



An Ancient Ruby's Trail of Death A Looming Hurricane

In a small beach town, a day that begins with a treasure hunt ends with murder.

When thieves plunder Osprey Beach's new Pirate Museum, they leave behind the corpse of the town's busybody. Police suspect the culprits are the same ones who've been robbing local homeowners. Kimberley West disagrees. Small-time crooks would never know where to sell a collection of antique cutlasses, daggers and swords, let alone the Museum's prized treasure: a ruby amulet once owned by The Gentleman Pirate.

Loyalty to a long-time friend plunges Kim into a deadly mystery involving small-town politics, rabid treasure hunters and the bully who haunted Kim's childhood. As a hurricane descends on Osprey Beach's fragile cliffs, a child who might have witnessed a murder disappears.

Certain the girl's destination coincides with the killer's, Kim and her sidekick poodle rush into the storm. Can she save the child or will the hurricane provide the perfect cover for one more murder?

From the Author:

After writing about diamonds, I wanted the second book in the series to focus on rubies. I quickly learned that one of the world's most famous jewels – The Black Prince's Ruby – had a long, bloody history. Bright red and two inches long, the gemstone's odyssey began in the Moorish Kingdom of Granada, continued into the Battle of Agincourt atop Henry V's crown and ended as the centerpiece of Britain's Imperial State Crown. The happy ending is tarnished by one thing: The Black Prince's Ruby is not a ruby at all. It is a natural red spinel.

Travel across the Atlantic Ocean to the Chesapeake Bay where Blackbeard stalked unsuspecting merchant ships, leaving the water as red as a ruby. Before being caught and hanged, the pirate and his crew plundered dozens of ships and hid the spoils beneath tree roots.

Rubies, pirates and buried treasure? Sounds like the foundation for a mystery!



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