



Gail Carriger

New York Times Best Selling Author Gail Carriger began writing to cope with being raised in obscurity by an expatriate Brit and an incurable curmudgeon. She escaped small town life and inadvertently acquired several degrees in higher learning. Ms. Carriger is fond of teeny tiny hats and tropical fruit.

Her *Parasol Protectorate* books are urbane fantasies mixed with comedies of manners and steampunk. They include: *Soulless*, *Changeless*, *Blameless*, *Heartless*, and *Timeless*. *Soulless* won the ALA's Alex Award and was nominated for a Compton Crook, Campbell, and a Locus Award. *Changeless* and *Blameless* were New York Times Bestsellers. Her new series for young adults is called the *Finishing School* series and hits stores in 2012.

Her other hats (neither pith helmet nor fedora) have included tromping the Peruvian highlands excavating ancient pottery and writing cryptic reviews of YA novels for the Horn Book Guide.

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