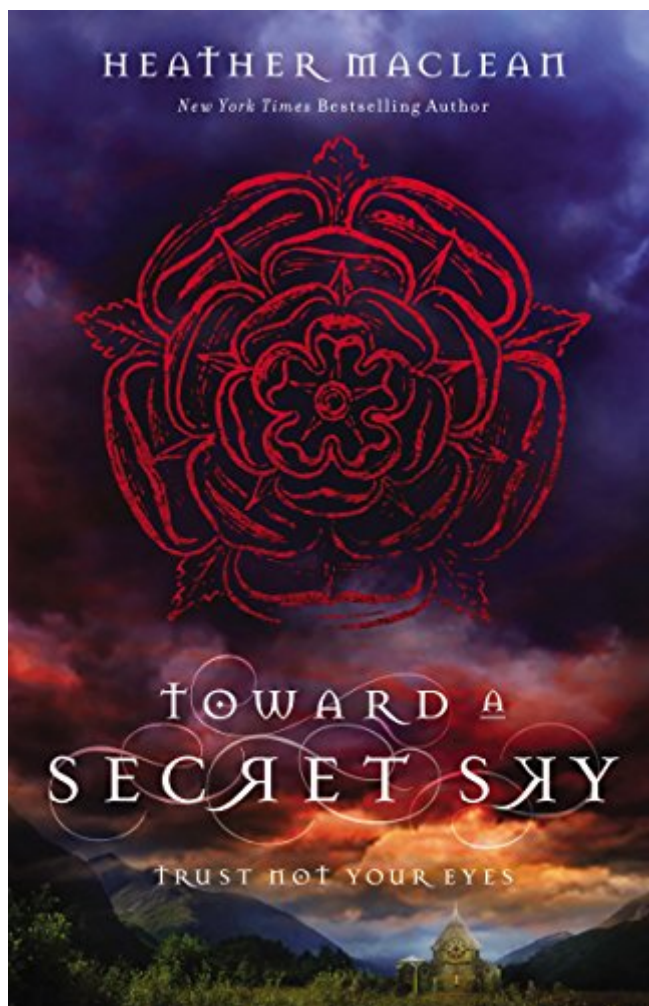


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# Toward A Secret Sky (Blink)



## Synopsis

"Everywhere I go, I leave a trail of dead bodies. My parents died fighting to stop the darkness. I'll keep fighting too, even if it means I have to die. Dying's not half as hard as being left behind, anyway... Evil is real. We are at war. Anyone you tells you differently is lying." Shortly after 17-year-old Maren Hamilton is orphaned and sent to live with grandparents she's never met in Scotland, she receives an encrypted journal from her dead mother that makes her and everyone around her a target. It confirms that her parents were employed by a secret, international organization that's now intent on recruiting her. As Maren works to unravel the clues left behind by her mother, a murderous madness sweeps through the local population, terrorizing her small town. Maren must decide if she'll continue her parents' fight or stay behind to save her friends. With the help of Gavin, an otherworldly mercenary she's not supposed to fall in love with, and Graham, a charming aristocrat who is entranced with her, Maren races against the clock and around the country from palatial estates with twisted labyrinths to famous cathedrals with booby-trapped subterranean crypts to stay ahead of the enemy and find a cure. Along the way, she discovers the great truth of love: that laying down your life for another isn't as hard as watching them sacrifice everything for you.

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## Customer Reviews

Knowing this book is written for the teen audience, I read it with the intent of making sure it is appropriate for my daughter and got sucked in myself. It is a GREAT read for teens with enough romance to make it enticing yet nothing out of bounds for what I want my children reading. I felt it was even a great read for myself as there were good twists along the plot to keep me engaged and awaiting what would play out next in the story. Being an adult that has suffered my fair share of loss of loved ones, it made me shed a few tears along the way as well with the pain I felt for Maren at times. All in all I very much enjoyed reading the story and look forward to the sequel, assuming and hoping that there is a sequel! Thank you Heather Maclean for writing a book that is age appropriate for our youth!

OK so this is nothing like what I expected and the book description doesn't even come close to summarizing it accurately. Pros- The plot was interesting. Maren's parent died while working for a secret agency called the Abbey. Maren found her mom's journal and tries to unlock some of mysteries within. She has to decide if becoming an agent for the Abbey is for her. Cons- If the author had written this as a fantasy/mystery, then it was ultimately a fail. This is a romance. A very pathetic attempt at a romance. There was not a single ounce of chemistry between the characters. They were confessing their love before even kissing. The instalove trope was at an all time high. It was so bad I almost DNF the book. The second problem I had was that I went into this thinking it was a mystery or thriller. Nope not even close. It is a book about angels and demons. This is a trope I feel is hardly even done right. The author did make some the world interesting, but it was explored enough. More focus was put on the gag worthy romance than the world building. I'm not sure who I would even recommend this story too. Maybe someone in their early teens who still swoons at the idea of a hot guy falling love with you just because you breathe air.

Let's just say I was a walking zombie at school the day after I stayed up all night reading this amazing book! The characters were vividly described, and their romantic chemistry was tangible. The plot line was full of mystery and adventure, and it had the perfect mix and amount of characters,

including humans, demons and angels. Ms. Maclean took me on a Scottish adventure with her obvious knowledge and love of the location. I was satisfied with the ending, but can't wait for the sequel.

Perfect for fans of all things Scotland or The DaVinci Code!

I thought this book was amazing, and I can't wait for the next one. It starts a bit slow and confusing at first (which is why it didn't get 5 stars) but I love the suspense at the end. The author did an awesome job of building up the characters and the chemistry. I felt the heartbreak between Gavin and Maren, and I love the setting too. The author skillfully included information about Scotland and London and it was quite informational too. The synopsis does not do the book justice. Overall, a great book and I would recommend it!

This was such a great read. It captured my attention with the first sentence and I couldn't put it down until I had finished it. Even the book cover is beautiful! I am really looking forward to the next book!

Mystery...History...Romance and Riddles! What more could you ask for...THE SEQUEL!!!! Such a great read for literally everyone!!

Great fun - my daughter immediately hooked from the 1st line and we couldn't stop reading together!

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