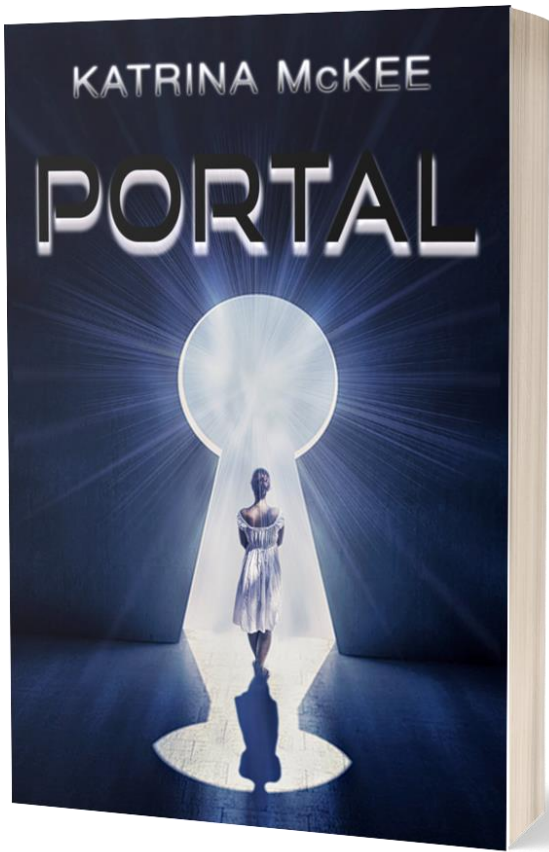


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SYDNEY NEVER EXPECTED THAT ANYTHING WOULD BE HIDDEN BENEATH THE MEDINA GRAND HOTEL...

After relocating from New York to Adelaide, Sydney is just starting to settle into her new role as the manager of the Medina Grand Hotel. Life in Adelaide is quieter, less chaotic than her previous life in New York, and Sydney enjoys it that way.

That is until Sydney inadvertently discovers that the Medina Grand holds mysteries to be uncovered.

Transported into a world of secrets, portals and strange occurrences, Sydney meets an arresting team of explorers in the throes of a mission to find a code, seemingly lost to time.

Answers lie deep within ancient catacombs and long family histories and Sydney must be the first to find them, or she may be trapped forever in the mazes she explores.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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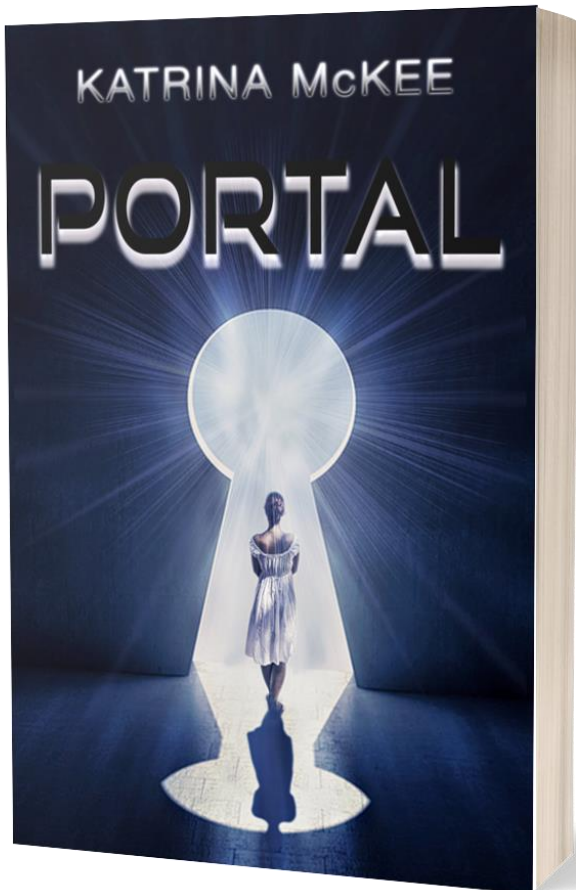
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

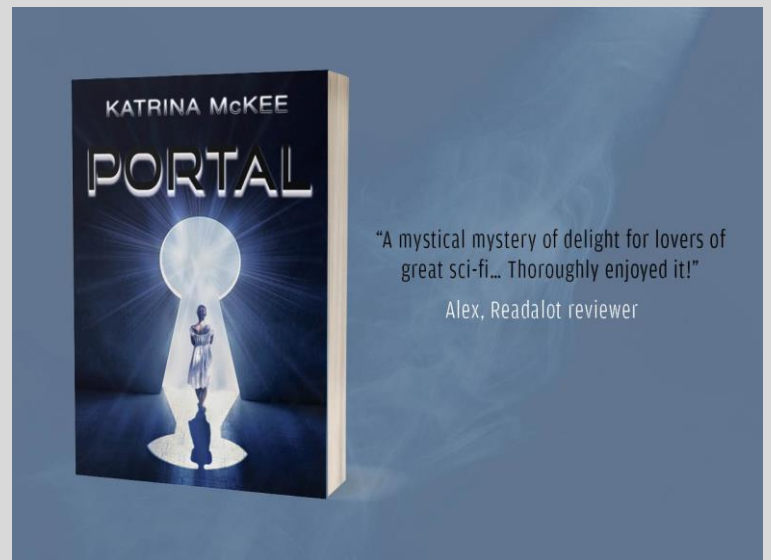
DID YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTING EXPERIENCES WHILE RESEARCHING OR WRITING *PORTAL*?

I've been to several Melbourne Open Houses over the years in order to go inside the various buildings that the story is set in. One favourite was the State Library of Victoria catacombs. I went with the goal of taking as many photos as possible. I get there and my camera dies. It just stops working. The shutter jammed and wouldn't unstick. I was devastated. Luckily my sister was able to take some photos for me.

George Strickland Kingston and Redmond Barry were chosen as the ancestors of two of the characters because of their prominence in their respective cities and their connection to the buildings in question. During my research it was discovered they died within a week of each other. It perfectly fit with the narrative I was writing. It was a happy coincidence.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR INSPIRATION FROM?

Mostly from dreams. *Portal* was inspired by the tv show *Torchwood*. My friends and I asked the question, 'What would the *Torchwood* characters watch on television?' and *Portal* was born.



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