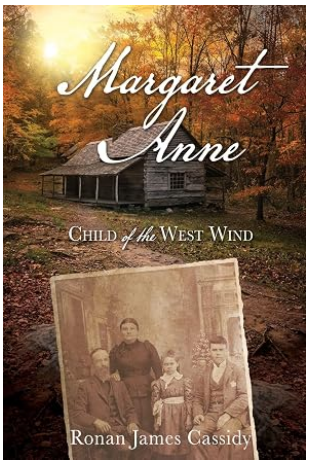
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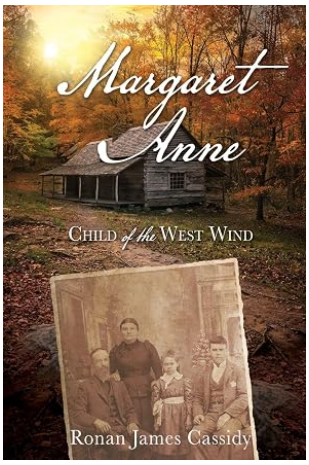
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Book Review

Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite

Margaret Anne: Child of the West Wind is a work of fiction in the historical fiction, Western, and interpersonal drama subgenres. It is best suited to the general adult reading audience. Penned by author Ronan James Cassidy, this captivating historical drama delves into the life of its titular character, Margaret Anne Basseterre. Born as the illegitimate daughter of a wealthy plantation owner and a Haitian woman during a time of slavery and turmoil, Margaret Anne's life is marked by adversity from the very beginning. The novel explores her unique gifts and the dark forces that threaten her, painting a vivid picture of the struggles faced during the Civil War era in America.

Author Ronan James Cassidy has crafted a compelling and atmospheric tale rich with family secrets, social unrest, and the divine will that surrounds Margaret Anne. One of the most striking aspects of the book for me personally was the author’s command of a multi-perspective narrative, which offers a deep and poetic exploration of the societal and spiritual battles of the time. As readers, we witness Margaret Anne's journey as a guiding light in a turbulent period of American history, but we’re also treated to so many other unheard voices coming to the fore with their suffering and triumphs. Cassidy's storytelling is both evocative and thought-provoking, providing a unique perspective on an important period in American history whilst also offering a rich descriptive style that feels not just cinematic but visceral and multi-sensory, as if you’re really there at the time. Overall, Margaret Anne is a beautifully written novel that offers a multi-faceted view of the Civil War era and sets the stage for the Redemption Series. I am immensely looking forward to reading more.



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Author Biography



Ronan James Cassidy is the award-winning novelist of Margaret Anne and the Redemption series. His primary field of interest is colonial literature from the Americas, Ireland, Africa, and India. Mr. Cassidy has also spent the last fifteen years studying the evolution of the current monetary order.

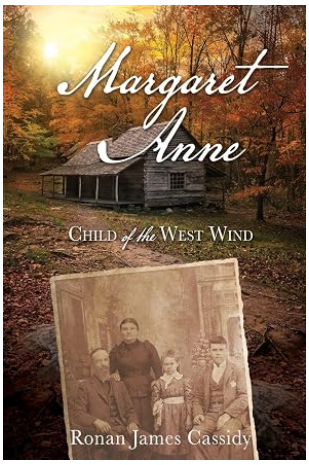
Ronan was inspired to write Margaret Anne and the Redemption series as a loose yet captivating metaphor for his journey towards devoted faithfulness to God. His website is https://ronanjamescassidy.com.

In addition to his three beautiful daughters, his beautiful girlfriend, his father, his four brothers, and his stepmother, all of Mr. Cassidy's writings are dedicated to the tireless hours his devoted mother spent living her life as an eternal example of the joys of enduring love.

Mr. Cassidy's credentials include a bachelor's degree in English from Boston College and an M.B.A from Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management.

Mr. Cassidy's first novel, Margaret Anne, has won the following awards:

- Readers' Favorite 2023 Book Award Finalist: Literary Fiction
- Named to the Short List for the 2023 Hawthorne Prize
- Winner of the 2023 Firebird Book Award: Religious Fiction
- Honorable Mention: 2023 London Book Festival: General Fiction
- Finalist: 2023 Montaigne Medal
- Nominated for the 2023 Eric Hoffer Award
- BookFest Book Awards 2023: 3rd Place: Literary Fiction/Historical
- Spring 2023 Reader's Choice Book Awards: Finalist: Best Book for Adults
- eLit Awards 2023: Bronze Medalist: Religious Fiction
- Winner of the March 2023 Literary Titan Gold Book Award: Historical Fiction
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