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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Georgette Heyer is best known for her witty and charming Regency romances, but she is also responsible for a handful of mystery novels. On occasion, mystery would find its way into her romances, embroiling her well-born heroes and heroines in adventures that were alternately chilling and hilarious. In *The Reluctant Widow*, Eleanor Rochdale, a young woman of good birth but straitened circumstances, sets out to accept a position as a governess and ends up plunged into a tangle of foreign intrigue instead.

Eleanor's adventure begins when she inadvertently mistakes the carriage waiting at the coach stop for one sent by her prospective employer, Mrs. Macclesfield. She finds herself carried to the estate of one Ned Carlyon, whom Eleanor mistakes for Mr. Macclesfield. Carlyon, meanwhile, believes Eleanor to be the young woman he hired to marry his dying cousin, Eustace Cheviot, in order to avoid inheriting Cheviot's estate himself. Somehow, Eleanor is talked into marrying Eustace on his deathbed and thus becomes a wealthy widow almost as soon as the ring is on her finger. What starts out as a simple business arrangement soon becomes much more complicated as housebreakers, uninvited guests, a shocking murder, missing government papers, and a dog named Bouncer all contribute to this lively, frequently hilarious tale of mistaken identities, foreign espionage, and unexpected love set during the Napoleonic Wars.

Review

"This book was nothing short of pure delight...Heyer was a talented writer, indeed. " - *My Friend Amy*

"I'd highly recommend *The Reluctant Widow* to any Austen fans, or anyone who enjoys historical fiction. " - *S. Krishna's Books*

" I was charmed by her characters and entertained by her wit and engaging plot... *The Reluctant Widow* is a must-read." - *Traci's Book Blog*

"*The Reluctant Widow* reminds me much of a classic mystery tale, with the plot moving at an increasingly frantic pace, filled with quirky characters and comic mishaps." - *Book Zombie*

"Mystery. Suspense. Great wit. Great characters. Fast-paced... Definitely recommended." - *Becky's Book Reviews*

"If you are looking for good historical fiction with mystery and a dash of romance, pick up a copy of *The Reluctant Widow* ." - *The Book Worm*

"I enjoyed reading as the story unfolded and we discovered something new with each page. With *The Reluctant Widow*, Ms. Heyer once again demonstrates her wit and attention to detail with this delightful book." - *Jennifer's Random Musings*

"I was hooked from the get-go with *The Reluctant Widow*... a little bit of mystery, a little bit of farce but a fully, fun, fast read. This is probably my favorite Heyer so far. " - *Book-a-Rama*

" If you haven't read Georgette Heyer or would not normally pick up a historical romance, I strongly encourage you to give *The Reluctant Widow* a try" - *The Literate Housewife*

"Interesting characters and a well thought out plot made this into a fun read from start to finish." - ***Linus' Blanket***

" It's a very enjoyable tale with Heyer's usual quality prose and historical research enhancing the feel of the story." - ***Curled Up with a Good Book***

"Heyer did a fantastic job building up the suspense with lots of twists and turns in the plot and even threw in a little comedy for relief." - ***Ex Libris***

From the Inside Flap

By chance, Elinor Rochdale is swept up in a thrilling adventure. Overnight the would-be governess becomes mistress of a ruined estate and partner in a conspiracy to save a family's name. By midnight she is a bride, by dawn a widow.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Micheal Moore:

A lot of people always spent their free time to vacation or perhaps go to the outside with them family or their friend. Do you know? Many a lot of people spent many people free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. If you wish to try to find a new activity honestly, that is look different you can read a book. It is really fun for you. If you enjoy the book that you read you can spent the entire day to reading a book. The book The Reluctant Widow it is extremely good to read. There are a lot of people that recommended this book. These people were enjoying reading this book. If you did not have enough space to create this book you can buy the actual e-book. You can m0ore easily to read this book from a smart phone. The price is not to fund but this book features high quality.

Harold McDonough:

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Thomas Baldwin:

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