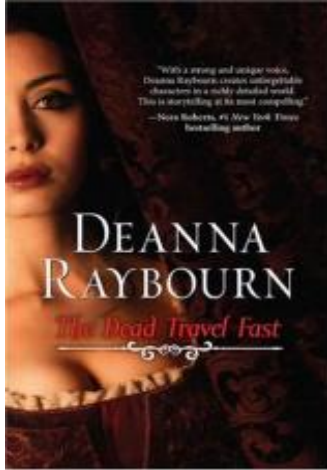


# The Dead Travel Fast

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## About the Book

Award-winning author Deanna Raybourn crafts a classic gothic romance about a novelist who leaves behind a comfortable life in Scotland for adventure and inspiration in Rumania but becomes more involved than she would like when caught up with a vampiric curse afflicting a storied noble family in **The Dead Travel Fast**.

## Discussion Guide

1. Theodora Lestrangle is not the typical Victorian heroine. How does she differ from other women of her time?
2. Which of Theodora's two suitors --- Charles Beecroft or Count Andrei --- is a better match for her? Why?
3. Why does Theodora remain at the castle when events take a dark and frightening turn? Would you?
4. Many of the characters have interests which are reflective of their personalities. Discuss how Cosmina's work with medicinal, Florian's music, and the count's passion for astronomy extend their characters.
5. Are the strange events at the castle supernatural or are there logical explanations for Theodora's experiences?
6. What elements of classic Gothic literature did you find in the novel?

## Author Bio

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