

## ?BOOKS? ☆ A Lady Julia Grey Bundle Author Deanna Raybourn – Soccerjerseys- wholesale.co

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Full of dysfunctional family fun, but a little too much descriptive fluff for my liking Can t wait for number book five as long as she leaves out the mummy babies. I received this bundle for a very low price on my kindle I never expected to enjoy it as much as I did Historical Mystery is not always my thing I read them straight through and immediately got the next few Here is a review of each book as I read it SILENT IN THE GRAVE 3.75 stars I couldn t give it 4, but it is than 3.5.I m not really sure how I feel about this yet I definitely liked it enough to keep reading the series But I am a little torn It wasn t what I expected at all Not in a good or bad way Just unexpected. There was quite a bit of what I call filler info Maybe that is on par with other Victorian mystery novels, but there was a lot of information that wasn t necessary Tiny little details that you really don t need to hear about Though, I suppose for a mystery, that makes sense It is all in the details when one is trying to weed out a murderer. As a character, Julia becomes likable as the story unfolds In the beginning she is not vapid, but she is not particularly interesting Only after the death of her husband and encouragement from her sister to be bold does she allow herself to open up and try to enjoy her life Julia s family are not backwards thinkers, quite the opposite, but some things are shocking no matter what. Several times during the story, I wanted to be shocked I kept thinking, meh, I need something juicy Maybe it is my modern way of thinking I certainly do not live under Victorian Era standards, but I wanted SOMETHING I got than I bargained for in the end Eek

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Nicholas Brisbane is appealing as hell Kind of a jerk, the kind of bad boy that we all love to hate and love to love at the same time But he isn t a complete ass He has redeemable qualities He isn t perfect, despite what some people say in their reviews I think he is very flawed Yes, he plays instruments, he speaks languages There is a reason for that, and it all unfolds very slowly So, I guess I liked it I want.SILENT IN THE SANCTUARY 3.5 StarsI do love how well researched these books are And the language is on par with the time period I have often read Victorian novels or novels set in other times that do not correctly reflect the mannerisms or speech of the people of the time It is really off putting and makes it difficult for me to read Thankfully, that is not the case in the Julia Grey Novels.I love Julia Brisbane s constant bickering and back and forth It creates a tension which is altogether delicious Though it make you want something to happen and become frustrated when it doesn t Sometimes though, the anticipation can be better than the act itself I m hoping that isn t the case, but I am enjoying the ride nonetheless.I like how ridiculous Julia s family is as well The fact that they accept one another, despite their abundance of flaws is, for lack of a better word, awesome And quite entertaining They all have quirks and mannerisms that can be annoying but the author manages to portray them with a sense of humor through Julia s eyes I have grown to like Julia s voice a good deal as well She isn t a meek little mouse, and we all know that I love that less SILENT ON THE MOOR Julia Grey does not disappoint in her adventures This installment of the Julia Grey series was a bit morbid than the previous 2 books There is much truth about the age in which it was set, but not necessarily something that you want to think about Or read about It did not deter me from soldiering on and plowing through it, though I am a sucker for romance, and we finally get a little bit of it in the end I have read that many people aren t fond of Brisbane They believe he is too perfect, too well read, too intelligent I disagree He is completly flawed Sure, he is well versed in many ways, but that is becuase he had to be In order to achieve the life he wanted, he had to learn these things It is an admirable trait, though the reasons behind doing what he did are not entirely admirable I think he is a perfect match for Julia Their flaws are what make them so well suited for each other Silent on the Moor brings us further

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into Brisbane's history. We get a lot of information about his past. Something that Julia has been salivating for. It is presented in typical Deanna Raybourn fashion: a mystery of course. One filled with quite a few unexpected twists and turns. I did not really expect any of it, which is what makes a great book. Sometimes mysteries can be predictable, and sometimes a piece of a plot just seems obvious, but I don't think that was the case here. The series appeals to me on a number of levels. Julia herself is a fantastic character and her growth throughout the novels is amazing. She's a dormant little mouse to start with, but as she discovers her true self, she begins to blossom. Her family—she's one of nine siblings—are all fantastic. I love reading about her siblings and how they just literally waltz into her life. Seriously, the beginning of the fourth book has Julia's meal in Europe interrupted when two of her siblings just randomly show up and everyone acts like it's a normal thing. The mysteries are engaging as well, though I do admit to largely skimming the third book because I was so eager to see what happened to Julia and Nicholas that I skipped ahead to their scenes. I wound up staying up until 9 a.m. this morning to finish all three books if that says anything. Has one of the best opening paragraphs that sets the tone for the rest of the series. There are now five books in the Lady Julia Grey series. I suggest that the reader ignore the bodice-buster art work of the covers and settle in for an excellent mystery with fascinating characters. The author is a master of story telling. Julia comes from an extended family of non-conformists, all named for a Shakespearean character. Nicholas Brisbane brings to the stories his role as a private investigator, given to horrendous attacks of migraines, and his own off-the-beaten-track family members. Set at the turn of the century, Lady Julia is a woman of independence and spirit, determined to play a part in her husband's mysteries. If you read the FIRST of the series, you will be hooked. Deanna Raybourn had me with the first line of the first book in the series. If you've read it, you'll know what I mean. I could hardly put my kindle down until I'd finished the third, bowled over by the level of research and descriptions of life in late Victorian England. The third book, *Silent In The Grave*, is extraordinary. Raybourn's hero, Nicholas Brisbane, is a smoldering, flawed Heathcliff, although blessed with finer qualities, in a *Wuthering Heights*, Yorkshire setting. Add a touch

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of murder and a dash of Egyptology to the mix But be warned these books are not bodice rippers, Raybourn leaves much to our imaginations Traveling with these two characters who so clearly yearn for each other, I had no trouble doing that. I've loved mysteries, ever since starting out as a girl with Nancy Drew I eventually moved on to Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Dorothy L Sayers I also love to read historical romance, especially Regency and Victorian. So how could I help loving the Lady Julia Grey books Simple I couldn't The three books in this very nicely priced ebook bundle were much mystery than romance, but that's okay They were engaging and well constructed The underlying romance which in these three books take Julia and Brisbane from first meeting to marriage is subtle but gripping Brisbane is such a delicious, deeply layered character. Wonderful loved this series and look forward to continued reading adventures by Deanna Raybourn The characters captured my heart and brought me through many exciting mystery s. I'm not sure what to say about these books. I'm conflicted If I'd bought the first one individually I may not have continued on in the series I believe in realism and don't mind a little dysfunctional in any family situation it can make things interesting This first book and this family well everything that could be wrong is A love triangle between men STDs, prostitution, lesbianism, racism, betrayal, adultery, all this in the family Then you have a man that not only can see what can happen but can supposedly take the form of a cat I didn't know what to think about that one and I think the author almost tried too hard to prove her heroine and her family were not your run of the mill ordinary people by piling on so many instances of out of the ordinary things that it pushed the bounds of even believable fiction It was distracting and really not necessary for the story. Having said all that I did like the two main characters and stuck it out for the two next stories More than anything I wanted to find out what happened with them. The second story was very nearly tame in comparison Some near family scandals past and present a thief to stop and of course a murder to solve The whole time the couple fights their feelings for each other In the third things get strange again There are many answers to questions from the series Lots of Egyptian relics are found including mummified babies and I had to wonder whether Brisbane or the author is confusing yes, no,

yes, no I can't really get into the strangeness without giving away spoilers, so I won't go there. I was satisfied with the ending and I'll probably stop my adventures with Lady Julia here. As I already said, I liked the two main characters but thought the author tried too hard to make sure they weren't your average couple just his history and her hooking up with him would have been unusual enough. Add in maybe one or two of those things from the first book and it would have been plenty. This felt like I do after Thanksgiving dinner bloated with way too much to be comfortable.

To Say That I Met Nicholas Brisbane Over My Husband's Dead Body Is Not Entirely Accurate Edward, It Should Be Noted, Was Still Twitching On The Floor Starting With Her Husband's Sudden Death, Stubborn Lady Julia Grey Is Swept Into A World Of Deceit, By Following Enigmatic Attractive Private Investigator Nicholas Brisbane From Victorian London Society To A Hectic Family Holiday To Madness On The Moors Of Yorkshire Silent In The Grave Silent In The Sanctuary Silent On The Moor



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## A LADY JULIA GREY BUNDLE

