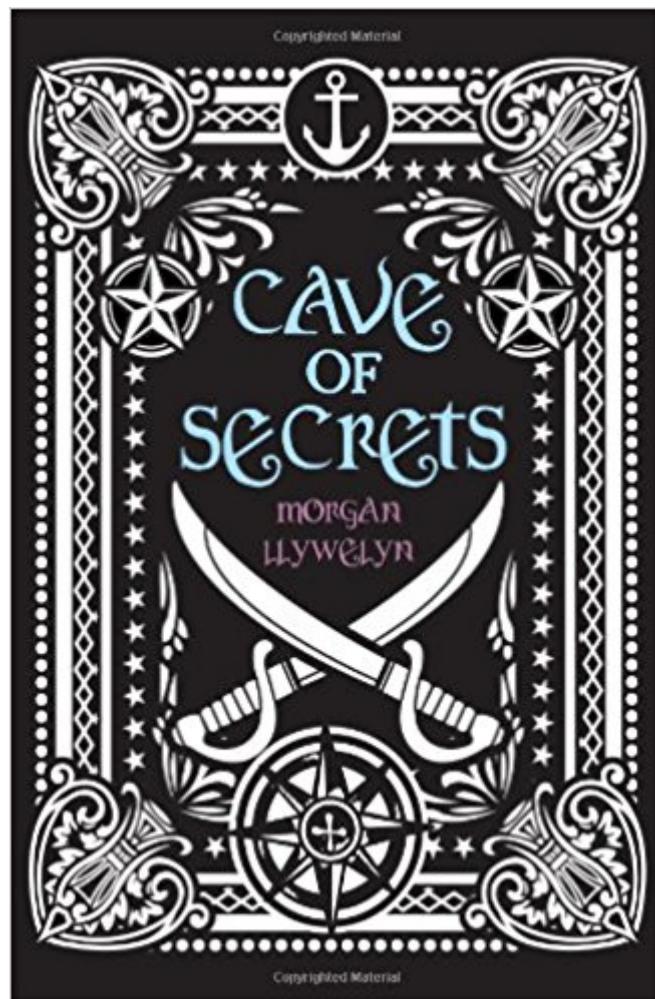


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Historian and novelist Morgan Llywelyn was born in New York City, but after the death of her husband and parents in 1985 returned to Ireland to take up citizenship in the land of her grandparents and make her permanent home there. After making the shortlist for the United States Olympic Team in Dressage in 1975, but not making the team itself, she turned to writing historical novels exploring her Celtic roots. The most successful of these was Lion of Ireland - The Legend of Brian Boru, which was published in 1980 and has sold into the millions of copies. She received the Novel of the Year Award from the National League of American Penwomen for her novel The Horse Goddess as well as the Woman of the Year Award from the Irish-American Heritage Committee for Bard: The Odyssey of the Irish. The latter award was presented to her by Ed Koch, then-mayor of New York City. Morgan is also the author of , the story of Grace O'Malley, told partly through letters from Granuaile to her beloved son. It is a thrilling tale of adventure that brings this unorthodox and inspiring historical figure to life.

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I've enjoyed most all of Morgan Llyweln's books. This one however, was some insightful history surrounded by a thin story. Pleasant enough to keep me reading to the end, but it just didn't pack the emotional excitement of the other volumes produced by this author. The story of a young boy's circumstantial meeting with smuggler's, the discovery of family relations (oops- close to a spoiler, there!) and the father's tenous financial situation all seemed a contrived way of spoon feeding the reader various historical tid-bits about life at the time. Not bad, but I've read better.

My only complaint is that ended abruptly. Otherwise, I enjoyed being faced with the moral dilemmas I related to and learned from. Always well written by Llyewellian and felt completely immersed in time period and culture.

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