



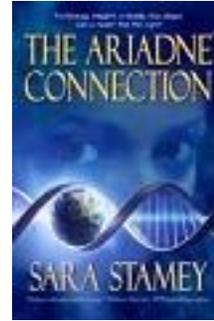
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Award-Winning Novelist Sara Stamey's Near-Future Thriller

The future is upon us: Sara Stamey's Greek islands thriller features a deadly pandemic, a geomagnetic reversal, and the fine line between science and belief. *The Ariadne Connection*, the author's fifth published novel, has received the CYGNUS Award for Speculative Fiction and will appeal to the general reader looking for thought-provoking excitement. *The Bookmonger*, Barbara Lloyd McMichael, says, "Stamey creates a convincingly chaotic dystopia with populations of desperate players."

A Journey to the Crossroads of Science and Myth: The New Leprosy plague and a geomagnetic reversal threaten the world's precarious balance. When jaded American expat Peter Mitchell agrees to transport mysterious Ariadne Demodakis to sacred sites in the Greek islands, the sailor convinces himself it's just another "freelance import" job. But when his passenger is pursued by the terrorist Sons of the Prophet, pharmaceutical mercenaries, and a cult of warrior women, Peter realizes there's more to the young bioelectricity researcher than he first believed. "Saint Ariadne" seems to be healing plague victims with her touch. And she might have found a connection between the pandemic and overexposure to electromagnetic emissions. Insane or inspired, Peter commits to getting Ariadne to Delphi—to the ancient Navel of Gaea—where the only hope for humanity's survival is to reset the compass of the world.



"THE ARIADNE CONNECTION is a rocket-paced thrill ride that delivers complex, engaging characters in a laser-sharp plot." (Chanticleer Reviews) *"Pulses with admirable energy."* (William Dietrich, *NY Times* bestselling author)

Sara Stamey has returned to her PacNW roots after years of wanderlust: teaching scuba in the Caribbean, backpacking around Greece, New Zealand, and South America, and owning a farm in Southern Chile. She now teaches creative writing at Western Washington University and offers independent editing services. Her previous novels received positive reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Locus Magazine*, and more. The *Statesman Review* called her suspense novel *Islands* "superior mystery and suspense—a stomping, vivid ride." She stays active hiking and swimming the Northwest mountains and waters. For more information about her novels, to inquire about review copies, or to schedule an interview, please contact Sara at 360-738-7875 or saras23@comcast.net Also see www.sarastamey.com



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