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by the author's own time at Oxford University, *Black Chalk* is perfect for fans of the high tension and expert pacing of *The Secret History* and *The Bellwether Revivals*. Christopher J. Yates' background in puzzle writing and setting can clearly be seen in the plotting of this clever, tricky book that will keep you guessing to the very end.

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