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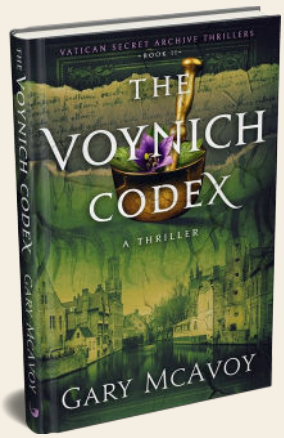
# The Voynich Codex

*Gary McAvoy*




## BOOK DETAILS

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gary McAvoy is an American novelist known for internationally bestselling thrillers that blend historical intrigue, religious scholarship, and modern suspense. A lifelong collector of rare manuscripts and Church history research, he draws on extensive archival study to craft narratives rooted in authentic detail.

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*For over five hundred years, the Voynich Manuscript has remained one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the literary world.*

Its strange botanical drawings, arcane symbols, and cryptic language have defied the best minds of every generation. But when long-lost fragments emerge from the shadows, they point to a secret codex that could unlock not only the manuscript's meaning but a dangerous truth long buried by history.

Drawn into the chase is Father Michael Dominic, a brilliant Vatican archivist who has dedicated his life to preserving the Church's most sensitive records. By his side is Hana Sinclair, a determined investigative journalist whose tenacity for the truth knows no bounds. Together, with the help of trusted allies, they must follow a trail stretching across Europe—from cathedral archives and medieval fortresses to the silent chambers of the Vatican itself. Yet with every discovery, their enemies close in, prepared to kill in order to keep the past concealed.

Richly layered with historical detail, *The Voynich Codex* is more than a high-stakes adventure—it is a meditation on truth, power, and the perilous responsibility of knowledge. Readers who love the puzzles of Dan Brown, the historical depth of Steve Berry, and the atmospheric suspense of James Rollins will find themselves immersed in a story that asks one profound question: what happens when the world's most dangerous secret refuses to stay hidden?

## EDITORIAL REVIEWS

> *"Always a fan of Gary McAvoy and his work, I gladly accepted the latest in the Vatican Secret Archives series. Never one to shy away from history and obscure documents, McAvoy delivers another strong thriller I was able to devour in short order. The Voynich Manuscript has held botanical mysteries for over five centuries. Once targeted by the Vatican as potentially too revealing and controversial, it went underground, until now. When a fragment of the Manuscript goes up for auction and is secured by the Vatican Secret Archives, one nefarious group emerges to get hold of it, hoping to use some of its botanical powers for their own means. As Father Michael Dominic and Hana Sinclair work with friends and colleagues to protect their portion of the Voynich Manuscript, they are thrust into a battle of wits, as well as trying to wrest control away from a group of traitorous individuals who have shown their tendencies in the past. McAvoy presents another strong story in this series that matches the efforts of both Dan Brown and Steve Berry in its delivery.*
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> *Gary McAvoy has long been an author I turn to for both entertaining and educational novels... The narrative takes flight from the opening pages and pulls the reader in as the adventure kicks into high gear... Characters are an essential part of the story, as McAvoy brings back many from the series, as well as introducing new personalities to flavour the larger story... Plot points prove perfectly placed to keep the surprises high and the twists plentiful. There is little doubt that McAvoy wants this series to thrive on mixing fact and fiction, while always ensuring there is a shred of adventure to keep things edgy... Gary McAvoy delivers a winner for series fans and those who want an exploration of little-known historical facts.*
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> *Kudos, Mr. McAvoy, for another powerful depiction of history and its mysteries!"*
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> —**Matt Pechey**, Reedsy Discovery