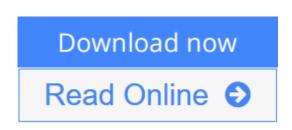


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#### Review

"This rousing tale... keeps itself grounded with a story as disarming and forthright as its appealingly capable heroine. ...Ample action and a delectably delayed romance propel the story toward a riveting finale, marking Cato as an author to watch." (Publishers Weekly)

"Beth Cato handles this heady mix with a fine sense of language, emotion, and event, making the whole thing flow more like a force of nature than the work of a first novelist." (Locus)

*"The Clockwork Dagger* was an immensely fun and entertaining novel... and kept me hooked into the narrative and turning the pages at a dogged pace.... I'm looking forward to picking up Octavia and Alonzo's story in *The Clockwork Crown*." (SFFWorld)

"A light read that ... may offer an interesting new world to readers who enjoy the flavor of steampunk fantasy and soap-opera intrigue." (Kirkus Reviews)

"[A] captivating read with fantastic contraptions, an intricate plot, and imagery so colorful and vivid it will make readers wish the internal combustion engine had never been invented." (Arizona Daily Star)

"The Clockwork Dagger was just what I needed: A steampunk adventure with an uncommon heroine, a fascinating magic system, and a young gremlin! I'm hooked and can't wait for more Octavia and Leaf!" (New York Times bestselling author Kevin Hearne)

"Full of magic and steampunk adventure, Beth Cato's Clockwork Dagger will delight fans of Meljean Brooks Iron Seas Series." (Nicole Peeler)

"DR. QUINN meets DREADNOUGHT in this thrilling, delightful tale combining the political stakes of epic fantasy, the airships and corsets of steampunk, and the heartwarming joy of romance. Excellent fun for lovers of Cherie Priest and Scott Westerfeld." (Michael R. Underwood, author of GEEKOMANCY)

"Airships, assassins, pulp writers, and an independent, appealing heroine: THE CLOCKWORK DAGGER is an exciting debut full of mysterious magic, forbidden romance, and adventure at 5,000 feet." (Tina Connolly, author of IRONSKIN)

"The Clockwork Dagger had me at hello and kept me with unexpected twists, intriguing magic and splendid betrayals. At the satisfying conclusion, my immediate impulse was to enquire in tones of gentle inquiry, when do I get to read the sequel!?!?" (C. E. Murphy)

#### From the Back Cover

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Beth's short fiction can be found in Orson Scott Card's *InterGalactic Medicine Show*, *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*, and many other magazines. *The Clockwork Dagger* is her first novel. The sequel, *The Clockwork Crown*, will be released in 2015.

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