

Best-selling author launches new techno-thriller with code-cracking competition to win a Kindle Touch.

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M.G. Harris's [THE DESCENDANT](#) is a stand-alone novel for adults and older readers, set in the fictional world of her best-selling series, [THE JOSHUA FILES](#). It was the author's first novel, written early in 2005 following the ski accident that kick-started a career as a successful novelist.

Like many first manuscripts, [THE DESCENDANT](#) was temporarily shelved when the author was gripped by another idea, this time for a YA series; [THE JOSHUA FILES](#), which quickly had offers from several UK children's publishers and was eventually published by Scholastic Children's Books, UK.

"Once I'd completed [THE JOSHUA FILES](#), I felt it was time to return to the idea from which Josh's story sprang," said M.G. Harris. "It was huge fun to revisit [THE DESCENDANT](#), an action-packed, twisty thriller that combines archaeology, genetics and mythology."

The book includes **the first clue of an exciting code-cracking competition** based around [THE DESCENDANT Alternate Reality Game](#), with a chance to win a Kindle Touch. For terms and conditions see facebook.com/thedescendant

Reviews of *The Joshua Files* by the same author

'An exciting adventure and coming-of-age story with plot twists and cliff-hanger chapter endings that will keep you up all night to finish.' *San Jose Mercury News*

'A fast-paced first-person thriller...It's the Mexican and Mayan flavourings that give Harris's adventure yarn that bit of extra bite as she weaves a satisfyingly twisty plot.' *Financial Times*

About M.G. Harris

Oxford-based MG (Maria Guadalupe) started writing after a ski accident at the end of 2004 left her immobile for weeks. She has a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of Oxford.

Her first published novel, [THE JOSHUA FILES: INVISIBLE CITY](#) was the UK's fastest-selling children's fiction debut of 2008.

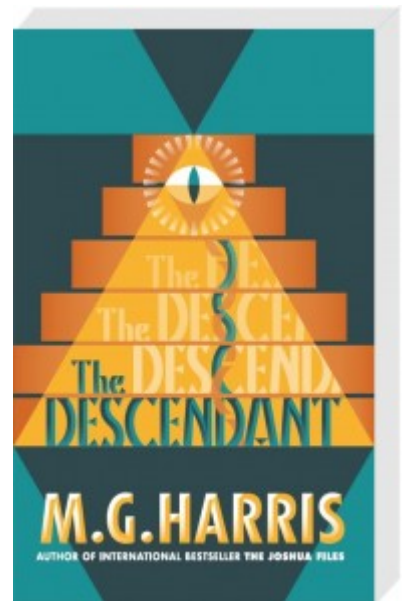
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