

When violent tremors rock the sleepy little Kentucky town of Still Mountain, a young tour guide makes a split-second decision that saves many lives and changes his forever.

Ray Pritchard leads a group of four tourists on a caving expedition but thanks to an ill-timed earthquake, only three emerge with him into the twilight. Despite a spirited rescue effort, the missing tourist is not found, and it leaves Ray traumatized. His only hope is homeless old Tucker, the curious and eccentric brother of the immensely wealthy Vernon Curtis who owns the sprawling estates that encompass the caving site. Tucker leads Ray on an exhilarating subterranean journey during which they find the missing tourist and enough common ground that binds their hearts in friendship.

Sixteen years later, Ray learns much to his surprise that he is the sole inheritor of the entire estate of Vernon Curtis. A long night of poring over journals leads him to the greatest treasure he could hope to attain – access to a carefully guarded legacy of his industrious Ouendat predecessors, men and women who had pioneered settlements in Still Mountain in the early 1800s.

But Ray will never know that he is part of a sweeter story that began on a bloody battlefield of 1799 colonial India when two men pitted against each other in battle choose to put aside their allegiances to honor the bonds of humanity. It is a brotherhood that comes full circle two hundred years later in the silent dark recesses of a cave in rural Kentucky.

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