

EYE OF THE MOON A novel by Ivan Obolensky

WINNER of "Best First Book (Fiction)" in the IndieReader Discovery Awards
GOLD MEDALIST "Fiction: Intrigue" in the Readers' Favorite International Book Awards
SILVER/2nd "Mystery/Thriller/Suspense/Horror" in the Feathered Quill Book Awards



Stanley flicked what looked like a light switch. There was a click, a hiss, and the edge of a door appeared where before had been a blank wall. Light streamed from the opening. Johnny and I followed into a chilly space that was filled floor-to-ceiling with wooden shelving holding books of all shapes and sizes in no apparent order other than a series of numbers and letters.

"You are looking at probably one of the most extensive libraries on witchcraft and black magic in the world."

The house was magnificent, but it had a dark side that would seep into my dreams and disturb my sleep.

— from **EYE OF THE MOON**

Percy was brought up with his childhood friend Johnny Dodge at Rhinebeck, the Dodes' sumptuous estate overlooking the Hudson. The two parted company after a business disaster, and his ties to the Dodge family splintered. Reunited after several years, Johnny persuades Percy to join him for a weekend house party at Rhinebeck, as part of a volatile group of family and guests.

Once owned by Johnny's legendary socialite Aunt Alice, Rhinebeck holds more than just childhood memories. Alice mysteriously died while reading the Egyptian Book of the Dead when Johnny and Percy were ten. Both have been kept in the dark about that night ever since. This weekend, the family butler, long a faithful servant to the Dodge household, agrees to reveal what happened, and they learn

that Alice's history is far darker than they were led to believe. Family secrets, strategic alliances, new love, unexplained visitations: it falls to Percy to build something new or lose everything.

Extraordinary Praise for *Eye of the Moon*:

"A deftly crafted and simply riveting gothic mystery by a master of the genre, Ivan Obolensky's *Eye of the Moon* is especially and unreservedly recommended for community library Mystery/Suspense collections."

— *Midwest Book Review*

"A thrillingly eerie mystery novel with a Gothic ambiance and supernatural elements seeping through the storyline... a fabulously spine-chilling plot."

— *Readers' Favorite*, 5 Stars

"Sumptuous in its description of white-tie dinner parties and sexual tensions with baronesses, and sharp in its maneuvering of several secret puzzles at once... a gothic mystery of the finest order."

— *IndieReader*, 4.7 Stars, IR approved

"Wealth, family politics, and the occult make for a strangely captivating and exotic brew... it has a timeless feel."

— *Clarion* 4 Stars/*Foreword Reviews*

"Obolensky conjures a remarkably imaginative tale, seamlessly juxtaposing the quotidian and the magical in a way that renders the latter mesmerizingly plausible... ingeniously constructed... an engrossing tale of mystery and magic."

— *Kirkus Reviews*



IVAN OBOLENSKY grew up regaled by tales of his aristocratic and trailblazing ancestors while surrounded by high society. He was inspired at an early age by intrigue, mystery and adventure. He brings his love of storytelling to his writing. He is working on the third novel of the Eye of the Moon series. *El ojo de la luna* and *A la sombra del hijo* are the Latin American Spanish translations of his novels.

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