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The Lost Heiress (Ladies Of The Manor Book #1)



Synopsis

Roseanna White Debuts Sparkling British Historical Romance Brook Eden has never known where she truly belongs. Though raised in the palace of Monaco, she's British by birth and was brought to the Grimaldis under suspicious circumstances as a babe. When Brook's friend Justin uncovers the fact that Brook is likely a missing heiress from Yorkshire, Brook leaves the sun of the Mediterranean to travel to the moors of the North Sea to the estate of her supposed family. The mystery of her mother's death haunts her, and though her father is quick to accept her, the rest of the family and the servants of Whitby Park are not. Only when Brook's life is threatened do they draw close--but their loyalty may come too late to save Brook from the same threat that led to tragedy for her mother. As heir to a dukedom, Justin is no stranger to balancing responsibilities. When the matters of his estate force him far from Brook, the distance between them reveals that what began as friendship has grown into something much more. But how can their very different loyalties and responsibilities ever come together? And then, for a second time, the heiress of Whitby Park is stolen away because of the very rare treasure in her possession--and this time only the servants of Whitby can save her.

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Customer Reviews

I picked up *The Lost Heiress* a few months ago (thank you, local library!) and purchased a copy of my own before I even finished reading it. That is something I rarely do, especially when it's the first book I've read by that author. Yet, that's exactly what I did for this novel by Roseanna M. White. Let me just say, READ THIS BOOK. Okay, now that we have that out of the way, on to reviewing! *The Lost Heiress* is the story of Brook Eden, a young British woman raised in Monaco as a princess. How many girls grow up wishing they were a princess? I know I cherished a dream or two of just that. But Brook doesn't truly know who she is, and that's what she longs for. When her friend Justin discovers that Brook is actually a long-lost heiress from Yorkshire, England, he and Brook journey from Monaco to reunite her with her birth family. You'd think Brook's story would be filled with sunshine and rainbows now, but mystery and danger still follow. What really happened the night an infant Brook was lost, the same night her mother died in a terrible accident? Who is still threatening Brook? Throw in a lost treasure, a burgeoning romance with Justin, and getting to know a family and community who don't quite know what to make of her, and Brook's story takes off, leaving you holding onto your hat and anxious to know what happens next!

This book was incredible! I had seen it in my "suggested" list for a long time, but when it went on sale to \$2.99, I did not hesitate. I am so glad I finally read this book! I read lots of different types of historical fiction, some light and fun reads, some more suspenseful, and they each are worthwhile to me in different ways. This book, however, was a perfect mixture of mystery and romance, not too much in either direction. More than that, it was so DIFFERENT than other books in this genre... It has a certain zest to it, a "je ne sais quoi," that leaves me struggling to compare it to anything else. It was truly unique and incredibly compelling. I loved the characters and their individual storylines. I loved the presentation of faith as well. These characters felt real to me and I cheered them on every step of the way. I am almost tempted to read it again... And I just finished it yesterday. If you like something that will engage your imagination and suck you in, this is it! Will definitely be reading the next two in the series.

This novel, absolutely swept me away and I remained caught up in it until the very end. Even now, a

day later the story and its' characters linger on my mind. I simply cannot wait to read book 2, and I wonder about a book 3. This is the first novel by Roseanna M. White that I have read but I do plan to read more. Set in the Edwardian Era, *The Lost Heiress* is a beautiful blend of intrigue, discovery, growth, faith, romance and a little suspense too. It is resplendent with a delightful cast of characters. There are not enough good things I could say, so I will suffice to say, read this one!

In "*The Lost Heiress*," book one in the *Ladies of the Manor* series by Roseanna M. White, Brook Eden finds her long lost biological family with the help of her close friend - and duke - Justin. It is a classic romantic novel with suspense and mystery intertwined throughout. The author did a fantastic job with research. She gets bonus points for incorporating Cockney slang into the book. I would wager that few readers will recognize the slang as being an excellent time stamp for the setting of the novel. Most authors tend to shy away from such minutia, but used here it really highlights the excellent detailing done by the author. As I do when I love a book, I immediately pre-ordered the next in this series "*The Reluctant Duchess*," which is due for release in spring of 2016. This book stars Brice Myerston, the Duke of Nottingham. I became attached to his likable, flirtatious character in the first novel. The characters performed a handoff in the final chapter indicating to the reader that Brice will be the main protagonist of the next novel. I couldn't have chosen better! I am very much looking forward to meeting the woman able to tame this ladies' man.

I fell in love with the cover for *The Lost Heiress* way back when it first became available for pre-order. I waited with great anticipation to open the book and settle in for a fabulous read, I was not disappointed. Brook lives with the Grimaldi's in Monaco and although she was not born to them, she was raised as a Princess. She is spirited and full of life. Brook and her friend Justin seem perfect for each other, but they are so afraid of ruining their friendship, that they are afraid to admit they love each other. All of the characters are strong and pairing them with a great storyline, caused the book to fly. Brook is definitely a woman ahead of her time. She does things that should cause scandal, but it works for her. Brook reunites with her birth family and then walks a virtual tightrope trying to decide who is on her side and who is the enemy. *The Lost Heiress* can be listed under several genres, Historical fiction, Romance and suspense. I am drooling to get my hands on *The Reluctant Duchess*, book number two in *The Ladies Of The Manor* series. I can see that I need to make a space on my keeper shelves for Roseanna White. I was given this book by the author in exchange for my honest opinion. all thoughts are entirely my own.

Even though "The Lost Heiress" got off to a slow start it quickly picked up the pace and finished nicely with a both a clear resolution and a hook to the next book in the series. The character development is good and both the romance and the mystery are well plotted. There is something of an usual element in this story and that is the strong religious faith of the H/h. They call on their faith often through prayer as they grapple with some of the complicating elements of the plot. For me, this added an aura of believability to the characters and I found it refreshing. Bottom line: it's a good read that I really enjoyed.

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