading experience to those who love ghostly mysteries, time travel, and lovely descriptions." —**New York Journal of Books**

"*Daughters of the Lake* is an alchemical blend of romance, intrigue, ancestry, and the supernatural." —**Bookreporter**

"Eerie, atmospheric, and mesmerizing." —*Novelgossip*

"...Haunting and heartbreaking...A masterful work of suspense..." —*Midwest Book Review*

The End of Temperance Dare

"[In] this solid supernatural thriller...Webb succeeds in escalating suspense while keeping her story grounded, but goes full-on *Exorcist* for the finale." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Webb's (*The Vanishing*, 2014) fourth novel is a high-energy ride peppered with just the right amount of romance seeking, coffee drinking, and wine sipping." —*Booklist*

"Tantalizing...[*The End of Temperance Dare*] could well be played on a Clue game board, with macabre crimes, inexplicable disappearances, and enough eerie suspense to drive one mad." —*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"The story creates an eerie feeling of impending danger, and keeps you reading with the lights on. If you enjoy tales of suspense and horror, you will find this a clever work. Webb takes you into the dark places and holds you spellbound with terror." —*SeattlePI*

"There's an irresistible pull to a haunted-house story told well, and *The End of Temperance Dare* is told very well indeed...The story takes place on the shores of Lake Superior, with very of-the-moment characters, while drawing potent atmosphere from the richly drawn location. As the plot tightens, the strange loveliness of the manor on the lake takes hold." —*The Big Thrill*

"A deftly crafted and consistently compelling novel by an author with a genuine flair for originality...Unreservedly recommended." —*Midwest Book Review*

"There were more than enough creepy moments, mysteries to solve, and even some romance thrown in...This book was perfect." —*San Francisco Book Review*

"Wendy Webb is a pro at providing all the trappings of a good Gothic mystery....A fun read." —*Criminal Element*

"With a creepy Gothic setting and some ghostly chills, this is a good spooky mystery..." —*The Parkersburg News and Sentinel*

"Chilling..." —*Gumshoe Review*

"Spine-chilling...Wendy Webb does haunted houses better than just about anyone." —*Pioneer Press*

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