

Moving Target

By Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Annotation

Cassie Arroyo is a twelve year old girl who lives and goes to school in Rome. Her life is turned upside down when her father is shot by members of a secret organization, the Hastati. Cassie discovers that she is a descendent of a line of people who can use the Spear of Destiny to alter the future.

Book Talk

Mystery, intrigue, high speed chases, betrayal and a secret society...all with the backdrop of a foreign country...that's what you'll find in the pages of Moving Target. When Cassie's father is shot in Rome, she must race against time using clues to solve the mystery of the Hastati and the Spear of Destiny. If you like action, adventure and mystery, don't miss this edge-of-your-seat page-turner!

Book Trailers

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDDzPlpZvvQ>

Author on the Internet

- Website: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/authors/christina-diaz-gonzalez/>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/ChristinaDG?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christinadiagonzalez>
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Items to use in a library display

- Plastic sword/spear
- Toy motorcycle (Scooter or Vespa)
- map of Rome or all of Italy

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- Do you think Cassie's father made the right choice keeping secrets from her or should he have told her the truth?
- Cassie, Simone, and Asher use secret tunnels under Rome. If you had a secret tunnel under your house, where would you want it to lead?
- "The choices we make determine our fate," said the old woman at the train station. What does this mean? Do you think it's true?
- With the spear, Cassie can change the outcome of future situations. Would you like to have this power? How would you use it?

First Line of the Book:

- "There should have been some sort of warning."

Non-Fiction Companion Title

- *Rome with Kids: An Insiders Guide* by J. M. Pasquesi

What to Read Next

- *Return Fire* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- *Unbreakable* by Kami Garcia

Other Books by this Author:

- *Return Fire* (sequel)
- *A Thunderous Whisper*
- *The Red Umbrella*

Additional Resources

- Music: Gregorian chants (monks in the text)
- Art/craft activity: Students create or draw their own individual “object of destiny” and draft a skit about using the object
- Interview with the author:
<http://www.latina.com/lifestyle/inspiring-latina/christina-diaz-gonzalez-author-movintarget>
- Lesson ideas: <http://rome.mrdonn.org/lessonplans.html>