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**A millionaire's Florida estate becomes a sinister trap for his bride in this classic gothic romance from "a superb and gifted storyteller" (Mary Higgins Clark).**

On the Florida coastline stands Poinciana, the Logan family's fabulous mansion. Inside its storied walls are the two most prized possessions of patriarch Ross Logan: his invaluable collection of Oriental art and, even more priceless, his new bride, Sharon. When Ross proposed, it seemed Sharon's dreams had come true and her tragic past was at last behind her. Now she'd be safe and find happiness, a family, and a home as the wife of one of America's wealthiest and most celebrated oil and banking magnates.

But upon her arrival at the sprawling Palm Beach estate, Sharon can't ignore the strange undercurrents of hostility emanating from everyone who resides at Poinciana—from Ross's principal assistant to his reckless and resentful daughter from a previous marriage to his strange and guarded mother, who has isolated herself in a cottage on the grounds. And when Sharon starts asking questions about the Logan family history, even Ross turns from a dynamic and solicitous husband to a dark and silent menace. As secret after secret is revealed, Sharon begins to doubt her sanity—and safety—in this isolated house of strangers.

A *New York Times*—bestselling author and recipient of the Edgar and Agatha Awards, “Phyllis Whitney is, and always will be, the Grand Master of her craft” (Barbara Michaels).

*This ebook features an illustrated biography of Phyllis A. Whitney including rare images from the author's estate.*

## Poinciana Details

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### Jane Drager says

I normally like Phyllis A. Whitney but I had a lot of trouble finishing this book. The main reason was because I wanted to slap the heroine for being so hesitant.

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### Lauren says

Not a particular favorite but still a great story. I absolutely love gothic romances with all of the mystery and the strong female characters. Phyllis A. Whitney is an amazing author incorporating an unforgettable story with amazing characters.

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### Helen says

Set in Palm Beach a new bride seeks to find a family and a home. Romantic mystery.

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### Edee says

I remember growing up Phyllis Whitney was one of my mom's favorite authors and I also read some of her young adult books when I was a teenager, so I was greatly looking forward to revisiting her work. Unfortunately, I did not find this novel to be what I was hoping for. It felt like a winding journey to get to the end and there were many digressions from the main storyline. It seemed that just as Sharon would discover some plot twist and I would think the story would take off, it felt flat. I struggled to finish it and did not find myself wanting to come back to the book. The end actually was surprising, but I just wish the pacing could have been better.

?I received this book courtesy of Open Road Integrated Media through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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### Patt says

This was one of Phyllis Whitney's earlier books. I really enjoyed it. It had lots of mysterious happenings along with a little romance. I loved the descriptions of Poinciana, a wealthy family's Florida estate, and could

picture it quite clearly from the good descriptions. The ending was quite a shock to me, and I can honestly say I had no idea who the murderer was till the very end. I love when a book can keep me guessing.

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### **Robyn Owens says**

Set in Palm Springs, Florida. A rich estate owner dies and his young bride inherits all-if she survives. Good mystery and kept me guessing until the end.

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### **Angie says**

3.5 stars

I enjoyed this American gothic set on a Palm Beach Florida estate, Poinciana. It's a women's mystery-suspense of the slower moving type, a gentler one, if you will. To set the stage, we have newlyweds Sharon & Ross coming to live in his family mansion. He's famous, wealthy, and older than her, and she's a bit insecure and needy for love, and is recently orphaned by an accident. Her mother was a famous singer/actress, and gave her only daughter very little attention and real love. Sharon is hoping for a new start with a new family where she will be safe, loved, and happy. Unfortunately, there are many things at play to interfere with her hopes and dreams. Secrets are lurking around every corner and no one is willing to be truthful with her. She has to share the estate with people who don't respect or even like her. Will she have the courage to face the hostility all around her? Can she unravel the mysteries and remain safe? Great descriptions and plenty of characters to keep you interested and guessing!

Poinciana is an e-book re-release, originally published in 1980. It's my second Phyllis Whitney book in a few weeks time, and I have enjoyed them both! This one in particular I had a bit of a hard time connecting emotionally with the relationships, but otherwise a good, solid read. I wouldn't term it romantic though, but more women's fiction, because to me there was very little actual romance.

\*\*Many thanks to NetGalley and Open Road Media Publishers for an e-copy to read and honestly review!\*\*

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### **Susan Laine says**

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### **Michelle Kidwell says**

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I am voluntarily reviewing Poinciana through Open Integrated Media and Netgalley:

Poinciana is the fabulous mansion of the Logan's Family standing on the Florida Coastline. Sharon is Ross Logan's new bride. Ross's first wife died and his second divorced him.

Soon after she arrives Sharon realizes it is not at all what she hoped it would be. She can't ignore the strange undercurrents of hostility coming from everyone residing their. When Sharon asks questions everyone including Ross turns dark and menacing.

It begins to seem as if everyone in the house is plotting against each other, but are they?

I give Poinciana five out of five stars.

Happy Reading!

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### **Dayna Smith says**

The Palm Beach home of Ross Logan contains his celebrated collection of oriental art, and a prized new possession -- his young bride. Inside Poinciana a tidal wave of intrigue swells and not one of the Logans is safe. Especially not Sharon, who is hated by Gretchen, Ross's daughter from a previous marriage, by her ne'er-do-well husband, Vasily, and by Ross's strange mother, Allegra. Sharon uncovers a devastating secret about her own relationship with her husband -- a secret that, in the end, will test the limits of her courage as well as her ability to love. Another Whitney gem.

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### **Betty says**

This gothic romance is set on Palm Springs Island at the family mansion of the wealthy Logan family. The poinciana is in full bloom. The mansion is full of art and other valuable collections. Some of the pieces are missing. Ross Logan returns bringing his bride, Sharon to stay. She must contend with her step daughter, a confidence man, his ex-wife, his executive assistant, and his elderly mother. The servants defer to others rather than her. Sharon is crushed as she realized that Ross married her because of he is love with her Mother. One night the alarms echo through the mansion, arriving at the office Ross is found dead. Sharon is the heir to all Ross own. I recommend this book.

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