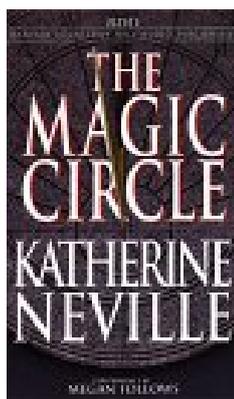


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**From Publishers Weekly** Neville's reach exceeds her grasp by a long shot in her chaotic third novel (after *The Eight* and *A Calculated Risk*), a bewildering attempt to blend historical fiction, New Age adventure and modern techno-thriller. Utah nuclear technician Ariel Behn receives a set of mysterious manuscripts from her Native American cousin Sam, who has narrowly survived their attempted theft. As possessor of the scrolls, Ariel finds her life in similar danger, especially after her company sends her to Russia with handsome, mysterious Wolfgang Hauser. During a torrid affair with Wolfgang, Ariel comes to suspect that he may be after the scrolls himself. At the same time, various members of her glamorous, far-flung family inform her that Hitler, Genghis Khan and the

ancient Romans all sought the scrolls, which seem to hold the key to a secret power grid beneath the earth. Alternating family history with thorny historical passages, Neville brings the narrative back to Utah for a ludicrous wilderness showdown among the scrolls' pursuers. Neville has buried a decent story in so many expository layers of far-fetched historical gibberish and New Age nonsense that even her most devoted readers may find themselves exasperated. Author tour.

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**From** Nuclear scientist Ariel Behn's beloved cousin, Sam, is murdered, and Ariel learns that she is heir to a cache of manuscripts that may unlock the secrets not only of the past but also of the coming millennium. This promising premise allows the action to move back and forth in time and place, jumping from first-century Rome and the Holy Land up to the late 1980s and on to the contemporary world. There is something here for thriller fans and for those who enjoy historical fiction. But Neville weighs down her book with, first, the complex Behn family tree and, second, a head-whirling miasma of mythology, astronomy, religion, and geography--all fascinating millennial topics in themselves but never quite successfully integrated with the story here. Nor does the ending offer the payoff that has kept readers going through more than 550 pages. Still, individual sections of the book are compelling, and fans of that emerging subgenre--the millennial thriller--will want to add this one to their reading list. *Ilene Cooper* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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