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Terri Harr says

I have found a new favorite from Roseanna! This books has it all. Mystery, romance, intrigue, friendship, humor, danger...The Lost Heiress is a thick book but contains zero fluff. There was never a time where I wanted to skip over words to get to something more exciting. I enjoyed ever sentence. The story kept my attention from page one and I wanted to keep reading to find out what happened next.

I loved the relationship between Brook and Justin from the beginning. To watch it change wasn't always fun but at the same time, it was more real than some books. I don't like when the characters are unrealistic in how they react to things and just stop talking to each other after years of friendship. Even though things got crazy from time to time, they still cared about each other. They went the extra mile to tell the other person where they were wrong for their actions or behavior. There are people who say Christian fiction is full of the same story and it just seems unrealistic. I beg to differ with that opinion, especially with this author's books. It was interwoven with the character's faith. That didn't mean nothing bad ever happened because of their faith. That isn't real life. This story showed how despite hardships and everything not being sunshine and roses, you can still do the right thing and treat people the right way.

Brook's strong character was a pleasure to watch as she dealt with so many different personality types. She understood that not everyone likes you but you don't have to be unkind to them for it. I felt so badly for Justin as he struggled with the responsibilities he had to deal with and the losses while trying to be there for her at the same time. The secondary characters were just as powerful. I loved her father and her friend Brice. I can't wait for his story in book two.

There are some shockers in the story, too. I won't give them away, but just know they might surprise you just a bit. There are the "bad guys" and you can tell one of the biggest ones pretty early on. You just don't realize how bad one of them gets until later in the story.

I really loved this book. I hated for it to end. I can't wait for books two and three in the series. I know they will be just as wonderful. I would give them 10 stars, but since the top is 5, it is for sure that. It is a great story for teens and up. It has some great topics of discussion that you could talk with your teen about, or any book club. Grab your copy today!!!

Rebecca says

Loss surrounds the beautiful Brook Eden like a well worn blanket; her life has been pieced together with both love and rejection from those in Monaco who have accepted her into their family, even if in name only; bypassing the fact that her real identity, following the tragic death of her mother, has remained an unsolved mystery; until now.

Justin Wildon, also known as Lord Harlow, and soon to become known as the Duke of Stafford, has given Brook the gift of identity, accompanying his beloved childhood friend to England in order to meet her family for the first time. In the blink of an eye this whispered illegitimate offspring has become the Baroness of Berkeley, with a vast fortune at her fingertips and a loving father, the famed Lord Ambrose Whitby, who is overjoyed to finally be reunited with his missing daughter.

In spite of Brook's "happily-ever-after", there are dark forces beyond her control which seek to destroy the young heiress, her life is severely threatened and heinous shadows lurk among her nearly constant, reoccurring nightmares. The one person who has stood by her side and loved her unconditionally for most of her life, now seems determined to put formal distance between them, merely to devote attention to his own family fortune. Brook's impetuous, independent spirit suffers mightily and her heart is nearly broken before God intervenes and transforms her fear into faith. But will it be too late for Brook and Justin? Will greed, betrayal and hatred among friends destroy young love and promising futures?

"The Lost Heiress" swells with history, mystery and romance upon the turn of every page, leading its readers on a magnificent journey, not soon to be forgotten.

I received a copy of this book from the author. The opinions stated are entirely my own.

Cynthia says

This was a beautifully written story about a young woman who was raised in Monaco by a Opera Singer and was thought to be the daughter born out of an affair, the Prince denied that she was her father, but the King accepted her and helped raise her into a beautiful woman. She made friends with a young Englishman when she was a child and they grew up together. She finds a box of letters that her mother told her would be important and then she passed, on one of the letters was a crest. She had her friend look into the crest and found out that she was actually a Baroness and that her real mother had died in a bad accident. She came home to England and met her father and cousins and other relatives. She goes through such an adjustment especially during this time she is only 18, getting to know her dad and they people were trying to hurt her for some diamonds that were given to her mother for safe keeping. She starts to fall in love with her childhood friend, who has enough demons of his own. The relationship between her father and her grows in leaps and bounds, but they are still, they find out why they were separated and it was interesting. I love this story and would recommend it for anyone who is looking for a good Christian Historical Book.

Louann says

Oh my goodness. The Lost Heiress by Roseanna M. White is an incredible story that kept me engaged the entire time. I just read the last word. Love, loved, loved this book. Thank you Ms. White for following your dream through from when this story was first penned by you as a 12-year old. I don't know what the original book or what the many revisions were like but I certainly did enjoy the final version that was published.

From the moment I began reading "The Lost Heiress" till the moment I finished I didn't want to put the book down. Unfortunately work and sleep are also part of life.

Meet Brook Eden, a beautiful, young 18-year old girl with a lot of courage and spunk. A lost little girl who really didn't know where she belonged, yet always knew there was so much more to her life.

Meet Justin Wildon, Brook's childhood friend and confidant. She loved him always, like a brother; or was there more than 'brotherly love there'? Time will tell.

So much intrigue and mystery in this story; and just when you think you have figured out the plot, Ms. White

shows us no we have not. Will good win out over evil? When the light overcome the darkness? Will faith in God and the power of prayer be relevant?

I am not one to read and tell; but if you like the Downton Abbey era I truly believe you need to pick up this book for yourself and find out the mystery of Brook's life. How does Justin play a role in her life? What is the secret behind her mother's death and the death of Justin's father? How does Brook return to a family she was snatched away from? Who welcomes her home and who does not? What is the secret of the Fire Eyes? I am not going to be the one to spoil the surprises that lay ahead for those who choose to read this book.

Ms. White introduces the readers to the cast of characters in the beginning which I really appreciate because you can always look back when you get the who's who confused and what role they play in the story. It's a concept more author (and movie writers) should incorporate into their work.

Ms. White, I for one am looking forward to reading more of your work.

This book was sent to me by the publisher, Bethany House, to preview read; for my honest opinion. I was not paid for this review.

Tina says

The Lost Heiress***** book 1 Ladies of the Manor series
by Roseanna M. White

Brook Eden grew up with royalty in 1910 Monaco not knowing who her parents were and has longed to know who she really is. Searching for answers, she has found who she is not. She entrusts her search for her family with her life-long friend Justin Wildon. When Justin returns with news that he has indeed found her family, Brook's life is about to change. She learns she is the daughter of the infamous Ambrose Eden, Earl of Whitby in North Yorkshire, England—making her Baroness of Berkeley. Her father accepts her with open arms, but the rest of the family and servants of Whitby Park are not as quick to accept her. However, when Brook's life is threatened they draw close—can they save her from the same tragedy as her mother?

Justin Wildon, Lord Harlow heir to Duke of Stafford, has longed to share his heart with Brook. But his responsibilities take him far from Brooke at a time she most needs him. Will he return in time to declare his heart before one of her suitors wins her heart? Can he save her from those out to hurt her?

There are dark forces at work against Brooke that put her life in grave danger. Who can she trust and why are they threatening her life? There is a mystery surrounding her mother's death and Brooke is determined to learn the truth....but at what cost to her and those she loves? Brooke and her maid are kidnapped and their lives are in grave danger. Who can her father and Justin trust in their frantic search for Brooke and her maid? Will they find them in time?

Roseanna M. White has woven a captivating story that had me staying up far into the night to read one more chapter. The details of the time period of this story are fascinating. I am glad there is a character list in the front of the book detailing Brook's and Justin's families and other characters in the story or I would have been more confused figuring out how the characters are related. The differences between the classes—upstairs verses downstairs—is clearly shown. I became suspicious of some of the characters and their true intentions. Some of the situations Brooke found herself in had me on the edge of my seat, even

holding my breath. There are unexpected surprises that add much to the story. I like the way strong faith and prayer is interwoven throughout the story showing God's unconditional love and grace. This story has much to offer the reader: mystery, history, danger, unexpected surprises with twists and turns in the story-line, faith and love. I am looking forward to reading the other books in this series.

~~I received a copy of this book from the author and one from TBCN for my honest review~~

Sarah says

Age Appropriate For: 15 and up for romance

Best for Ages: 15 and up

Okay, I admit, I put off reading this book for one reason and one reason only – all the hype. The last book I read because of the hype (that was traditionally published) ended up being a major disappointment. I finally decided to read this book, and I have to say that it lived up to the hype.

White has a wonderful style of writing and a wonderful way of making her characters feel unique. I discovered that in *Ring of Secrets*. However, this book was even better. Everything about it just felt rich, beautiful, and perfect.

With the exception of one scene where I thought the kissing was a bit much, the romance was my favorite that I've read in a long time. While there are some of the typical issues that are found in a romance, (I can't tell them this thing or that I love them), the characters actions and motivations were understandable. There were a couple of moments that I nearly cried, the pain felt so real.

I loved the beautiful settings and the rich historical backdrop of the story. The time was a mix of old horses and cars, of etiquette and throwing off of tradition, the old and new clashing and mixing. The different cultures represented in the story only made it richer.

The mystery that was part of the story was wonderful. It propelled the story forward, kept me guessing, and the conclusion was wonderful. I look forward to reading more in this series and by this author.

I highly recommend this book to those who like romance, historical fiction, and compelling characters.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #1 in the “*Ladies of the Manor*” series.

Spiritual Content- Many Prayers; Bible reading & talks about Bible reading; Talks about curses & the Lord; Talks about God, forgiveness, & trust; 'H's are capital when referring to God; Many, many Scriptures are mentioned & remembered; Mentions of faiths; Mentions of Church going; Mentions of Prayers & the Lord; Mentions of Bible reading;

*Note: a ‘godforsaken’, a ‘how the devil’, two ‘why the devil’s; Mentions of the devil (a man and a horse are called one); Many mentions and stories of curses & angry gods.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a ‘buck up’, a ‘dumb’, two ‘by thunder’, two ‘deuces’s, two forms of ‘drat’, two ‘what/who in blazes’; three ‘shut up’s, six ‘idiot’s, eight forms of ‘blast’, 18 ‘stupid’s; Mentions of curses said but not written; A bit of sarcasm; Pain, Blood, Guns & Slapping (semi-detailed); Reading & Nightmares from Dracula; Justin’s father loves to gamble; A mention of slitting someone’s throat; Mentions of wine; Mentions of casinos, drinking & gambling; Mentions of drunks & pubs; Mentions of blood & violence; Many mentions of killing & murder.

Sexual Content- Hand kisses, two head kisses, ten barely-above-not-detailed kisses, four semi-detailed kisses, four forced semi-detailed kisses, a boarder-line semi-detailed //detailed kiss, and a detailed kiss; Brotherly & Welcoming kisses; Remembering a kiss (barely-above-not-detailed); Wanting to kiss; Touches & grabs (up to semi-detailed); Noticing (x2); Flirting; Pratt gazes & leers at women; Brook thinks/thought she was an illegitimate daughter; A jerk wants to sleep with Deirde, but she doesn't want to (and they don't); A jerk forces himself on Deirde & plants a hard kiss on her (semi-detailed); *Spoiler* (view spoiler)*End of Spoiler*; A mention of a man in a woman's bed; A mention of dismissing a servant who was caught alone with a village boy; Mentions of having a mistresses (Justin says he will not have one); Mentions of women as playthings; Mentions of affairs & rumored affairs; Mentions of illegitimate children; Mentions of men getting women with children; *Spoiler* (view spoiler) *End of Spoiler*; A mentions of a honeymoon; Love, falling in love & the emotions;

*Note: A mention of a girl's figure; Mentions of breeding horses.

-Brook Eden, age 18

-Justin Wildon, age 25

P.O.V. switches between them, & Deirde

Set in 1910-1911

439 pages

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## Pre Teens- One Star

New Teens- One Star

Early High School Teens- Two Stars (and a half)-ish

Older High School Teens- Four Stars-ish

My personal Rating- Four Stars-ish

Oh. I really should give "*The Lost Heiress*" a 3.5 star rating...but *oh*. I so enjoyed it. I really like Lost Princess stories (the Barbie movie was my favorite when I was little), so I had high hopes for this one. The outward appearance of the novel is quite beautiful, especially the spine and back cover. At first, I was overwhelmed with the Character List at the beginning, but by 50 pages in, I had who's who. Some parts reminded me of "*Echoes of Mercy*" by Kim Vogel Sawyer, a favorite 4-star of mine. This one didn't have the villain's POV, though, which was nice. I really ought to give a bit of a lower rating due to the kisses & Pratt, but since it's been so long since I really truly enjoyed a historical novel! And ohmygoodness, Brook has to be one of the best heroines I've read all year. "*The Lost Heiress*" was very well written, with humor (I laughed many times), drama, love & Faith.

Link to review:

<http://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot...>

\*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

\*I received this book for free from the Publisher (Bethany House Publishers) for this review.

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## Dina Sleiman says

Roseanna White is my favorite author. Her stories always have such interesting history, philosophy, and spirituality woven together with the romance. I love everything she writes, and I'm excited that she has taken her stories to Edwardian England for a fun new twist. If you enjoy *The Lost Heiress*, give her Biblical novels a chance too. Those are my very favorites.

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## Hannah says

Such a delightful book! Lots of details and plenty of drama. If you love sweeping historical dramas, with past tragedy and murder and missing cursed gemstones....well, I can't say enough good about this tale. It absorbed me all the way from beginning to end. Now I am so eager for book two to be published, though I dread the wait for book three. Especially since we know that the last remaining conspirator is just waiting to strike again!

I loved Brook and I loved Justin and I loved Whitby. And the supporting characters, from Dierdre right down to Aunt Mary, who faints when she pleases...well, all of them are so well drawn that they seem very real. I kept thinking things were going to happen...like perhaps Whitby really wasn't her father, or perhaps she and Justin were going to quarrel, or perhaps she would come to grief on the powerful stallion Oscuro and not get to learn to drive, or that her cousins would hate her and conspire against her because of the inheritance, or that Pratt will do his best to ruin her...well, some of it happens and some doesn't, and you'll just have to read the book to find out! Which is exactly what you ought to do!



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## Virginia Campbell says

Author Roseanna M. White begins her "Ladies of the Manor" series with "The Lost Heiress", an Inspirational Historical Romance set in the early twentieth century. Although her childhood is spent in the royal palace of Monaco, Brook Eden bears a British birthright with uncertain origins. Raised by the royal family, the Grimaldis, Brook was once thought to be the illegitimate daughter of Prince Louis, heir to the throne, and opera diva Collette Sabatini. After that assumption proves false, mystery remains as to the truth of Brook's ancestry. Determined to find her real family, Brook seeks help from her lifelong friend, Justin Wildon, Lord Harlow. When Justin travels to England to further his education, Brook asks him to investigate her lineage, and he discovers that she is actually the Baroness of Berkley, and heiress to a sizable estate. Her real father, the Earl of Whitby, is alive and anxious to finally meet her. Travel to the estate of her newly-found family brings a few answers and even more questions. A tragic history may be repeating itself, and Brook will need the strength of her faith and the support of her dear friend Justin to help her courage remain steadfast. Justin has his own issues of inheritance to deal with, and as changing circumstances bring about new responsibilities, the relationship between Justin and Brook also changes. Has the friendship that began so long ago deepened into the love of a lifetime? Can the bond they share survive threats to their happiness and grow into a future filled with joy? "The Lost Heiress" is an involving, intriguing Inspirational Historical Romance from author Roseanna M. White.

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## Rachelle Cobb says

I'm a huge fan of Roseanna White's--I've read and adored every single one of her novels and novellas. I'm so glad I recently read *The Lost Heiress*; it was just as amazing as I thought it would be!

Brook is just the kind of heroine I love having for a friend for a few hundred pages; and there were several hundred pages worth of her story to enjoy. Not that I'm complaining. By the time I reached the last quarter of the book, I didn't want it to end. But at the same time, I wanted to know the answer to the great mystery revolving around Brook's mother.

A mystery we wouldn't have even known about had it not been for Justin, Brook's friend who enables her to return to her family. I loved that the first couple chapters of Brook's story loosely mirrors the plot of Lori Wick's *The Hawk and the Jewel*--that whole raised-in-another-country bit was fascinating. But it was also over and done with pretty quickly; Roseanna situates us back in England fairly soon so that the real fun can begin.

And that real fun involves a softly unfolding romance, complete with misinterpreted feelings, danger, bungled plots by well-meaning (or not so well-meaning) characters. I so enjoyed this story and how it evokes all the reasons I love *Downton Abbey* in a clean, Christian read perfect for a late-summer vacation or autumnal enjoyment. I highly recommend Roseanna White's latest!

\*Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from the author.

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## **Staci says**

A fine English novel with a hint of Russia (Anastasia).

Brook simply wants to know her heritage, whatever it might be and discovers she could be an heiress. Justin is her long time friend that helps Brook learn her true identity.

I enjoyed Justin and Brook's story. They are both likable and strong characters. I especially enjoyed Brook's independent spirit. While I admired Brook's strong character, I was a bit frustrated on how she could forgive one character beyond reason and have no forgiveness for a character more worthy. There was some mystery woven into the story and a bit of suspense.

Overall, it was a good read and I recommend it to fans of historical fiction.

Thanks to Bethany House for a copy of the novel. The views expressed are my own.

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## **Deon says**

This was a great read!! History + Romance + Mystery. Can't wait for the next book in the series!

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## **Anne Campbell says**

Definitely five big stars for this dramatic, suspenseful, inspirational, historical romance. I'd love to see this made into a movie--or better yet, a TV series?

You take one young woman, the illegitimate daughter of the famous actress Collette Sabatini and supposedly Prince Louis Grimaldi--but then Brook finds out the actress and the prince are not even remotely related to her. The actress dies without telling Brook who her parents are, but not without giving her a pearl necklace and several letters written by someone to her real mother, a woman who died in a tragic accident when Brook was a baby.

And then you take one young nobleman, Justin, heir to a dukedom and her best friend, and you send him from Monaco to England with one of the letters. He's going to college, but he tells young Brook he will search for her relatives. He finds some answers, but many more questions.

Why did Brook's mother run away from her husband's estate in the middle of a dark, stormy night? Why did she beg Collette with her dying breath to take Brook far away and pretend the child was the actress's own? Why does Brook's father know nothing about the pearl necklace? What is there about that handsome gentleman that makes her heart go ice cold? Will her best friend become more than a friend? And why does she have the same nightmare every night?

The answers--most of them--can be found in this book. Plus one more question.

Available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Christian Book Distributors. Hurry.

I was given a free copy of this book in return for an honest review.

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## **Lori says**

I think it was a wonderful novel! This is also the first book I've read by Roseanna White. I have found a new author to enjoy. I like Roseanna's writing style. She has written in a way that makes u want to connect to the characters. I really connected with Brook because in a way I'm much like her. I too was raised by someone else but unlike her I never found my real family. Brook is an awesome person! I think that if I'd have met my real family I would have felt just like Brook. But like Brook I would eventually have found my place as God had intended.

Justin I definitely would want to meet him if he were a real person! What a sweetheart to stand by and always want to protect Brook. They were made for each other.

I had a feel Pratt was up to no good when I first met him at the beginning of the story.

Roseanna described him perfectly! I definitely know that Satan got a hold of him and didn't let go.

Good always wins over evil. Jesus teaches that prayer is always important in our daily lives.

Brook kept her faith throughout this entire story and I loved her for it.

I admired Justin for sticking right by Brook through her entire ordeal right up until the end of the story.

I really liked Brooks father. He seemed like a real down to earth person like my father in law is. How he knew Brook was his real daughter I don't know but a father knows.

I would reread this book again. I just love happy endings! Please keep the stories coming Roseanna!

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