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Description:

Review "Hopkins' depiction of our small island is masked in Gothic imagery. Valletta is painted as seeping with darkness, threatening to cover all semblance of truth so reality is hidden from view. " (8/22/10) --The Sunday Times, Malta

From the Author The Phantom of Valletta was a joy to write! When I sat down to pick a location to set the story, I did some simple Internet searches on opera houses destroyed in the 19th century. The Royal Opera House of Valletta popped up, and after reading the story of its creation and subsequent demise due to a devastating fire, I thought it the perfect place to take the Phantom.

Though the story is set in 1874, I loosely based that dateline on the Webber movie version that indicated 1870, rather than other versions that place the storyline somewhat later. Let's call it creative liberty. I have no regrets in doing so, because the outcome of my choice proved to be a wise one. It is a perfect location and backdrop for this suspenseful mystery novel, which brings Leroux's characters on a new adventure.

However, little did I know when I wrote the book, that the location held a very passionate place in the hearts of many. I am very appreciative of the Maltese, who have embraced the story and me as an author. Even though The Royal Opera House no longer exists, it still holds a very special place and love in the hearts of the residents of Valletta. Originally opened in 1866, the interior was destroyed by a devastating fire in 1873. After four years of reconstruction, it was reopened in 1877, only to be destroyed once again in World War 2 by bombers. It was never rebuilt.

The Sunday Times, Malta, approached me and wrote a special book review and interview in August of 2010 regarding the release of The Phantom of Valletta. To read the contents, feel free to visit my author website or The Phantom of Valletta website, which contains links to the review, interview, and a special review by the University of Malta as well.

I hope you enjoy the unique setting on the dark Gothic streets of Valletta.

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