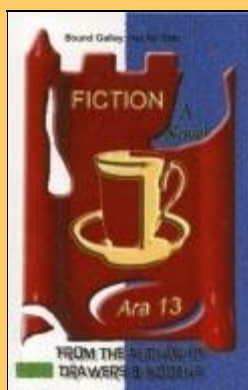


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## Book Review & ARC Giveaway: FICTION by Ara 13



### Book Info

- Hardcover: 352 pages
- Publisher: CovingtonMoore Publishing
- Release Date: February 2009
- ISBN-13: 978-0-9798636-1-5

Author's [Website](#)

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Reviewed by Steve Oldner

"Fiction," by Ara 13, is a meta fiction narrative novel. Father Daniel is one of those sons from the English gentry who only has the manor and lands left. His father wanted him to be in the clergy, so after the University, Daniel decides to convert the African Oquanato cannibals to Christianity.

The story Daniel's narrative to his grandson and starts with the 25 year-old Daniel in the forest of Marlay just after being dropped off with his bags of bibles by a bush pilot. It ends with the elderly Daniel exhorting his grandson to harvest the moral sustenance from this artifact and saying some lessons are best learned secondhand. Between, lies Daniels dealings with natives and his questioning of his religion.



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Metafiction is a type of fiction that self-consciously addresses the devices of fiction. It is the literary term describing fictional writing that self-consciously and systematically draws attention to its status as an artifact in posing questions about the relationship between fiction and reality, usually, irony and self-reflection. It can be compared to presentational theatre, which does not let the audience forget it is viewing a play; metafiction does not let the reader forget he or she is reading a fictional work.

Ara 13's book is in this style and so introduces certain themes to explore. While the themes are of a religious nature, this is not a serious treatment of the themes, rather more of holding up a looking glass to these themes. The reader never forgets this is a fiction book, and some of the characters seem to be aware of it also.

"Fiction" is a fast read with clever and witty prose. It is well-edited and that makes it a light, entertaining, but thoughtful story.

My rating is .

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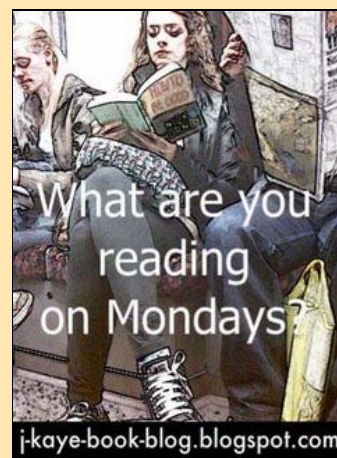
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I'm signed up for the 100+ Reading Challenge: #402-Tiffany (The Phantom's Lair)

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I'm also a member of the Yahoo group. My Yahoo username is:

tiffak1986

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 [olympianlady](#) said...

Finally, I'm also subscribed via e-mail. Geesh, are all my comments starting to annoy you yet?

Thanks again!

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 [Valorie](#) said...

I'd love a chance to win!

I blogged: <http://www.morbid-romantic.net/2009/03/16/book-giveaways-0316-0322/>

I am in the following challenges:

Erotica- 21

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Valorie  
morbidromantic@gmail.com

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This sounds like a really cool book! I'd love to win! Thanks

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(CD Audio)  
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**e** [Dina](#) said...

Sounds interesting - thanks for the review!

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**e** [Dina](#) said...

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[March 18, 2009 8:28 PM](#)

**e** [windycindy](#) said...

Hello Steve, I have never heard of the term Metafiction! I found your review of the book and explanation of it intriguing. Thanks very much!  
Cindi

[March 18, 2009 10:09 PM](#)

**e** [windycindy](#) said...

I am a Blogger Follower of your site! Thanks, Cindi

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**e** [windycindy](#) said...

Also, I am an email subscriber!  
Merci beaucoup.....Cindi

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**e** [windycindy](#) said...

I Twitter you, also.  
Thanks very much, Cindi

[March 18, 2009 10:11 PM](#)

**e** [Beth F](#) said...

Sounds interesting. Do \*not\* enter me in the giveaway -- I'm



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Ara 13  
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(ARC)  
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#### SORROW

John Lawson  
(eBook)  
.....

#### RAINY DAY RESCUE

getting overwhelmed with my must-read list!

[March 19, 2009 7:37 AM](#)

 [Serena](#) said...

I just adore metafiction! I'd love a chance at this one.

I will watch for your blog updates in google reader.

[March 19, 2009 8:12 AM](#)

 [carolsnotebook](#) said...

Sounds interesting. I would love to be entered.

I follow you through FeedDemon.

100+ - #9

Erotica - #3

[March 19, 2009 9:47 AM](#)

 [MJ](#) said...

I'd love to read this.

I follow.

I subscribe by email too.

[March 19, 2009 3:11 PM](#)

 [Bridget](#) said...

I've posted this on Win A Book. Don't enter me though.

[March 19, 2009 6:58 PM](#)

 [NotNessie](#) said...

This sounds like a very interesting read. I hope I win.

I subscribed to your RSS feed.

Vanessa D

[March 20, 2009 6:19 AM](#)

 [Karen in TN](#) said...

Please enter me in the giveaway. I follow via googlereader.

kolists at gmail dot com

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 [Jackie B.](#) said...

Count me in! This sounds like an interesting read with a unique plot.

I am also a subscriber.

[March 23, 2009 6:52 PM](#)

 [tetewa](#) said...

I'd like to be included, count me in!

[March 24, 2009 10:47 AM](#)



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[March 27, 2009 4:11 PM](#)

 Janel said...

I'm intrigued, please enter me!

[March 31, 2009 2:53 PM](#)

 Janel said...

I subscribe via email :)

[March 31, 2009 2:54 PM](#)

 Dina said...

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[April 4, 2009 8:33 AM](#)

 lastnerve said...

I would love to win this book. Please enter me.

lastnerve2000@gmail.com

[April 4, 2009 6:55 PM](#)

 Stephen said...

Enter me please, this book sounds interesting.

Rattlesnake2021 AT aol DOT com

[April 17, 2009 1:07 PM](#)

 Kat Bryan said...

I've never heard of this type of book and I'm not sure I understand the premise. I would love to win it and see what you mean.

[April 18, 2009 11:27 PM](#)

 Wendy aka Misswendiki said...


Sounds pretty interesting. I'd love to read.

[April 20, 2009 9:31 AM](#)

 Andre boulard said...

I would to enter. That for giving it away

[April 21, 2009 5:51 PM](#)

 jwx4 said...

please enter me.

jwx4(at)yahoo(com)

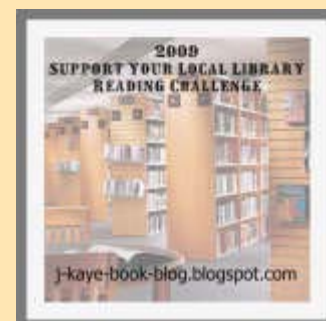


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 [LLehn](#) said...

I'd love to be entered! Thanks!

April 22, 2009 2:53 AM

 [bookinn](#) said...

Would love to enter! Thank you.

April 22, 2009 6:14 PM

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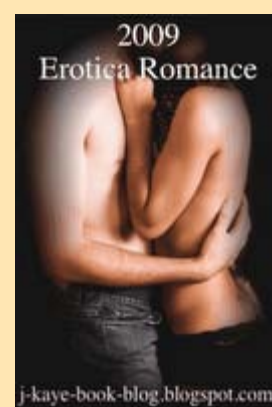


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