



World famous violin virtuoso Isabelle Bryant has a date with destiny: a fate that could cost her everything

Described as a “modern day Beethoven story”, this tale of mainstream literary fiction pulls you into the world of a celebrated concert violinist, as she struggles to recover in the aftermath of a tragic accident at the hands of her troubled conductor husband.

Ever since her emergence as a child prodigy Isabelle Bryant has only ever known one love – her violin. Then, aged 32, at the height of her career, the unthinkable happens. What do you do when everything depends on the dexterity of your fingers, only to lose them in a horrifying instant?

Devastated and vulnerable in the aftermath of her accident, Isabelle struggles to find new meaning in her life. Her perilous path of self-discovery leads her to Vienna, the historic city home of her musical hero, Beethoven; and into the arms of the man who will become her lover. As her personal journey progresses, she takes on new opportunities and has to face disturbing revelations, all of which have the power to make her or break her – all over again.

“It struck me tonight how music mirrors life. Fleeting ephemeral moments, made up of beauty, sadness, joy, hope and despair. The melodies are created in both major and minor keys. Flowing and fleeting. You can’t hold onto it, or keep it from changing. Our emotions possess the evanescence of a note.” ~ **Virginia Burges, from *The Virtuoso*** (published by Satin Paperbacks in 2015, paperback ISBN: 978-0-9930777-1-5, price £7.99, website: <http://rhapsodyinwords.com/the-virtuoso/>)

With themes of friendship, betrayal, courage, hope, love and the healing power of music, Virginia Burges cleverly incorporates her own experiences, knowledge and imagination into this thought provoking tale. At the age of 11 when Burges had just started to play the violin, she was struck by a horrific accident at school, in which she lost the top of her right index finger in the hinges of a door. At the time, little did she know that this terrifying childhood experience would inspire her to write a book, but years later after a practice session, the thought sprung to mind. Being left handed, the incident didn’t affect her ability as a violinist and she went on to successfully play in two amateur orchestras, but it could have been a very different story. What if someone had dedicated their life to being a professional violinist and a sudden accident meant they could no longer play? In this heart wrenching novel, Burges wanted to explore the sheer devastation someone could face, if their purpose and passion in life was tragically taken away from them.

“Music is in my DNA, so it seemed completely natural to write about a violinist in my debut novel. Although the classical music world provides the setting for the story, I don’t believe you need to have any musical knowledge to understand and enjoy the novel, the themes and emotions running through the narrative are universal. *The Virtuoso* combines my passion for classical music with an intricate examination of relationships and the human spirit.” ~ **Virginia Burges, author of *The Virtuoso***

“For music lovers and book lovers alike, *The Virtuoso* offers complex themes and human emotion with notes of musical comparisons. The beautiful reflections on music, on life, on love, flow effortlessly across the page and nestle in your mind as you stop to make your own thoughts.” ~ **Purple Birch Publishing**

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***The Virtuoso* soundtrack:**



Burges has collaborated with concert violinist Adelia Myslov and film composer Tim Johnson to write and record an original ‘theme’ for *The Virtuoso* that captures the essence of Isabelle and the story. *The Virtuoso* soundtrack is available for download on iTunes and Amazon alongside the book at <https://youtu.be/8C92OvwT8Ks>

“Virginia Burges blew me away with her love and talent for the violin poured into her character, and how she caters to my love of using all the senses for storytelling. When you read a good novel you catch yourself forgetting the time, where you are, and perhaps who you are. Virginia is enhancing the reader

experience by adding a musical track alongside her book! How very appropriate...” ~ **Purple Birch Publishing**

About the author:

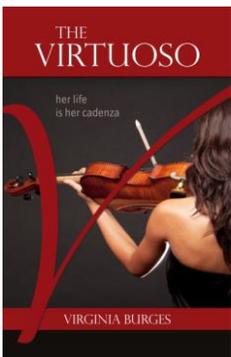


Virginia (or Ginny, as she prefers to be called), started to learn the violin at the age of 11, and has played in two amateur orchestras (Aylesbury Orchestral Society and Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra), before starting a family. Her early career involved an executive position for Qantas Airways and extensive travel experience, before taking a leading role in a company specializing in Formula 1 and sports travel.

Now a wife of one and mum of four, she lives in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. She is currently researching and writing her next novel, which will be a taut psychological thriller with a historical twist, in addition to working as a marketing consultant and freelance writer. She is active on social media, tweeting regularly to her 10K followers.

Ginny is passionate about classical music and the arts, and has wide ranging interests from philosophy, personal development, literature, music, dance, sports, travel, women’s issues and anything else that piques her curious mind. She writes regularly about these, and other subjects on her blog: <http://rhapsodyinwords.com/>

About the book:



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