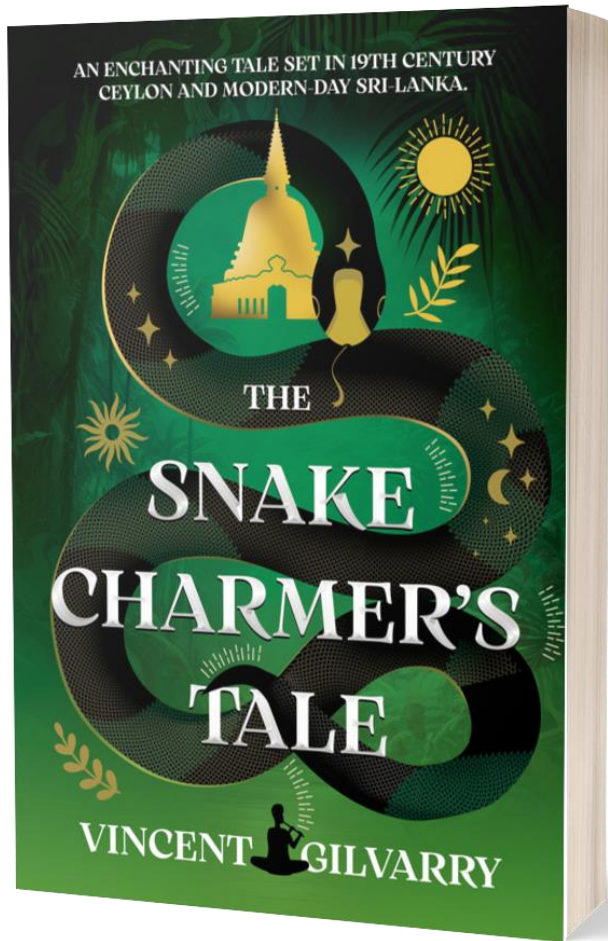


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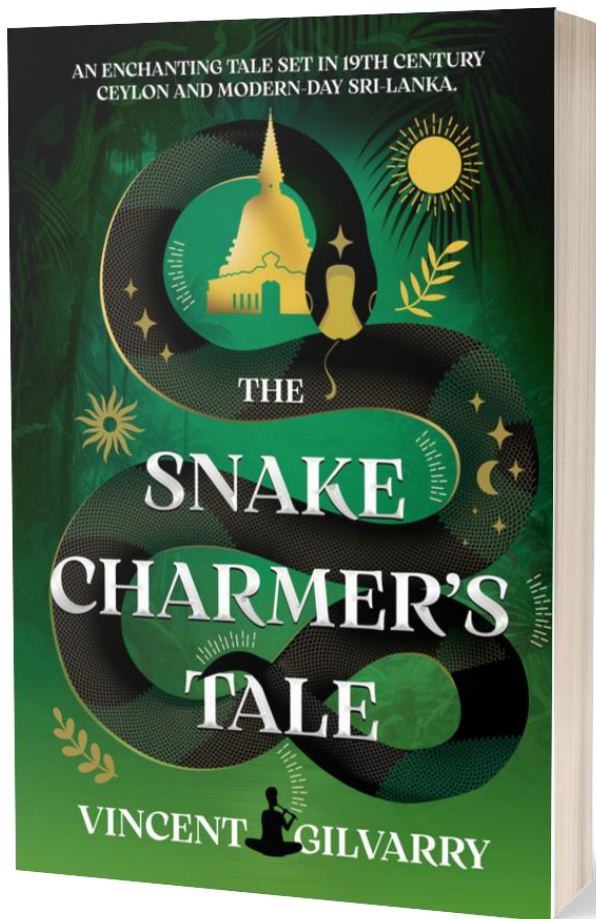


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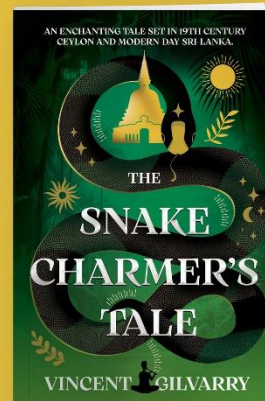
This story was inspired by an experience in the Golden Temple of Dambulla in Sri Lanka in the 1990s. The temple is a series of five caves that were converted into a temple over 2000 years ago. I ventured into The Cave of the Great Kings, and as I was gazing up at the face of a rather large, seated Buddha, I realised to my amazement that he was nodding his head, and his eyes and lips were moving as well. As you can imagine, an experience like that is something you would never forget. And even to this day, I have no idea what the Buddha was saying, but it was responsible for this story. And when I sat down at my computer ten years later, I had no idea what I was going to write about, but I persevered, and this story is the result of my efforts.

DO YOU HIDE ANY SECRETS IN YOUR BOOKS THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE WILL FIND?

The following concepts underline every book that I write, and they are the very essence of every character: that love is the most powerful force in the universe, and that people are the most important thing in this world, not wealth or power or fame.

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