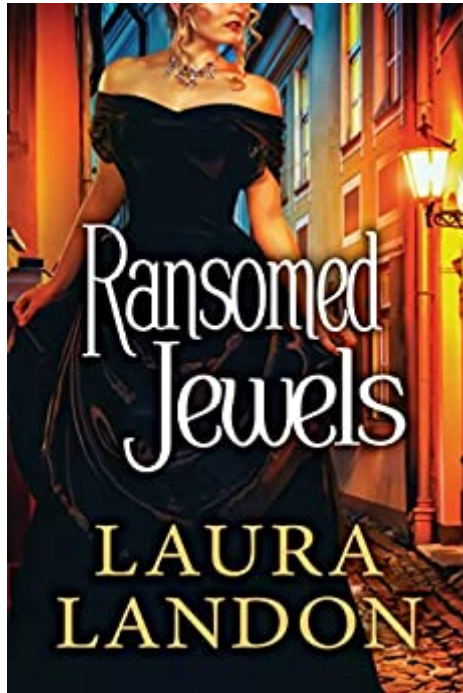




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Ransomed Jewels



Synopsis

With her husband's dying words, "My marchioness has it," the Marchioness of Huntingdon is thrown into a nightmare of intrigue and danger. But even those who are holding her brother ransom can't force her to do the impossible—hand over a necklace she doesn't have. Major Samuel Bennett believes the newly widowed Lady Claire Huntingdon is a traitor. He intends to get the necklace he's convinced she has, before sending her to the gallows. But when he meets the captivating widow, he discovers that nothing is as it seems. Claire knows she can't trust anyone, but she isn't given a choice when Major Bennett arrives, demanding she give him the necklace. And it isn't until she's forced to put her life in his hands that she realizes it isn't only her life she's in danger of losing—but her heart as well.

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Customer Reviews

I have read many of Laura Landon's books, but this one is little different from some of her other stories. Yet this story is wonderful and heartwarming. This book is full of political intrigue, deception,

treason, and bravery. Claire, the main character in this story, finds herself in the middle of these horrific circumstances. It is through her strength of character that she is able to survive all the lies and intrigue surrounding her. Major Samuel Bennett helps Claire uncover all the secrets and life threatening circumstances surrounding her life. He is also able to bring life and true love into her life. This is truly a wonderful book. Once I started reading, I couldn't put it down. There are a lot of twists and surprises in the plot. Job well done Ms. Landon!

This is a spectacular mystery/romance. Both categories are hard to do well singularly. Laura has constructed a very compelling and complex mystery and combined that with a deeply moving love story. This is excellent. The surprises and unique plot twists continued to keep me intrigued. I read it in one sitting. Couldn't put it down. It looks like it may be the first in a series which I will certainly follow. The secondary characters definitely need their own stories. Can't wait!

Ransomed Jewels is by Laura Landon. It is the first in a four-book series by the same name. I read the fourth book before realizing it was a series and came back to this one to start over. I realized that the details of this book make things that happened in the fourth book make sense. Therefore, I recommend the books be read in sequence. The book is well written and is very realistic as to the era. Major Samuel Bennett watches as his friend and fellow agent entered the *Armor & Co's* Inn pub. He looked like he fit in well with those men who were in the pub. Hunt did not look like a Marquess. Sam followed Hunt to his room where they talked. Hunt had stolen a ruby necklace belonging to the government of Russia when they had robbed Roseaneau of the jewels he had stolen which were intended for sale. Roseaneau had stolen the ruby necklace from Russia and wanted to keep them for himself. Now Russia knew who had stolen them and Roseaneau now wanted them for his own protection. Hunt had taken the rubies and given them to his wife. While they were leaving the Inn, the men were attacked and Hunt was killed. He died after telling Sam to help keep his wife safe. Sam went to London and got there just in time to save Claire Huntington from death. Someone had sneaked in to get the rubies and the papers with them; but Claire has been looking for them since she got their first warning. Claire has no idea where the rubies are which Sam has a hard time believing. Sam intends to stay with her until she gives in and lets him have them. The longer he stays with her, the more he wonders about the view he has of her. Was she the uncaring, party hopping, cold wife he thought she was? Where are the rubies?

Either I love this author's works or I hate them. This was one of the latter for me. Basically it was a

struggle for me to finish the book. I did not care for the story line as the emphasis was on the mystery, which held no surprises and not the romance. In fact there was no romance. Poor Claire, I wish I could have picked her up and put her into a better book. I liked her very much. I do not enjoy reading about brash men, Sam was a good example of one. Besides he was stupid! I don't think the author meant for him to be this way, but that is the way I saw him. He didn't wait for facts, but supplied his own and jumps to conclusions. I was really hoping the bad guys would take Sam out of the story! To me there was absolutely no connection between Claire and Sam, she deserved better.

Interesting story with many twist and turns. Some I guessed at, some a surprise. Took one star away it's not perfect and some editing problem i.e. the man who died early in this mystery should not be talking later (wrong name for speaker)

Can always count on Laura Landon for writing interesting characters and situations.

Having read Jaded Moon first (which was great), I was anxious to hear more of Major Samuel Bennett. I'm so happy I went back and read this book! It was full of secrets, suspense, romance, and love. Sam and Claire's story was wonderful. Laura Landon's writing never disappoints. Highly recommend!

This is a premier novel of Laura Landon. The plot has many surprises, the characters are deeply drawn, and the story moves at a rapid pace.

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