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Jessamine's Folly



Synopsis

“Love is the wisdom of the fool and the folly of the wise.” – Samuel Johnson
After her estate is entailed away, Jessamine Foster has no choice but to live with relatives who detest her. When her aunt gives her an ultimatum to leave, Jessamine accepts a position as companion to Lord Kirkendale’s sister—even though she’s been warned her predecessors can’t seem to resist the earl’s exceptional good looks. Can Jessamine manage to hold onto her job without losing her heart? To honor a promise made to his dying father, Lord Kirkendale agrees to an arranged marriage to a woman he cannot love. Although he is resigned to a life without sentiment, the arrival of his sister’s new companion awakens a slumbering passion. Can he find a way to secure his own happiness without sacrificing his family’s honor, or will his broken promise result in the ruination of the person he loves most? A hopelessly romantic, blush-free Edwardian-era romance!

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Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I just wish that it had been longer. I was so surprised when the

opening scene was a funeral. That was a first for me. In a way it is a Cinderella story. Orphaned girl treated terribly and forced to live in the attics (third floor, actually), meets handsome prince (Earl in this case), defeats the wicked stepmother (Aunt and cousin) and lives happily ever after. But it is written in such a charming and witty manner, with twists and turns to keep your interest all the way. The epilogue was one of the best that I have ever read. Suzanne Rogers has a new fan!! I do have one question, though. The cover of the book is beautiful but it caused me to pass this book over several times. I have a pet peeve for historical heroines wearing prom-type dresses. I have looked on several websites and cannot find a dress like this one. Low cut dresses were fashionable for evening but I can't find any that are strapless. The dress was worn first by the heroine's mother (1880ish by my estimation) and recreated for her in the early 1900s. Were there actually strapless dresses at this time? This inquiring mind wants to know. Readers will not find any language or sexual situations to offend them.

Good always wins over evil. Great flow to the book. Loved all the description of the time period. Will look for another book by this author. Reading her style is like sitting escaping life's problems for a short time.

What a lovely Victorian romance! A courageous heroine in the style of Austen's *Sense & Sensibility* whose world falls apart, mingled with Bronte's *Jane Eyre* -- you can't go wrong with this if you're a true romantic!

As an avid reader, it is not very often I am surprised by story lines and twists. S.G. Rogers delivers a wonderful story full of unexpected turns. This is a delightful read, and one I had difficulty putting down. I will look for more work by this author.

Jessamine's Folly by Suzanne G. Rogers is a very clean but truly entertaining Edwardian period romance. Ms. Rogers gives the reader an interesting glimpse in life in that period as she slowly but steadily weaves a captivating tale of love, loss, betrayal, greed, loyalty, friendship and love. In other words, human nature. Customs may change, but people and their motives don't. I really like Ms. Rogers' writing and this work does not disappoint. In the face of challenges that would destroy most people, Jessamine keeps moving through twists and turns toward an unknown future with dignity, grace and spunk. Thankfully, she is not a whiner. As with most fiction, I had to suspend some sense of reality, but not too much. This is a great read for a rainy day and is easy to finish in one day.

A delightful read with Cinderella influences. It's always a pleasure to find an author that doesn't pepper the story with profanity or needless sex scenes. This story is a G read. Hurray! It's also nice to read a proofed and edited novel, professionally done. A+ My only confusion is, what is the time period? She talked about electric lights which would place it early to mid 1900's but it reads like a regency era novel. The references to electricity kept jerking me out of my era. Maybe I just didn't place the book in the right century. It's for certain the cover isn't regency era! Sex: none, mild kissing Profanity: none Violence: none Objectionable content: discussion of prostitution.

This enjoyable tale of early 20th century life in England was a fun read. It shows a side of life that quite possibly existed at that period of time. Showing how human nature doesn't change over the years. Loved the ending

This is an entertaining story, eliciting feelings of anger, sympathy, sorrow, frustration, joy.... And back around again! Jessamine is such a lovely young woman that you find yourself absolutely wanting to fight for her to achieve the happiness she deserves in life. To have the good fortune to find herself in the employ of Earl Dallas Kirkendale as companion to his younger sister, Amelie gives hope that her life will right itself. Awwwww, but things don't always go as we think they should. The epilogue is priceless!!!! We should each be reminded that we should. "do unto others...". Loved this story!!!

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