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Unmasking Lady Helen: The Kinsey Family (The Kinsey Family Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Sometimes the biggest risk we take is with our hearts.1821 LondonAt twenty-four, Lady Helen Kinsey has her future carefully mapped out. A life of gentle quietude in the country caring for her unmarried brothers and walking with her dog. It does not include marriage, a dream she banished after her first Season. But when a handsome earl enters Kinsey House in London on a mission to find out why their footman was poisoned, she finds herself drawn into solving the mystery. And despite resistance on her part worthy of an army maneuver, she is irresistibly drawn to the earl himself.After Whitehall receives a letter warning of a plot against the Crown, Jason, Captain Lord Peyton, is sent to investigate. Surely the famous explorer, Lord Lawrence Kinsey could not be behind it. He is engrossed in roaming ancient libraries and tombs in the East and bringing back their treasures for the museum. But after Peyton finds a fragment of a burned letter it appears that something dangerous lurks in Kinsey House, and Peyton becomes determined to keep the defenseless family safe, and one member particularly. Lady Helen has built a wall around herself and holds him at arm's length. But arm's length is not where Peyton wants to be.As the mystery unfolds it becomes imperative for Peyton and Lady Helen to work together, very closely indeed.

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Customer Reviews

I preordered this because I like this author and she's fairly consistent with what she delivers. Earlier this month she released "The Baron's Wife", which I loved. This one was also good and I see it's the start of a series and that was evident while reading. It wasn't too much about the secondary characters and this is a full length book. The h is the daughter of a future marquess but he's an unusual and scholarly person, with a fascination with the ancient Egyptians. At the start of the book the father has been away on a trip for the past few months but is due back shortly. The h is 24 and unmarried and not wanting to marry either. Her beautiful sister is about to make her debut and the h is assisting with the plans. The h is a motherly sort and is very close to her baby brother too. The H meanwhile is an earl but he's been asked to assist the crown in a case. A letter has been received warning that something is about to go down in the area where the h's family lives. The H has a good cover story and ends up meeting the h and her mother. When a servant dies in the h's house, the mother sends for the H but the h ends up helping the H most of the time. There is an attraction but I was grateful that it wasn't all chemistry (like in the last 2 books I've read by other authors). There is the development of the relationship and I liked seeing it unfold. There is obviously the mystery in the background, which provided the necessary interaction between the characters. It was a very pleasant read with nice characters. I'm looking forward to the next book. The book is clean up until the Epilogue again but for once I understood why the author included it.

Lady Helen Kinsey suffers a traumatic incident during her first Season, and now at twenty-four has given up on love. As she prepares her younger sister, the vivacious Diana, for her first ball, the sisters wonder why a strange man is watching their house. Lord Peyton works for the government and seeks the truth about a threat to the Crown. His information brings him to the home of the famous explorer, Lord Kinsey. He meets the Kinsey sisters, and is impressed by Helen's intelligence, but she has an underlying sadness and hides behind an emotionless wall. Maggi Andersen knows how to weave intelligent, realistic characters into an intriguing plot. I thoroughly enjoyed Peyton's espionage adventures, and Helen's painful secret isn't revealed until near the end. Will either of them shed their pasts and find love? The story keeps you guessing.

A wonderful book!! Peyton has has vowed never to marry, he is taking care if his widowed sister and scamp of a brother when he is asked by Whitehall to investigate something. He stands outside the

Kinsey home for several days waiting for his contact to no avail. When one of the Kinsey's footman die and it's discovered to be poison Peyton becomes suspicious when he finds out the footman used to be a man in his unit. This is a wonderful read with a little mystery, intrigue and finally love for two hearts that need healing!!

Pretty good, more like 4.5 stars. Not your typical romance book, More like a romance/murder mystery. Enjoyable read, caught me by surprise. This author is now on my radar.

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