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Warleggan: A Novel Of Cornwall, 1792-1793



Synopsis

When Ross Poldark plunges into a highly speculative mining venture, he risks not only his family's financial security but also his already turbulent marriage. When his old flame, Elizabeth Warleggan, reenters his life, Ross is tested like never before. But soon his wife, Demelza, retaliates, becoming dangerously involved with a handsome Scottish cavalry officer of her own. With the looming threat of bankruptcy and scandal, the Poldarks now face the possibility of disaster on all fronts. Will they be able to keep it together before everything falls apart? A tale of romance, revenge, and risk, Warleggan brings you characters and rivalries you won't soon forget.

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Customer Reviews

Ross and Demelza move into a settled and content period in their marriage only disturbed by Ross's unquenchable need for risk and adventure. He sets out on a mission to rescue Dwight Enys from a French prisoner of war camp and Well you will have to read the book to find out the outcome. Meanwhile the Warleggans appear to be heading for a disturbing chapter in their relationship as George has had his thoughts poisoned by aged Aunt Agatha as to the real sire of his son Valentine.

I love the Poldark series. I think the author is very creative and adds interesting events to make it captivating and truly interesting. Also, there is a spectrum of great characters that are so colorful and engaging that one wants to know more. I love Demelza, I love the way she loves Ross, her life, who she is and how she approaches things, her strength and beliefs. So when Ross did what he

did, it almost broke my heart. I was heartbroken with her. I was betrayed by Ross. I loved Ross, for the rebel he was, for the person who helped his poor and hardworking tenants. I do understand, Elizabeth was his love and was denied him, but really? It was too much to handle to be betrayed by a character like that. I know his life was not easy, constantly fighting for survival, but he had a loving wife, a child, a place to live, people who loved him and looked up to him, work and trust. So sad.

Ross and Demelza continue to struggle from within and without, heartbreaking at times and eloquently written. Just as the reader thinks things cannot get any bleaker, surprises unfold. Always superbly written and a tale that will promise to divert.

I liked the recent TV production so I decided to try the first book. I loved it, wished it wouldn't end, and luckily there are several more books. You will get to know and sympathize with these characters and one book will draw you to the next. I imagine, in a year or two, I will reread them. Oh, and I've gotten a couple of other people hooked on them.

After watching the PBS Poldark series which covers the first two books by Winston Graham I purchased the third and fourth books and have enjoyed them also. Sometimes the way they speak is hard to understand though and I find myself reading a sentence a couple of times.

Spoiler alert...don't read until after you have read the book...At THE pivotal point of the story I literally said out loud, "Oh, Ross!" like he could hear me. I mean come on, Demelza is the epitome of a good wife! How could you, Ross. How could you! I was actually hoping that the way it was written was going to leave wiggle room for this not to have happened, like later we would find out that Ross put Elizabeth in the bed and then walked away. But nope, he did the deed. OH ROSS!!!

Of the twelve Poldark books, this (Book 4) is my favorite. There is one calamity after another and some good resolutions and some not so good. Ross and Elizabeth are not quite yet finished with each other and the marriage of Ross and Demelza becomes unsteady. To tell more would spoil it for those who have not read it. Winston Graham writes the most realistic and likeable characters. Even his villain has likeable qualities and the reader can't quite hate him.

Winston Graham series. Enjoyed the TV program which actually stayed pretty true to the books. Currently on book 5 and they are slow but steady and the characters hold my interest, however I

have a huge capacity for what bores others. Have read quite a few novels in the 1780 through Napoleonic wars, particularly those dealing with the British Navy. While these are more of a domestic tale, the period is interesting to me.

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