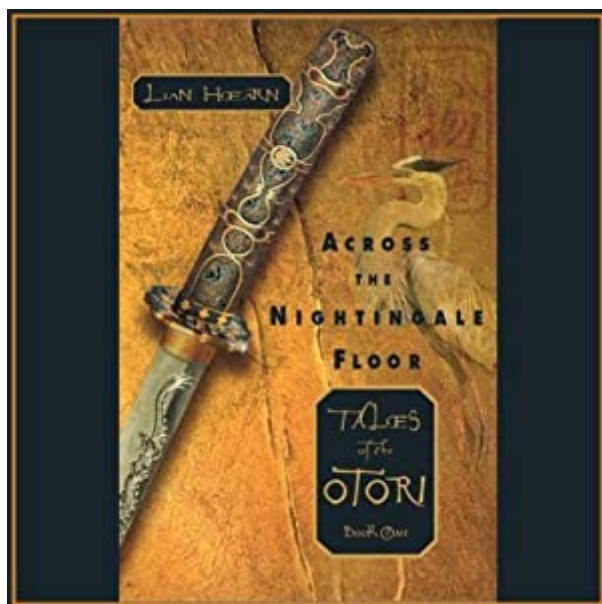


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Synopsis

An international bestseller, *Across the Nightingale Floor* is the first book in the Tales of the Otori series by Lian Hearn. Don't miss the related series, *The Tale of Shikanoko*. In his black-walled fortress at Inuyama, the warlord Iida Sadamu surveys his famous nightingale floor. Constructed with exquisite skill, it sings at the tread of each human foot. No assassin can cross it unheard. The youth Takeo has been brought up in a remote mountain village among the Hidden, a reclusive and spiritual people who have taught him only the ways of peace. But unbeknownst to him, his father was a celebrated assassin and a member of the Tribe, an ancient network of families with extraordinary, preternatural skills. When Takeo's village is pillaged, he is rescued and adopted by the mysterious Lord Otori Shigeru. Under the tutelage of Shigeru, he learns that he too possesses the skills of the Tribe. And, with this knowledge, he embarks on a journey that will lead him across the famed nightingale floor and to his own unimaginable destiny... --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Read the prequel "Heavens Net is Wide" first, I enjoyed this first in the series and first novel by the author very much. Some of the reviewers had some problems with its "flaws". And other than nit picking, really, there are some favorite spots that each of us wish Lian Hearn had spent a little more time developing to please our personal tastes. But it still rates a 5 stars as a very enjoyable read and I do find myself reading straight thru the series and appreciating the authors increasing skill.

It had been a number of years since I read the "Tales of the Otori" series and it was just as GREAT as I had remembered it. The writing is tight, the scope is broad, and the characters "realistic" and well developed. Over a few weeks I reread the entire series, all 5 books. I was helped in that I also purchased the Kindle versions, with the Whispersync (Audible), so I could listen to portions on my morning walks, read the hardbacks at home, and take the Kindle version as I was away from home. I enjoyed every minute of it all. Now, having repurchased all the hardbacks, I can pass them on to friends and family (the first time I read library copies). I highly recommend the series!

I love everything about this book and this series. the story is compelling, inspiring, and enchanting. this is a series where one cannot help but to grow attached to the characters and their plight. this particular book shows a very special transition in the story. I recommend this book for any one who lives reading

This is a great book. It really kept my interest, I had a hard time putting it down. I can't wait to read the next one. I highly recommend this book.

I read this book straight through because I found the story so riveting. I have always loved "historical fiction" and this book described a culture and era that I was not previously familiar with. I don't want to give any of the story away, but if you are a fan of historical fiction, you will enjoy this story of an ancient era in China and will be fascinated with the culture that was pervasive during those times. The characters are very interesting and strong, and I couldn't wait to purchase the other two books in this trilogy to continue to read about the saga.

I read my first book and was impressed so that is why I ordered the others. I am going to complete the collection and keep these books. Very nicely written.

An amazing book with a great mixture of adventure, romance and mistery behind the main characters. This book transports the reader to the rich world of the samurais, their clans, wars and rivalry with a mix of fantasy. I read this book when I was a teenager but I love it even more as an adult!

I fell in love with the characters, found the plot compelling and the writing style was at the same time

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