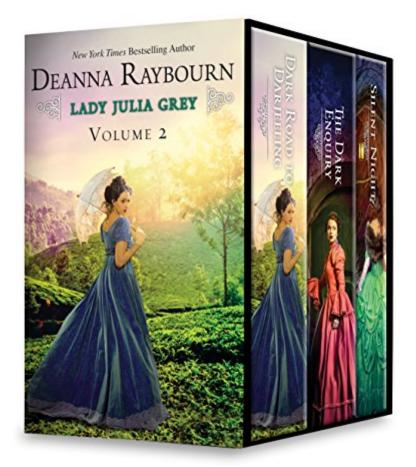
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Synopsis

Re-visit Deanna Raybourn's adored Lady Julia Grey's Victorian mystery series, and be carried off by adventure in this first-time digital collection of books four, five and a bonus novella! DARK ROAD TO DARJEELING: Book 4 After eight idyllic months in the Mediterranean, Lady Julia Grey and her detective husband are ready to put their investigative talents to work once more. At the urging of Julia's eccentric family, they hurry to India to aid an old friend, the newly-widowed Jane Cavendish. Living on the Cavendish tea plantation with the remnants of her husband's family, Jane is consumed with the impending birth of her childa "and with discovering the truth about her husband's death. Was he murdered for his estate? And if he was, could Jane and her unborn child be next? THE DARK ENQUIRY: Book 5 Lady Julia and Nicholas Brisbane have finally returned from abroad to London. But merging their respective households leaves little room for the newlyweds themselves, let alone Brisbane's private enquiry business. Among the more unlikely clients: Julia's very proper brother, Lord Bellmont, who swears Brisbane to secrecy. Not about to be left out of anything concerning her family, Julia soon picks up the trail of the investigation. It leads to the exclusive Spirit Club, where the alluring Madame Séraphine holds evening séancesâ and not a few powerful gentlemen in thrall. From this eerie enclave unfolds a lurid tangle of murder, espionage and blackmailâ | Bristling at the tension it causes between them, the Brisbanes find they must unite or fall. For Bellmont's sakea "and morea "they'll face myriad dangers born of dark secrets: the kind men kill to keepâ |

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Customer Reviews

Dark Road to Darjeeling is a nice mystery with the clues there if you look. For me, hindsight is 20/20, so I missed some of the clues, especially in the subplots. In this novel, our intrepid couple is off to India at the request of Portia (Julia's sister) and Jane (Portia's true love, who married to have a conventional family). The descriptions of the land reminded me of Amelia Peabody, although Julia is far more accepting of the culture. I really enjoyed this one and kept on reading. The Dark Enquiry has so much going on that it is hard to review without spoilers. Spiritualism and murder are upfront issues as well as the most staid of the March family sowing wild oats. There were so many possible villains -- I did not expect the one that emerged. This one is a cracking good mystery. Silent Night isn't really a mystery at all; there's no murder to solve. There are odd goings on and of course we have Julia and Brisbane and Julia's family. It does take place at Christmas, so there is the draw of the holiday. Overall, it was a gentle story that let me spend time with a couple of my favorite characters. It's really only for series fans, though. It's hard to settle on stars for this collection There's a cracking good mystery, an good one, and then there's the non-mystery. I think I will settle on four stars because it is an uneven collection.

I enjoy the clever banter and familial nature of these stories. Glimpses of Victorian England and the changing lives of that era, with the advent of trains, the telephone and women's lives. Also enjoy the relationship between Julia and Brisbane very much. How can you go wrong with half Scot and half gypsy?

Great escape.

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