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Pursuing The Governess



Synopsis

When a simple governess pulled from the dregs of 1800 London is thrown into fine society no one expected that she would attract the attentions of one of London's noblest catches as much to the consternation of those of better heritage that now surround her... For five cruel years Martha Nash is forced to live among the dregs of society in the alleyways of London. Such crowded and mean streets are no place for a woman. Driven to despair she is caught stealing a loaf of bread and finds herself in Newgate Prison awaiting an awful fate. Then, as if by a miracle, she is released into the custody of the fine society woman, Lady Juliana, and becomes an indispensable companion to her mistress, and a governess to her children. All seems well until the dashing Carlton Southey walks into their lives, throwing the lowly governess into an uncertain whirlwind of love, jealousy and passion that stands in the face of a world that says such things should simply not be.

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Customer Reviews

The story was good, but the ending felt very abrupt. The H and h didn't really have any interaction at all, but they fell in love. Then there was a lot of loose ends, I would have liked more interaction and an ending that tied up all the loose ends. The Lord seemed standoffish, stern, and indecisive. The governess was not wealthy but not poor until both her parents got typhoid and died. I don't want to spoil anything, but three sentences could tell the book. Needed more talking between the hero and heroine and I needed an epilogue to finish it off.

This story showed how people of England started realizing how the prisons were full of children who didn't do anything but we're there because their mother or other women stole food.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading "Pursuing the Governess" and recommend this book and author to all who enjoy a bit of escape with a sweet, clean romance. A little escape from the harsh reality of life can be a breath of fresh air we all desire in troubling times.

I really enjoyed this book and would indeed definitely recommend that others also read. I look forward to reading many more written by Charity McColl

I Enjoyed the book. Interesting.

Good job writing

Although I enjoyed this book, I feel like it was not realistic for the time period. It is a stretch for a titled man like Lord Carlton Southey, to offer for a well connected governess. For him to offer to someone so far below his station and who was a prisoner in Newgate? This is not going to happen. It is so against society norms that the couple would be ostracized. Martha Nash, the governess would be snubbed everywhere, even by her own servants - who are the most snobby and class conscious of them all. Another questionable aspect to this book is that the Lady Juliana Burton even hiring a prison inmate as a governess. This would never happen. If one could suspend their doubts, this is a nice story.

This was a very good read! I truly enjoyed it. I love the way poor sweet Martha was rescued from Newgate by Julianna. And the way she went from living on the streets to Newgate prison to governess to falling in love with Lord Southy and becoming his intended wife. Truly a great short read I highly recommend it!

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