



Will The Circle Be Unbroken?

A haunting phone call lures Carlton Richards to eastern Colorado, where he finds a body and launches a search for answers. Strange goings on immediately confound the simple mystery of identifying the dead woman and determining their connection. During the investigation, both lives are exposed through dreams and flashbacks, while Carlton's personality dramatically changes. What's happening? Is Carlton simply experiencing a mid-life crisis? Can Victoria Goodsen's initially confusing, incredible story be true, or is something sinister afoot? Moreover, what molds human character, genes, nurture or perhaps something spiritual?

Twice-divorced, Carlton is crude, hard-driven and lascivious, making some readers uncomfortable. Are these inherited traits or reflections of childhood scars? Strangely, demons now populate his dreams, suggesting Satan's work. In the end, Carlton is a paragon, tending to children who are victims of alcoholics, and he's about to become a father again.

Victoria is a Child of The Circle, a cosmic spirit who altered a human's genes and emerged in virgin birth, to be raised by an Elder called Granny, a woman who is the sole source of Victoria's knowledge of herself and The Circle. Victoria's mission is to reach perfection in body and soul and then find her anonymous Chosen One, surreptitiously enticing a union (in a sometimes disturbingly frank portrayal, she's daringly sensual). Their children will raise mankind to a higher plane, as other Children have done since life emerged on earth.

Carlton constructs an earthy and darker version of her story (you have even more clues to other possibilities), but a shocking, last-minute discovery changes his mind.

There are enigmatic clues throughout, some more difficult to decipher, but you have the final say in deciding Victoria's real story and understanding Carlton. But will friends agree with your conclusions, or perhaps point to contrary clues and demand a debate on the source of man's, Carlton's and Victoria's character?