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The Testament of Nostradamus

When an Italian professor specializing in codes in medieval manuscripts is kidnapped from a scientific congress in Florence, archaeologist Bjørn Beltø and the professor's wife are thrust into a breathless pursuit and escape. In their wake, they have the ruthless monk order Vicarius Filii Dei, American intelligence, and a five-hundred-year-old brotherhood of librarians. They must decipher the codes in letters from the prophet Nostradamus to the powerful Medici family in Florence before the kidnappers do – to save the life of the professor and his ten-year-old son. Bjørn Beltø's quest for the truth behind the mysterious codes leads the nervy albino not only to the Ark of the Covenant and the legendary Library of Alexandria but also to a startling new understanding of humanity's conception of God.

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