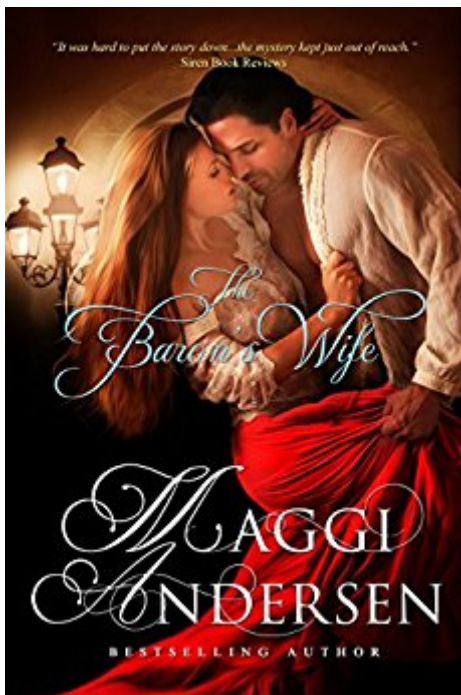


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The Baron's Wife



Synopsis

A dark cloud hovers over Wolfram, the ancient abbey Laura calls her new home. Can she trust the mysterious man she married? After a whirlwind courtship, Laura Parr marries Baron, Lord Nathaniel Lanyon, and he takes her to live in his ancient home in Southern England. Laura comes to Cornwall excited to begin life with the passionate man she has married. But secrets lurk in the shadows. The death of Nathaniel's first wife has never been solved, and some of the villagers believe him responsible. Struggling to understand her new husband, Laura tries to uncover the truth. With each stone unturned, she comes closer to danger. Lord Nathaniel Lanyon had decided never to marry again. But when he meets Miss Laura Parr, the daughter of Sir Edmund Parr, one rainy afternoon, he realizes almost immediately that he must have her in his life. And the only way he could was to marry her. Nathaniel believes that his troubled past is behind him and he can offer Laura a good life at Wolfram, even though he can never offer her his heart. But as soon as they come to live in the ancient abbey, the past returns to haunt him, revealing secrets that he thought had been buried forever. As he tries to fight the forces threatening to overwhelm him, he realizes that feisty Laura will demand more from him than he can give.

“A Gothic romance in the classic style, the author is a master at creating ominous atmosphere and multilayered characters.” —Coffee Time Romance and More

“The plot was interesting and the added mystery kept me riveted. The novel kept me wondering until the end.” —The Romance Studios

“It was hard to put the story down as the mystery kept just out of reach, drawing the reader in further to the storyline. [It] kept me up way too late into the night following the puzzle of Wolfram Abbey. I look forward to seeing more from Maggi Andersen.” —Siren Book Reviews.

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Customer Reviews

I had just a little bit of trouble staying interested at the very beginning....it was a little too tame. It didn't take long though, until I was totally engrossed.

When twenty-two-year-old Laura Parr meets thirty-two-year old Nathaniel, Lord Lanyon, a baron with a troubled past, in summer, 1899 he reminds her of Heathcliff, a character from *Wuthering Heights*. The hackney carriage they share is involved in an accident. "Really, I don't think this is necessary," Laura protested when he lifted her into his arms and carried her across the road. "And she a strapping female, who prided herself on being athletic and strong whose father, a member of parliament, allowed her to attend lectures at university. Interested in women's rights she does not want to marry, instead she plans to find employment and move into a flat in Bloomsbury. Nathaniel, a widower whose wife died in mysterious circumstances, is confident of Laura's passionate nature. "It was evident in the flash of her beautiful green eyes and her wilful mouth that he wanted badly to kiss but for a young lady as gently reared as her it could only mean marriage. Nathaniel woos her, tells her his wife would be his partner in life, weds her and takes her to Wolfram Abbey his country seat in Cornwall. Laura believes her husband desires her but does not love her. Lanyon thinks: "Poor girl, what kind of future have I given her in a moment of madness? He would never be able to give fully of himself or to give her what she needed. Laura had given up so much for him. Compassion gripped him. He would do anything in his power to protect her. From the beginning of this spine-chilling Gothic Novel, with beautiful word pictures of Cornwall, the author skilfully creates fear and suspicion. The twist at the end is a fiendishly clever one which I did not anticipate. The Baron's Wife deserves the five stars I have awarded it.

This was such a wonderful Gothic type romance. Having read several of Victoria Holt novels when I was in my teens, I was delighted to read that the author had written the book because she was inspired by them. The story definitely had the feel of the ones written by Victoria Holt and that is a compliment to Maggie Andersen's talent as an author. The storyline was interesting as were the characters and there was enough mystery to keep me engaged throughout. Highly recommend it.

I genuinely like this author and when I read that she'd written a gothic-type story then it was an easy buy for me. I loved it. The setting is in the late Victorian era, which I don't always enjoy but this worked well. The h is an independent minded young lady who is interested in suffrage and even attended university lectures, even though she couldn't officially write exams or anything. She meets the H by chance and they are both immediately attracted to each other. The h doesn't particularly want to marry but the H is quite persuasive and her overbearing mother is pushing for a match. The H wears her down and she agrees to marry him and return with him to his estate in Cornwall. The H has never discussed his late wife for the dark deeds that have happened at the abbey he calls his home. There are so many secrets but whenever the h tries to question the H, he then overwhelms her with passion. Honestly, what a good story.+++Minor Spoiler+++Why not 5 stars? The villain was too easy to work out from early on.I recommend this book. I'm off to find some Victoria Holt books as the author mentioned that they were her inspiration.

I loved it it has enough mystery and romance to keep you going and trying to guess who done it .I enjoyed reading about the different town's and the way they lived at that time.I can say more I don't want give anything away you just have to read it .

This tale of love, murder and intrigue was quite suspenseful and kept me guessing until the end. Very well-written with great characters and pacing.

Laura is swept up by a handsome baron, marries and he takes her to his isolated manor in Cornwall. She hears ghosts and there are strange happenings at the manor. His first wife's death remains a mystery. Her husband becomes distant. Had Laura made a huge mistake in marrying him?In the style of Mary Stewart and Daphne du Maurier, Ms. Andersen's Gothic novel will grip you from start to finish. You'll feel the mists on the cliffs and young Laura's terror and confusion. An excellent read.

This is an excellent book, much more than a romance, with deep swirls of events and emotions, well drawn. I am not fond of the Gothic genre, but this has no ghosts or creepy moans, which is why I call it mild Gothic. After a very brief courtship, Laura marries a Cornwall baron and they go to his seaside home. The plot includes smugglers and the mysterious death of his first wife. I guess that makes it Gothic.

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