

PDF | Three Novels: A Calculated
Risk, The Eight, and The Magic Circle

by Katherine Neville



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A trio of heart-stopping thrillers from the *New York Times*-bestselling author—including the “vibrant and cerebral” #1 international bestseller, *The Eight* (*Los Angeles Times*).

People magazine said of Katherine Neville’s debut novel and #1 international bestseller, *The Eight*: “With alchemical skill, Neville blends modern romance, historical fiction, and medieval mystery . . . and comes up with gold.” Mining a fertile territory of international intrigue, complex conspiracies, history-spanning storylines, and unstoppable female heroines, Neville has arguably struck gold with all three of these thrillers.

A Calculated Risk: In this *New York Times* Notable Book, computer expert Verity Banks is the one of the most powerful women in finance and has a shot at becoming director of security at the Federal Reserve. When her boss sabotages her career ambitions, Verity decides to get revenge by targeting the company’s balance sheet. Her old mentor, Zoltan Tor, will help her, but only if Verity agrees to an outlandish and dangerous wager. To beat both Zoltan and her boss, Verity must risk her professional reputation—and her very life.

The Eight: In sweeping parallel stories set in the 1970s and the 1790s, Catherine Velis, a computer expert, and Mireille and Valentine, novices in an abbey during the French Revolution, must prevent a legendary chess set containing secret powers from falling into the wrong hands. With its “combination of historical references, conspiracy theory and action/thriller format,” this #1 international bestseller “may have paved the way for books like *The Da Vinci Code*” (*Publishers Weekly*).

The Magic Circle: Suddenly in possession of a mysterious cache of medieval manuscripts that have the power to alter the destiny of humankind, nuclear scientist Ariel Behn is swept into the deadly center of international intrigue—and a mystery that dates back to the time of Christ—as she races to prevent a worldwide catastrophe in this *USA Today* bestseller.



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