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Deanna Raybourn Lady Julia Grey Volume 2: Dark Road To Darjeeling\The Dark Enquiry\Silent Night Bonus Story (A Lady Julia Grey Mystery)





Synopsis

Re-visit Deanna Raybourn's adored Lady Julia Grey's Victorian mystery series, and be carried off by adventure in this first-time digital collection of books four, five and a bonus novella! **DARK ROAD TO DARJEELING: Book 4** After eight idyllic months in the Mediterranean, Lady Julia Grey and her detective husband are ready to put their investigative talents to work once more. At the urging of Julia's eccentric family, they hurry to India to aid an old friend, the newly-widowed Jane Cavendish. Living on the Cavendish tea plantation with the remnants of her husband's family, Jane is consumed with the impending birth of her child—and with discovering the truth about her husband's death. Was he murdered for his estate? And if he was, could Jane and her unborn child be next? **THE DARK ENQUIRY: Book 5** Lady Julia and Nicholas Brisbane have finally returned from abroad to London. But merging their respective households leaves little room for the newlyweds themselves, let alone Brisbane's private enquiry business. Among the more unlikely clients: Julia's very proper brother, Lord Bellmont, who swears Brisbane to secrecy. Not about to be left out of anything concerning her family, Julia soon picks up the trail of the investigation. It leads to the exclusive Spirit Club, where the alluring Madame Saphire holds evening soirees—and not a few powerful gentlemen in thrall. From this eerie enclave unfolds a lurid tangle of murder, espionage and blackmail. Bristling at the tension it causes between them, the Brisbanes find they must unite or fall. For Bellmont's sake—and more—they'll face myriad dangers born of dark secrets: the kind men kill to keep.

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Customer Reviews

Dark Road to Darjeeling is a nice mystery with the clues there if you look. For me, hindsight is 20/20, so I missed some of the clues, especially in the subplots. In this novel, our intrepid couple is off to India at the request of Portia (Julia's sister) and Jane (Portia's true love, who married to have a conventional family). The descriptions of the land reminded me of Amelia Peabody, although Julia is far more accepting of the culture. I really enjoyed this one and kept on reading. The Dark Enquiry has so much going on that it is hard to review without spoilers. Spiritualism and murder are upfront issues as well as the most staid of the March family sowing wild oats. There were so many possible villains -- I did not expect the one that emerged. This one is a cracking good mystery. Silent Night isn't really a mystery at all; there's no murder to solve. There are odd goings on and of course we have Julia and Brisbane and Julia's family. It does take place at Christmas, so there is the draw of the holiday. Overall, it was a gentle story that let me spend time with a couple of my favorite characters. It's really only for series fans, though. It's hard to settle on stars for this collection. There's a cracking good mystery, a good one, and then there's the non-mystery. I think I will settle on four stars because it is an uneven collection.

I enjoy the clever banter and familial nature of these stories. Glimpses of Victorian England and the changing lives of that era, with the advent of trains, the telephone and women's lives. Also enjoy the relationship between Julia and Brisbane very much. How can you go wrong with half Scot and half gypsy?

Great books to read at night before bed. Interesting and engaging but not so compelling that I can't fall asleep. Strange praise, I know, but I need books like that in my life! They hit the spot!

I loved the writing, the characters, and the situations these ladies continually get into. It is a fun series, and I would love to purchase more of her books!

Love these books!

great reading!

Great escape.

At the end of the previous novel, Lady Julia and Brisbane, after an amazing sequence of "yes/no" reversals, had finally recognized their love for each other and gotten married. That, for me, created a hope that in the next novel, they would mature in their interactions, but--unfortunately--that was not the case, and we are left with another situation where they hide secrets and work as much against each other as with each other. And that is why I'm not likely to read any more books in this series. That said, the setting of this novel (India) is portrayed richly, and some of the secondary characters do develop and change (Portia and Plum, for instance). I may, I suppose, come back at some point, but for now I am jumping ship and looking for some new series to pursue.

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