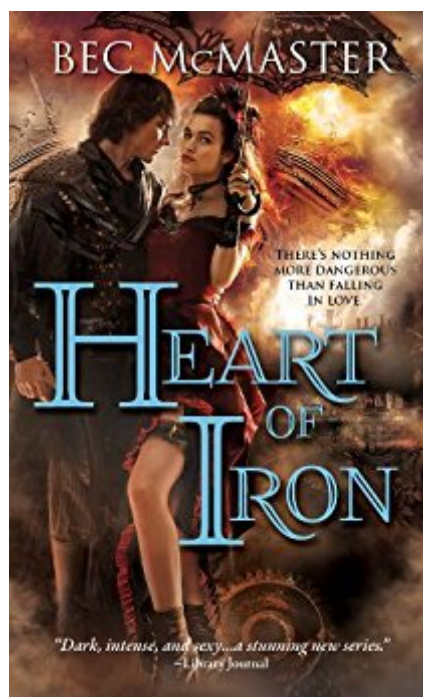


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# Heart Of Iron (London Steampunk Book 2)



## Synopsis

"Edgy, dark, and shot through with a grim, gritty intensity...another gripping, inventive stunner." - Library Journal, STARRED Review

In Victorian London, if you're not a blue blood of the Echelon then you're nothing at all. The Great Houses rule the city with an iron fist, imposing their strict 'blood taxes' on the nation, and the Queen is merely a puppet on a string...Lena Todd makes the perfect spy. Nobody suspects the flirtatious debutante could be a sympathizer for the humanist movement haunting London's vicious blue blood elite. Not even the ruthless Will Carver, the one man she can't twist around her little finger, and the one man whose kiss she can't forget...Stricken with the loupe and considered little more than a slave-without-a-collar to the blue bloods, Will wants nothing to do with the Echelon or the dangerous beauty who drives him to the very edge of control. But when he finds a coded letter on Lena-a code that matches one he saw on a fire-bombing suspect-he realizes she's in trouble. To protect her, he must seduce the truth from her.

With London on the brink of revolution, Lena and Will must race against time-and an automaton army-to stop the humanist plot before it's too late. But as they fight to save a city, the greatest danger might just be to their hearts...

A fresh, suspenseful paranormal romance, Bec McMaster's London Steampunk novels will appeal to fans of Gail Carriger, Kristen Callihan's Darkest London series, and the Blud series by Delilah Dawson.

RITA finalist Bec McMaster's London Steampunk series:

- Kiss of Steel, Book 1 â "Honorias last hope is the most dangerous man in London's underworld, and she may be his last hope as well
- Heart of Iron, Book 2 â "Will would do anything to protect Lena, including fighting his love for her, but seducing her may be the only way to save her
- My Lady Quicksilver, Book 3 â "Rosalind risks her life, and her heart, to get close to the one man who could find and free her brother. But will he?
- Forged by Desire, Book 4 â "RITA finalist, When Perry fled her thrall contract and joined the Nighthawks, she thought she would be safe, but danger is stalking her again
- Of Silk and Steam, Book 5 â "Mina has sworn revenge for her father's death, but the man she plans to destroy could be her own undoing, or the salvation of all London

What readers are saying about Heart of Iron:

- "A clever and entertaining combination of historical romance, steampunk, paranormal and alternate history."
- "a vastly unique and utterly vivid world that transports readers into another place."
- "a perfect mix of action, romance and steampunk!"
- "a little dark and a lot dangerous."
- "Steampunk, romance, paranormal, suspense this book literally had it all."

What reviewers are saying about Heart of Iron:

- "An engrossing, thrilling sequel." - Tynga's Reviews
- "HEART OF IRON is so impressive, it deserves a seal of excellence! Make room on your keeper shelves..." - Fresh Fiction
- "Intriguing... [readers will] love the sexy, action-packed narrative." - Publishers Weekly
- "McMaster's second London Steampunk Book dazzles and seduces... will leave readers breathless. 4 Â Stars, Top

Pick of the Month! " - RT Book Reviews What everyone is saying about Bec McMaster: "a must read for paranormal fans and steampunk fans alike. 5/5 Stars, Reviewer Top Pick" - Night Owl Reviews"richly imagined, gritty and dark, and full of hot heroes and hot sex... utterly delicious. " -Smart Bitches, Trashy Books"Action, adventure, steampunk, and blazing hot seduction...Bec McMaster offers it all."-Eve Silver, author of Sins of the Flesh

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## Customer Reviews

Heart of Iron, the follow-up installment to Bec McMaster's debut onto the steampunk scene is Kiss of Steel's equal in all things except Verwulfen which means... this book's even better than the last! Because, let's face it, werewolves make everything better! Am I right? In this novel, McMaster further expands upon her already colossal universe, transforms two beloved secondary characters into praiseworthy protagonists and weaves a deliciously entertaining tale that'll keep you reading until there's nothing left. The first two London Steampunk stories are closely intertwined which means I highly recommend that you read these books in order so that you get the full experience. Even though Will and Lena are now the main focal point, Blade and Honoria still play active roles in this installment. Typically, in a series like this, previous paranormal couples make occasional cameo

appearances in future novels but are otherwise forgotten after their initial love story is told. I'm really happy that McMaster broke away from that pattern because I hate saying goodbye to great characters and, Blade and Honoria are keepers! Unravelling Will's mysteries' was by far my favourite part of this book; from his Verwulfen nature, to his sordid upbringing, to his reluctant feelings for Lena. He's an enigma and a half! I enjoyed his burly yet protective attitude towards Miss Todd and the way his very presence makes the big bad Echelon shake in their boots. Will's a brilliantly written character that has permission to warm my bed anytime!

05/11/2013 --Overall Rating = 3.5 Stars  
Book Cover / Book Blurb = 4 / 3 = 3.5 Stars  
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