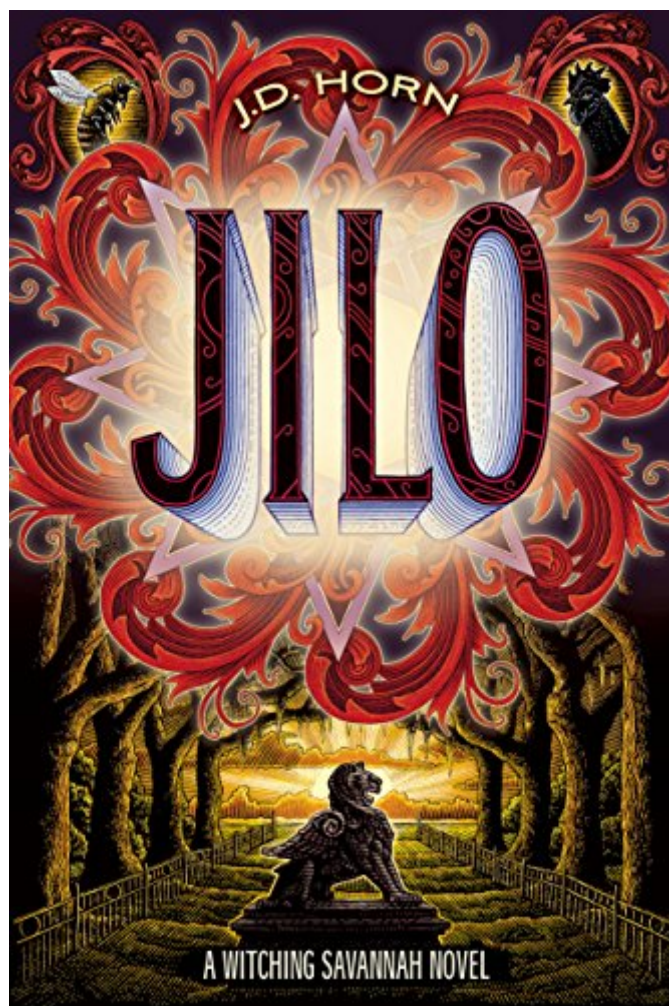


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Synopsis

Aged Mother Jilo is wise in the ways of magic—but once upon a time, she was just a girl. 1950s Georgia: King Cotton has fallen. Savannah is known as the “beautiful woman with a dirty face,” its stately elegance faded by neglect, its soul withering from racial injustice and political corruption. Young Jilo—fiercely independent, intelligent, and ambitious, but thwarted by Savannah’s maddeningly genteel version of bigotry—finds herself forced to embrace a dark power that has pursued her family for generations, an ancient magic that may prove her salvation—or her undoing. Explore the fascinating history of one of the Witching Savannah series’ most vivid and beloved characters, as the resourceful and determined Jilo comes of age, strives to master formidable magical skills in the face of overwhelming adversity, and forges her strange destiny against the turbulent backdrop of the civil rights struggle in the American South.

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Customer Reviews

This series got a little darker as it went along. I don’t do dark well. That said, J. D. Horn is an excellent author, his Savannah has a personality as strong as the people. Book four, Jilo’s story

develops one of the strongest and perhaps least understood characters in the series. We're introduced to a beautiful woman child who is terribly wronged from before her birth, yet somehow survives and protects those she comes to love against an ageless evil. Sometimes I think she wins, at least I hope she wins.

It was a great prequel for the series! Although now I want to go back and read the main series again to see exactly where it fits into her entrance in the first book. Great detail to the characters and you definitely get a feel for why Jilo is the way she is. It makes her more human than she is portrayed in the other books.

I appreciated the history of one of my favorite characters in this series. Her life may have ended in book three but, I feel her spirit lived on the life of the main character. I have enjoyed this author's writing and how you pulled into the story. I can't wait for more in this series and other books. I highly recommend this series and this author.

To date I have read all of the "Witching Savannah" Books and thoroughly enjoyed them. I love the kind of book that tells a ripping good story and teaches you the history of a people and an area. It's an education, but you grow to love (and in some cases hate, the people you read about.) J.D. Horn writes so well that you tend to forget that what you are reading is a work of fiction even though much of the history seems to be factual... I don't know where it will go from here but I was sad to find myself at the end of this book. I hope that there will be more to say about these families and the Gullah people. I have read other books about the history of the Gullah people but not many that were so well written. Thank you for writing them, and thank you for bringing the history of the people to life...capsaicinus

I'll be honest, I didn't go in expecting good things of a white guy writing the life story of a black woman. But I was very pleasantly surprised. While I'm still curious if Horn will ever have a main character who does feel abortion/magical-equivalent-of-abortion is the right choice for herself, it didn't detract from the book being good. I fell in love with Audrey, and find myself wondering where she is by the time of The Line/etc. This book added yet more questions to the mythos of this world, and I'm incredibly curious to (hopefully!) see those answered one day. I was also very pleased to see the afterword about the preservation society. Thank you very much for that!

Was so excited to find a book dedicated to my favorite character of the series. Although it takes quite some time to get to Jilo, the family background is worth it. But there seems like there is more to tell....at least I hope so.

Good background for the series. Jilo really starts at the beginning and the author had to be careful not to get ahead of the other books. It gives a nice explanation for some of the characters in the Witching Savannah books and sets up a space for further development of the character Jilo.

I greatly enjoyed this entire series. Book four was definitely worth the wait. Going back in time to a much earlier time in Jilo's family history and working forward was a really great approach. Well done and can't wait to read more by this author.

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