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Literary historical mystery featuring Eleanor of Aquitaine published today.

New historical mystery is "like Kate Mosse's Carcassonne series spiced with Latin American magical realism, Gabo style".

**Bromham, Bedfordshire, UK:** Greyhart Press, a publisher of science fiction, fantasy, and thriller books, announces its latest book release is Elaine Stirling's 'Daughters of Babylon', a literary historical mystery with a strong vein of Latin American magical realism.

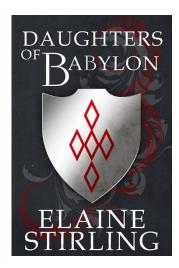
Commenting on the release, Greyhart Press CEO Tim C. Taylor said: "A vibrant new genre-blend has emerged in recent years: the split narrative historical mystery, typified by Kate Mosse's bestseller, 'Labyrinth'. Are these historical mysteries? Contemporary fantasies? It's a question that need trouble only publishers and booksellers, because to the readers what is important is the way the intricate narrative blend spins a web of wonder, trapping them until the last page.

"I know Elaine is a fan of Gabriel García Márquez, and his strain of magical realism evident in 'One Hundred Years of Solitude'. That's very much on show here. My sense of wonder is fed by the extraordinary-in-the-everyday mysticism that defies scientific explanation, not to mention mysterious visions, deaths, and the talking dead. But ultimately the split-time strands are woven into a pattern I can eventually see and understand for what it is. There are no cheap contrivances, no twee romantic time traveling powered by a broken heart. The narrative is driven by a maniobra, a magical deep time maneuver of extraordinary complexity that has been ongoing since page 1. I just didn't see it at the time for what it was, because the magic was hidden in the shadows of the narrative. I guess that's as good a definition of magical realism as you'll get."

'Daughters of Babylon' by Elaine Stirling – a contemporary/historical mystery spiced with Latin American magical realism – is published by Greyhart Press on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 in paperback (ISBN 978-1909636088) and as a Kindle eBook available from Amazon stores worldwide.

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## Notes to editors

**About Elaine Stirling:** At the age of ten, Elaine Stirling heard a voice inside her head that said, "Whatever you're doing at the age of thirty, you'll do for the rest of your life." That, happily, turned out to be writing, which began with ten Harlequin romance novels in the 1980s, then branched out through short fiction, corporate communication non-fiction, and poetry before delivering historical mystery, *Daughters of Babylon*. When she's not working on her latest novel, Elaine is a communication consultant who helps corporate executives discover their creative selves. She blogs at "Oceantics", <a href="www.elainestirling.wordpress.com">www.elainestirling.wordpress.com</a>, and lives near Toronto, Canada.

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