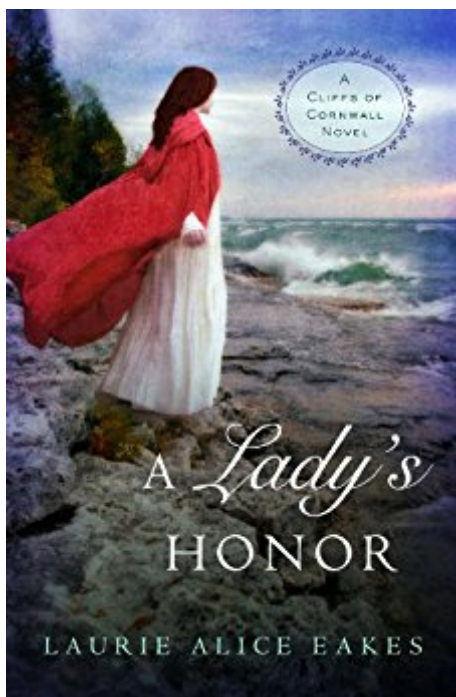


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A Lady's Honor (Cliffs Of Cornwall Series Book 1)



Synopsis

On the cliffs of 19th-century Cornwall, a spirited, impetuous young woman is torn between the honor of her family and the longing of her heart. England, 1811. A tarnished reputation. A distant home. A forced engagement to a dangerous man. When Elizabeth Trelawny flees London, she has more than one reason to run. And when her carriage, pursued by her would-be fiancé, is caught in a storm, she quickly accepts the help of a dark stranger. Anything to get back to Cornwall. Rowan Curnow is not exactly a stranger. Not quite a gentleman either, class disparity once kept him from courting Elizabeth . . . even if it didn't keep him from kissing her. The couple elude their pursuers and reach Bastian Point, Elizabeth's future inheritance and the one place she calls home. But in the very act of spiriting her to safety, Rowan has jeopardized Elizabeth's inheritance-if her Grandfather ever learns she spent the night, however innocently, in the company of a man. When smugglers unite the pair in a reckless, flirtatious alliance-an alliance that challenges the social norms that Elizabeth has been raised to revere and rattles Rowan's fledgling faith in God-Elizabeth must choose between the obedience of a child and the desires of a woman: whether to cling to the safety of her family home or follow the man she loves.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this novel because it is so beautifully written and it is not just about a simpering drawing room miss, because it is set in Cornwall instead of London and about some of the real issues of the period like how inheritance and entailment worked and the roles of women. The heroine does have options that are not available to an ordinary woman and yet she doesn't really want the life she is destined to lead. The hero's background in the colonies is very interesting. I liked feeling immersed in this time and place and dramatic events like the opening. I definitely want to read the next book in this series. It really deserved the great review in RT which prompted me to buy it.

Elizabeth Trelawny flees London when she is forced into an engagement with a dangerous man. She reaches Bastion Point, her grandparents home, with the help of Rowan Curnow, a mysterious man who claims to have been sent by a friend to protect her. But Bastion Point is not the safe haven it once was, as smugglers in the area have deemed Elizabeth a threat. Rowan will do anything to protect her, but Elizabeth can't believe Rowan's interest in her is anything more than material, as her years in London society hardened her heart. Will she survive when enemies come knocking? And will she finally give up being the "ice maiden" and learn what unconditional love truly is? I've read a few books from Laurie Alice Eakes and they have never failed to entertain me. I was very excited when her new book came out! A Lady's Honor has some great elements; it is romantic, suspenseful, and historically interesting. The mystery was great! It's a rare thing when I don't guess the entire plot in the first few chapters and I was dumbfounded at the end when everything was revealed! The only thing is, I was severely annoyed by Elizabeth. It's kind of hard to fall in love with a book when you just don't like the main character. However, by the end she was more likable. The best part of this book was the message of unconditional love. Elizabeth's struggle to accept that God loved her despite her mistakes and that maybe Rowan did too was very touching. Overall I thought A Lady's Honor was an entertaining historical read and I am looking forward to more from the series. If you like mystery, suspense, romance, historical fiction, and a good message then this is the book for you! **I received this book free from BookLook Bloggers in exchange for my honest review. All thoughts are entirely my own.

I was given a free Kindle edition copy of "A Lady's Honor" by Laurie Alice Eakes through the Booklook bloggers program in exchange for my honest review. Set in 1811 Cornwall, England, Elizabeth Trelawny flees London and the arranged marriage with Marquess Rumsford, a man whose previous wives died suspiciously. She is aided in her flight to her grandparents' home Bastion Point, by a mysterious stranger, Rowan Curnow. She must keep it a secret that she was with a stranger all night, even innocently, for fear of ruining her honor and reputation. Once she reaches the safety of Bastion Point, she discovers that her rescuer is the new neighbor's secretary and that she isn't as safe as she thought she would be. Rowan and Elizabeth must work together to discover who is threatening their friends and family before it is too late. Can Elizabeth realize that not everyone expects something from her and only loves her for what she does? I was really drawn into the story and characters. I wasn't able to figure out the mystery of the threats before the book revealed it, so I liked that. It's always a little disappointing to figure out what is going on and have a third of the book left to read before it is revealed in the story. Sometimes I just wanted to shake the characters and make them realize what they were feeling! I felt that there was a nice balance between the romance part of the book and the mystery part. If you like historical, inspirational romances or historical, inspirational mysteries, I think you'd like this book.

This is the first book in the Cliffs of Cornwall series. The second book is called A Stranger's Secret. Elizabeth is on the run. She's decided not to marry a marquess with the shady past. A man intercepts her, claiming to be a friend of her brother's and helps her get away. Once she's safely back with her family, Elizabeth discovers that the man is not a friend of her brother's, but her brother had also never even heard of the man. So who was this man and why did he help her? Rowan has met Elizabeth briefly a few times before, and she's captured his attention. His friend has been murdered, and Rowan has promised to look after three women who may be in danger, one of them being Elizabeth. She's wary of his attention. He claims to care about her, but Elizabeth loves her position and land too much to give in to her feelings for him. Elizabeth has never seen what love really looks like. Everyone wants something from her, her fortune, her position, her obedience without question. Every instance of love has had conditions, so she doesn't understand anyone being able to love her unconditionally. This book reminds me of the Gothic romances from the 80s: the foreboding mansion on the cliff side, the handsome man with secrets, the hidden passageways, the mysterious threats to life, smugglers - it's all in there. Elizabeth is a typical damsel in distress with a bit of a stubborn streak in her. Overall, a neat story! Book 2 is about Morwenna, who is a significant character in this book, but after reading both, I still believe that they can be read

separately.

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