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#### Review

"*House of Bathory* is a truly remarkable work of historical fiction, which thoroughly captivated me from the first page to the last." —*Historical Novels Review*

#### About the Author

The daughter of a naval commander, Linda Lafferty attended fourteen different schools growing up, ultimately graduating from the University of Colorado with a master's degree and a PhD in education. Her peripatetic childhood nourished a lifelong love of travel, and she studied abroad in England, France, Mexico, and Spain. Her uncle introduced her to the sport of polo when she was just ten years old, and she enjoys playing to this day. She also competed on the Lancaster University Riding Team in England in stadium jumping, cross country, and dressage. A veteran school educator, she is also the author of *The Bloodletter's Daughter*. She lives in Colorado.

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