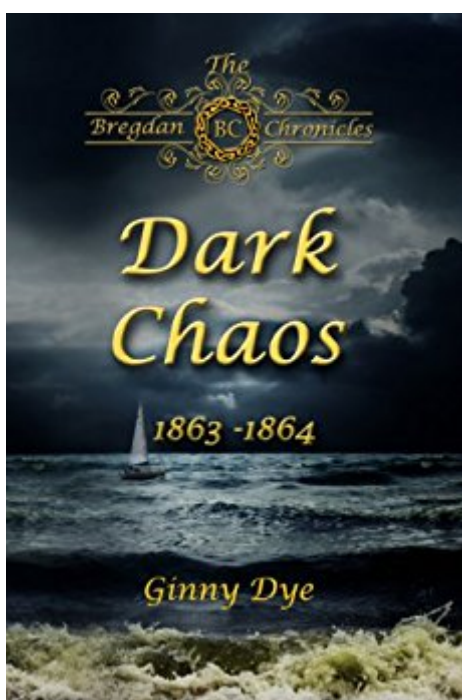


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# Dark Chaos (# 4 In The Bregdan Chronicles Historical Fiction Romance Series)



## Synopsis

Dark Chaos is the fourth book in the Bregdan Chronicles historical fiction series. As of today, there are 10 books in the series. Make sure you start reading with # 1 " Storm Clouds Rolling In. It's readers like you who have turned the series into a world-wide best-seller. Thank you!

**Book Description:** Dark clouds and chaos descend lower upon America as the war rages around them; threatening all they hold dear. Carrie and Robert are once more pulled apart, and Carrie finds herself the target of a hostile group of men determined to stop her from providing medical care of black residents of Richmond. How long can she continue to save other people's lives at the risk of her own? Aunt Abby is sucked into a violent riot in the North, while Matthew faces the greatest challenge of his life. Rose welcomes new life, while Moses risks everything as a Northern spy. The ultimate test comes as the people of a once-promising nation must hold on to their faith and dreams as everything around them crumbles.

This fourth book of The Bregdan Chronicles historical fiction series will pull you in and never let you go. You'll experience the Civil War era (and all the years to come) through the eyes of both White and Black, free & slave, Southern & Northern - and you'll fall in love with every character. How many books will be in the Bregdan Chronicles? No one knows yet | Ginny intends to write these character's stories, one year at a time, for as long as she is able to write. She is passionate about bringing history to life through historical fiction. Since she is amazingly healthy, that could be for a very long time! She doesn't like stories to end any more than you do. This one won't end for a very long time!

**Review:** This is the 4th book in a series of 9 books on the lives of people caught up in the Civil war. I thoroughly enjoy all these books. I have learned a lot about the beginnings of the Civil war. This is also a book of romance which gets torn by the war. I never realized how horrible the war was and how the conditions in the field hospitals were unimaginable. Be sure and start with the first book. I know you will get lost in the Bregdan Chronicles by Ginny Dye. I must add that Ginny Dye is an excellent writer and she researched her material thoroughly. You will never be bored.

**Review:** Another amazing read in an amazing series! I could tell you the research is accurate and that does help make these books excellent and authentic. I could tell you the characters are so wonderfully written that you cheer them on and scold them at the same time. I could tell you that you become so engrossed in every facet of these books that your imagination allows you to "feel" everything the author is trying to convey. I could tell you that you lose all track of time while reading these books. It's "one more chapter" until about 3 am! I could tell you all this and so much more. However, the most important thing I should tell you is to buy this series of books. You won't be sorry!!!

**Review:** Book 4 finished and I can't wait to get started on number 5! I LOVE historical fiction and this one is loaded with history. Ginny makes me feel like I

am living through this part of history with the characters that I have grown to love. So much better than a History book! The Bregdan Chronicles have also challenged me to think about humanity more compassionately and with more understanding. I have encouraged numerous friends to take the challenge and read these books and see if their eyes are opened. Thank Ginny! Keep writing and I'll keep reading!!!

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## Customer Reviews

I'd just finished reading my advance copy of Joseph's Dream, the World War I epic by Elana Beth Schwab (<http://www..com/gp/product/1505823692>) when I found Dark Chaos, another excellent war novel with a strong Judeo-Christian moral stance, and harsh realism that makes the battle scenes exciting without romanticizing war. Dark Chaos is a well-balanced ensemble piece, with each of the principal characters getting almost equal screen-time. Even the marriage of Carrie and Robert is fully explored from both perspectives. We see the American Civil War through the eyes of a woman doctor, a black Union soldier, a Northern journalist, a captain in the Confederate army, a plantation owner, a schoolteacher in a black refugee camp, a woman suffragist, and a

former slave. We follow the course of the war week by week throughout 1863 and 1864. The battle scenes are the best part of *Dark Chaos*, because in every major battle, an important character that the reader is emotionally invested in is fighting on each side. This is an unusual approach in war fiction. The theatrical drama and the moral complexity of the story are greatly increased because the reader doesn't know which side to root for. History wonks will enjoy the detailed descriptions of a Southern military prison, a refugee camp for escaped slaves, a street riot in New York, a deserted plantation, and a black battalion in the Union army. There are lyrics from Civil War era popular songs, assassination attempts against Jefferson Davis, wartime improvements in shipbuilding technology, prisoner exchanges, even battlefield weather reports and the name of Stonewall Jackson's horse! This book explains aspects of the Civil War that I with my college coursework in US history had never even heard of – for example, the mercenary British sailors who despite England's formal neutrality, ran through the Union naval blockade in order to make huge profits in Southern cotton. If you're looking for romantic fiction, you might find that *Dark Chaos* gets a tiny bit dry and expository in places. However the characters are engaging, the story is amusing, and the book is well worth reading simply on the grounds that it explains the Civil War better than most history books.

*My Musings* And this amazing story continues with the fourth book of *The Bregdan Chronicles*. *Dark Chaos* is filled with turmoil of the times as the north continues to wage war against the south. I must mention that even though these books are quite long, the pacing is so good that they read as a much shorter story. This edition of this saga starts out on a happy note with Carrie at long last marrying Robert Borden. Unfortunately that does not last long. General Lee needs him to lead his men in the defense of, yet again, another assault on Richmond. The day after their wedding, Carrie has to kiss him goodbye and live in fear that he will not make it through the upcoming battle. *Dark Chaos* covers the period from the spring of 1863 to the following spring. Up to this point the south has come out the victor in most of the battles, but the tide turns when Grant takes over the Army of the West with Joseph Hooker as the Commander of the Army of the Potomac. After a decisive victory over Hooker at Chancellorsville, Lee marches his army north, while Robert is sent on a diplomatic mission to England. While he is disappointed when Carrie decides to stay in Richmond instead of joining him, he accepts her decision, knowing his strong-willed wife will not change her mind. Robert is safe in England when Lee suffers a huge defeat at Gettysburg and Grant is victorious in his campaign to take Vicksburg, gaining control of the Mississippi, cutting the south in half. Unfortunately Carrie and Robert's friend from Philadelphia, Matthew Justin, is not and

ends up back in Libby prison. While Dark Chaos has many dark moments, the love between the various couples grows stronger. We see Moses as a leader of the black soldiers, Matthew making a daring escape with Carrie and Robert's help, Robert barely making it through the perilous crossing from England back to his wife's waiting arms and Rose continuing in her effort to educate the children in the Contraband Camp. What I love about these books is the chance to see a different perspective on the Civil War. One that shows the turmoil and chaos surrounding the issue of slavery, a story that shows how black and white fought for the freedom of slaves. Even though many in the north do not treat the blacks any better than the south does, men like Moses stay strong in their belief that at the end of this terrible war will be a new day. At the close of this addition in this epic tale, Carrie is again facing the possibility of losing Robert forever, as once again Richmond is in danger. This is another story rich with history and filled with deep emotion. Now, I shall continue on with the next story in this outstanding series. Happy reading!

Loved the book, loved the characters, hate the war especially knowing it was real. I am glad to have more waiting to read. I have always been so interested in the Civil War and had a large collection of books. Even though I had to move to a much smaller independent living center, the books stayed in the family. I am so glad to have these on my kindle where they are easily stored. On to the next book.

Had seen the Series advertised on FaceBook. Finally decided to give it a try. Being from Virginia and living in the "American Historical Triangle" of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown, VA, I was taught American history in the 4th, 7th, 10th and 11th grades. There was a lot of focus on the Civil War period. This portion of the Bregdan Chronicles is on the American Civil War and the issue of slavery. That was NOT what my teachers focused on. The author's (Ginny Dye) writing brings the rivers, streets and surrounding countryside to life in a way I had never thought of and took for granted never really appreciating the struggles and hardships of those who settled, fought for, survived and established The United States of America and our way of government and life. I see in my mind's eye the settings of conversations, battles and struggles. I have gotten to know the characters and their homes as if they are my neighbors next door. When I finish one book I am lost until the start the next like waiting for the postman to deliver that expected letter which seems to be taking forever to arrive! I highly recommend reading the Bregdan Chronicles!!!

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