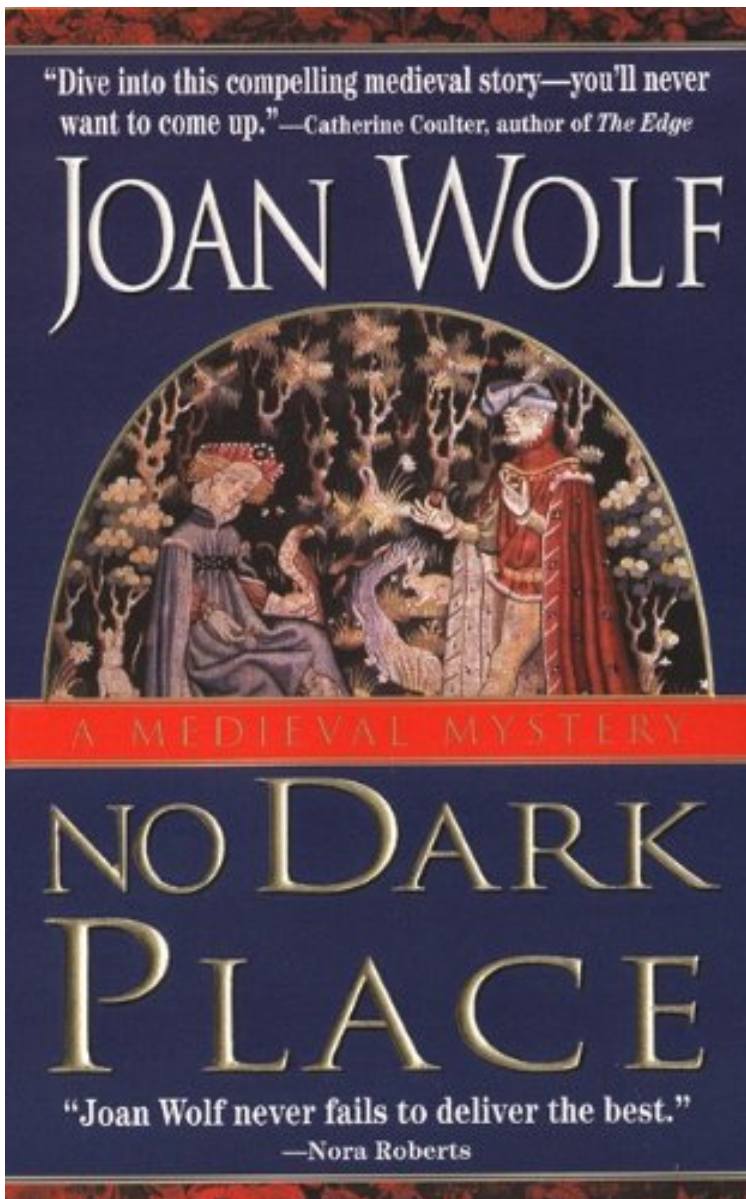


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Prsentation de l'diteurIn the turbulent realm of Norman England, a young nobleman discovers that his identity is the link to an incredible mystery.Hugh Corbaille has just lost the person he cares for most in the world, his adoptive father, the Sheriff of Lincoln. While Hugh's grief is still raw, he is approached by a visiting knight with an unbelievable tale: Hugh may actually be Hugh de Leon, sole child of the Earl of Wiltshire, mysteriously abducted thirteen years before on the day of his father's murder. Despite his loyalty to the family that raised him and his reluctance to be anyone but their son, Hugh begins to believe he could indeed be the missing heir.With no memory of his early years, Hugh sets out to find the truth. He soon

unearths a web of death and intrigue beginning in the lost days of his childhood when he may have witnessed the stabbing of his birth father. Tormented by this tragic puzzle, Hugh must turn to the mother he has never known, a court of straligers, and the young woman whose sympathy and healing are his one support, to try to piece together his splintered past and put an end to a reign of danger and deception. In *No*

Dark Place, award-winning novelist Joan Wolf spins all all-absorbing medieval mystery of violent ambitions, inescapable bonds, and searing dreams of final justice..com How much do you know about 12th-century Norman England? After reading Joan Wolf's perfectly balanced blend of research and imagination, you'll know a lot more. This historical mystery allows us to slip under the skin of a period and its people.

Wolf, best known for her historical romance novels, chooses the setting of her first mystery with care.

Norman England was one of those pivotal periods when the old world and the new both clashed and coexisted, when ancient tales of witchcraft could still freeze the blood of even the most modern-thinking men and women. When 20-year-old Hugh Corbaille loses his beloved adoptive father, the Sheriff of Lincoln, his world becomes dark and saddened. When he is told soon afterward that he may actually be Hugh de Leon, son and heir to the late earl of Wiltshire, his world explodes into a contradiction of doubt and danger--the earl had been murdered on the same day that his young son disappeared 14 years before. Hugh has no memories of his life before his adoption, but a sympathetic woman healer helps him recover pieces from his past--including his presence at Wiltshire's murder. --Dick Adler Kirkus s*No Dark Place* (\$22.00; Jun. 3; 294 pp.; 0-06-019238-0): Most medieval mysteries dip into the past, but it's quite a fast-forward from Wolf's sojourn in prehistoric romance (*The Reindeer Hunters*, 1994, etc.) to the comparatively recent 12th century, when Hugh Corbaille learns that the father he just lost may not be his father after all; Hugh may be the kidnapped heir, and the only witness to the long-ago murder, of the Earl of Wiltshire. -- Copyright 1999,

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