

Michelle Paver and The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness:

- She wrote her first story on her mother's typewriter at the age of 5. (Her mother still has it!)
- She has always been fascinated by prehistoric times and skinned a dead rabbit at the age of 10. She ditched her bed and slept on her bedroom floor for 3 years as a child.
- She dug up the lawn of her parents' house and planted medicinal plants which she tried out on her sister.
- She skipped lectures in biochemistry at Oxford University to write.
- The books have been translated into 36 languages.
- Ridley Scott has bought the film rights and a script is being worked on currently.
- She gave up a successful career as a Partner in a City Law Firm in 1999 to write full time.
- She has travelled to inaccessible and unusual places researching her books including the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains in Transylvania, Finland and Greenland and Northern Canada.
- On her travels, she has had some unforgettable, unique and heart-stopping experiences including learning the traditional skills of the Inuit people and coming face-to-face with wild polar bears through the observation platform grille of a tundra buggy. She has swum with killer whales, gone husky-sledding and faked a wolf kill to attract ravens.
- She has eaten some very unusual food in the name of research, including, raw whale blubber, fresh seal liver (still warm from when it was killed), fish eyes, seal flippers (these are put under rocks and left for 3 months after which time they are considered a delicacy), all sorts of wild berries, tree bark and sap.
- The only thing she has ever refused to eat was the seal eyes, though these are considered a delicacy by the Inuit and eaten by the grannies! There is absolutely no wastage when these animals are killed and every bit of them is used for food or materials so don't be put off by any perception of cruelty.
- She has many artefacts from her travels including reindeer skin gloves and a necklace made of bear claws and teeth.

Titles in the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series:

1. Wolf Brother
2. Spirit Walker
3. Soul-eater
4. Outcast
5. Oathbreaker
6. Ghost Hunter