

# Ancient Evil Stalks Modern World in Haunting Supernatural Thriller by Norma Lyn Romano

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Norma Lyn Romano's chilling debut novel, *The Stranger*, sends forgotten terrors clawing into the present. The discovery of ancient Romanian artifacts at a New York museum unwittingly unleashes a malevolent, shape-shifting entity bound to these objects. Curator Dr. Evan Hughes inherits the collection after his mentor's brutal murder in Romania, unaware of the dark legacy now in his care.

The artifacts are no mere historical curiosities. A mysterious compass reacts violently near sensitive individuals, like museum worker Scott, whose traumatic past makes him a conduit for the entity's presence. A cryptic chalice hints at a ritual promising unnatural life, demanding blood sacrifice. As Evan goes deeper into their origins tied to a secretive Gypsy lineage, the sense of dread intensifies.

Meanwhile, the entity itself goes on a relentless transatlantic pursuit. It survives by leaping from host to host, animal, and human, feeding on its life force and manipulating its mind. Crossing the ocean within a dog's crate leaves a trail of drained victims in its wake, honing in on the vibrations of its stolen heritage with terrifying precision. Its journey is a nightmare of possession and consumption.

Evan, Scott, and fundraiser Charlene, the museum's astute Public Relations Liaison, find their worlds colliding as the danger escalates. Scott suffers disturbing hallucinations and physical collapses linked to the artifacts' dark energy. Evan races against time to decipher the objects' true purpose before the entity reaches them. Charlene, far from merely fulfilling her public relations duties, becomes an indispensable ally. She proactively dives into researching the enigmatic artifacts, her keen eye for detail proving invaluable and vigilantly supports Scott through his harrowing ordeal. Their ordinary lives fracture under the weight of an ancient curse now centered on their quiet museum.



Romano crafts an atmosphere of pervasive dread. Her writing blends eerie supernatural imagery with sharp psychological tension. She avoids cheap scares, instead building suspense through unsettling details, a vibrating compass, gargoyles with glowing eyes, and the entity's chilling body-hopping tactics. The narrative balances visceral horror with genuine emotional depth, particularly through Scott's vulnerability. Romano ensures the terror feels both otherworldly and uncomfortably close.

The Stranger delivers a gripping blend of horror, mystery, and suspense. It explores the terrifying consequences of unearthing buried secrets and the fragile barrier between our world and what lurks in the shadows. Readers will find themselves questioning every creak in the night long after turning the final page.

#### About the Author:

Norma Lyn Romano, a resident of Charleston, NY, with her husband, fulfills a lifelong dream with her debut novel, The Stranger. After retiring from corporate life, she dedicated herself to writing, channeling her fascination with the eerie and unexplained into captivating supernatural thrillers. She aims to bring the unsettling thoughts and nightmares living in her head to life for readers. The Stranger is her first published work.

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