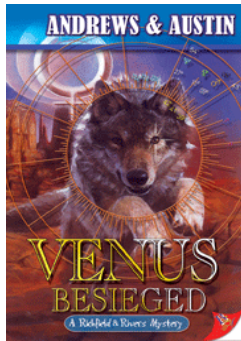


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Venus Besieged

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"People will try to steal women's power." Those ominous words set the stage for Andrews & Austin's third Richfield and Rivers mystery. Set in Sedona, Arizona, surrounded by gorgeous red rocks and mystical vortexes, *Venus Besieged* skillfully weaves the beliefs of Native Americans with astrology, creating an exciting read. Teague and Callie are supposed to be having a romantic weekend at a cabin in Oak Creek Canyon. Their passionate reunion is interrupted by a shaman from Callie's past, and Barrett Silvers from Teague's present.

Shape-shifting spirits besiege them, a friend is kidnapped, and a scurrilous politician tries to build a shopping center on sacred land, as Callie and Teague try to discover who is killing Native American women. As always, Andrews and Austin have included hilarious dialogue and situations that keep their readers laughing even as they are turning the pages to see what happens next. With well-drawn characters, a tight plot, and a lovable basset, *Venus Besieged* is another great read.

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