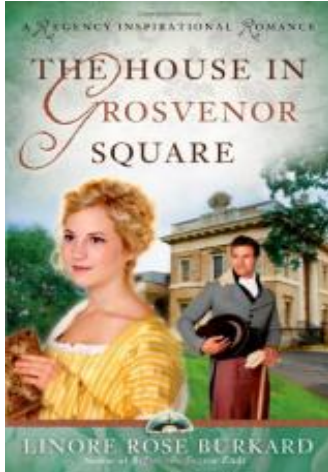

The House in Grosvenor Square: A Regency Inspirational Romance

by Linore Rose Burkard



About the Book

Readers who loved the author's first book, **Before the Season Ends**, will delight in this charming sequel set in Regency London.

As Ariana Forsythe plans her wedding to Philip Mornay, she must adjust to the realization that she is soon to become the wife of an extremely wealthy man. She wonders if it's wrong to rejoice that her future husband is rich. But she promises herself to use her new position to do what she can to aid the numerous street waifs she sees all too often in London.

During a tour of her future home --- the house in Grosvenor Square --- Ariana makes plans to redecorate according to her tastes. But when Philip arrives home later, he is informed that an expensive silver candlestick and a miniature portrait of George III have gone missing. Moreover, each time Ariana visits the house, accompanied by a friend or relation, another item disappears.

Shortly thereafter Ariana is abducted as she leaves a performance at Covent Garden Theatre, leaving Philip to unravel the pieces of the mystery. Where has his future bride been taken, and by whom? For what reason? How does Ariana's faith play a role?

Finally, after the safe return of his intended, how does Philip --- a man of intense discrimination in his tastes --- find the many alterations in his house? And what on earth is behind the sudden influx of bills from every charity in London, all thanking him profusely for his uncommon generosity? Will he have second thoughts about his future bride?

Readers will find romance, intrigue, humor, and inspiration in this new book of spirited romance for the Jane Austen soul.

Discussion Guide

1. What was the most pleasant surprise for you in **The House in Grosvenor Square**?
2. Which character would you say is your favorite, and why?
3. Does a character need to be somewhat heroic to qualify as a favorite for you? Why or why not?
4. Many of the characters are given opportunities to act heroically in this story. Which character is most heroic? Talk about what makes him or her most heroic.
5. How are the qualities of the most heroic character godly? Name a character quality from this person that you would like to have more of in yourself.
6. Ariana Forsythe says she would have had a much worse time during her abductions if not for her faith. How did her faith help her to cope with the dangerous situations? If you were in her place, would you have fared as well? Why or why not?
7. Can you envision yourself relying on God in a dire situation and having good results? Why or why not?
8. Mrs. Bentley turns to the prayer book (**The Book of Common Prayer**) for comfort after her niece has been abducted. She asks Mr. Pellham to pray with her and then feels better afterward. Do you feel better after praying for something that's been bothering you? Explain to someone else what it is about praying that makes you feel better (God's faithfulness, your trust in Him, your experience in the past, and so forth).
9. Antoine Holliwell repents of his foolish past even before he entertains the idea of coming to faith in Christ. Can living right be its own reward? How so?
10. Is being good sufficient cause for a person to go to heaven when they die? Why or why not?

Author Bio

Linore Rose Burkard lives with her husband and five children in a town full of antique stores and gift shops in southwestern Ohio. Raised in New York, she graduated magna cum laude from the City University of New York with a Bachelor of Arts in English literature. A longtime fan of Jane Austen and Georgette Heyer, Linore delights in bringing Regency England to life for today's reader.

Critical Praise

"I'm rapidly becoming a fan of Regency romantic fiction, especially when it's written by Linore Rose Burkard! With a rich and authentic voice, eye for detail and a wit that fits my personality style, the sequel to her successful novel, *Before the Season Ends*

, is just as wonderful."

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