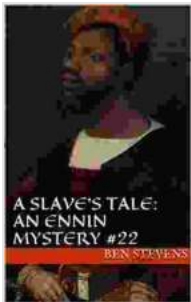


Slave Tale: An Ennin Mystery 22

Slave Tale is the 22nd book in the Ennin Mystery series by James D. Houston. The novel is set in ancient Japan and follows Ennin, a Buddhist monk, as he investigates the disappearance of a young slave girl. Along the way, he uncovers a dark secret that threatens to tear apart the community.



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The novel begins with Ennin being summoned to the village of Yokaichi to investigate the disappearance of a young slave girl named Yuki. Yuki was last seen working in the fields, but she vanished without a trace. The villagers are distraught, and they fear that she has been kidnapped or killed.

Ennin begins his investigation by interviewing the villagers. He learns that Yuki was a kind and hardworking girl who was well-liked by everyone. However, he also discovers that she had been having an affair with a young man from a neighboring village. This affair was forbidden, and it is possible that it led to Yuki's disappearance.

As Ennin continues his investigation, he uncovers a dark secret that threatens to tear apart the community. He learns that the village elder, who is also the master of the slave who disappeared, has been involved in a number of illegal activities. These activities include kidnapping and murder, and it is possible that he was involved in Yuki's disappearance.

Ennin is determined to find out the truth about Yuki's disappearance, but he knows that it will be a dangerous journey. He must face the wrath of the village elder and his followers, and he must also uncover the secrets that have been hidden for so long.

Slave Tale is a powerful and moving novel that explores the horrors of slavery and the resilience of the human spirit. James D. Houston has created a complex and unforgettable story that will stay with readers long after they finish reading it.

Characters

- **Ennin** - A Buddhist monk who is investigating the disappearance of a young slave girl.
- **Yuki** - A young slave girl who has disappeared.
- **The village elder** - The master of the slave who disappeared. He is also involved in a number of illegal activities.
- **The young man from the neighboring village** - Yuki's lover. He is a suspect in her disappearance.

Themes

- Slavery

- The resilience of the human spirit
- The power of secrets
- The importance of justice

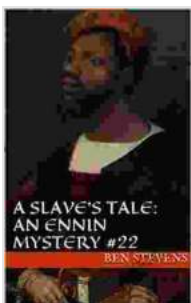
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"Slave Tale is a must-read for fans of historical fiction and mysteries alike. It is a well-written and suspenseful novel that will keep readers on the edge of their seats from beginning to end." - Publishers Weekly

About the Author

James D. Houston is an award-winning author of historical fiction and mysteries. He has written over 50 novels, including the Ennin Mystery series. Houston is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and he has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington. He lives in Seattle, Washington.



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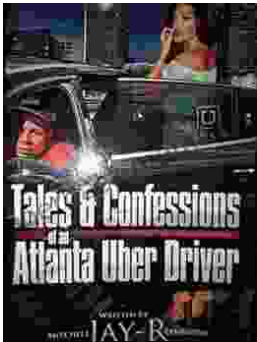
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