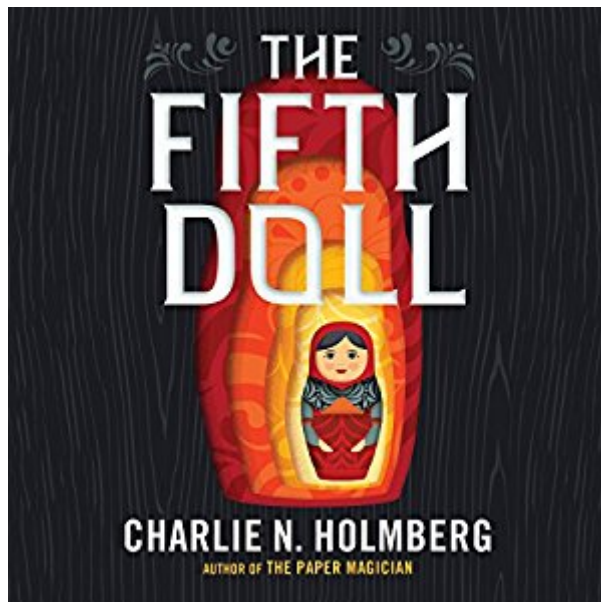


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# The Fifth Doll



## Synopsis

The bestselling author of The Paper Magician Series transports listeners to a darkly whimsical new world where strange magic threatens a quiet village that only a desperate woman can save.

Matrona lives in an isolated village, where her life is centered on pleasing her parents. She's diligent in her chores and has agreed to marry a man of their choosing. But a visit to Slava, the local tradesman, threatens to upend her entire life. Entering his empty house, Matrona discovers a strange collection of painted nesting dolls - one for every villager. Fascinated, she can't resist the urge to open the doll with her father's face. But when her father begins acting strangely, she realizes Slava's dolls are much more than they seem. When he learns what she's done, Slava seizes the opportunity to give Matrona stewardship over the dolls - whether she wants it or not. Forced to open one of her own dolls every three days, she falls deeper into the grim power of Slava's creations. But nothing can prepare her for the profound secret hiding inside the fifth doll.

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## Customer Reviews

Again I'm mesmerized by the unique storytelling of Charlie Holmberg. She has written a story that keeps you wondering what is going on until the last few chapters and then all falls into place. The characters are alive and you feel every hurt, pain, joy and agony of every person trapped in this hidden world where nothing is as it seems. The characters don't even realize what has happened to them until Matrona frees them from this prison world created by a sorcerer who only wants to be not alone. The only thing I regret about this book being done is the fact I'll have a long wait for Charlie's

next book. Thank you for another wonderful and unique story.

This was an interesting read. It was good, bad and confusing at times. I liked the characters, but wished for a little more from them in the completion of this book.

I enjoyed this as a fast read. Very narrow scope of an excellently presented idea. I would have loved to see more extended interactions from one place to the other, but overall a good read from Holmberg! I look forward to more work from him!

Charlie N Holmberg does not disappoint in this richly imagined tale. It is well written and the world and characters are very well developed

Very interesting story. Love the premise and the characters. Awesomely written. I Love Charlie N. Holmberg's books. Always new and interesting stories.

This book and its storyline were a happy surprise. Characters and story were nicely fleshed out, and it was very hard to stop reading in the last quarter of the book. I'm definitely going to look up more works by Holmberg now!

I liked this story very much. Different and interesting.

Fun concept, good characters:)

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