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An ancient poem and a mysterious burial inspire an enthralling historical and literary quest. Despite the wealth of scholarship that pretends to offer proof, archaeologist Donald Gladstone knows there is no solid evidence that a real King Arthur ever existed. Still, the great popular tales spun by medieval historian Geoffrey of Monmouth, and embroidered by ChrÃ©tien de Troyes, Sir Thomas Malory, and so many others, must have found their inspiration somewhere. A dramatic archaeological find at Stonehenge and the rediscovery of an old Welsh battle poem, buried among the manuscripts of the Bodleian Library, open up enticing-and misleading-new possibilities. When the beguiling Julia Llewellyn, a linguist working on the Oxford English Dictionary, joins Donald on the trail of clues, their fervent enthusiasms, unusual gifts, and unfulfilled yearnings prove a combustible mix. Their impassioned search for truths buried deep in the past, amid the secret places and half-forgotten legends of the British countryside, must ultimately transform them-and all our understandings of the origins of Arthur. An intellectual and emotional journey of myriad pleasures, Finding Camlann is at its heart a love story-not only of romantic love but also the love between parents and grown children; the intense feelings of professors and students; the love of language, place, and home; and the thrill of scholarly research and detective work. Throughout, Sean Pidgeon's lyrical prose brings together history, myth, and dream, sweeping the reader into the mysteries of the past and the pure delight of storytelling. Author: Pidgeon, Sean Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Finding Camlann: A Novel Pages: 00416 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-12-31 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780393240153 Category: Fiction : Literary

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