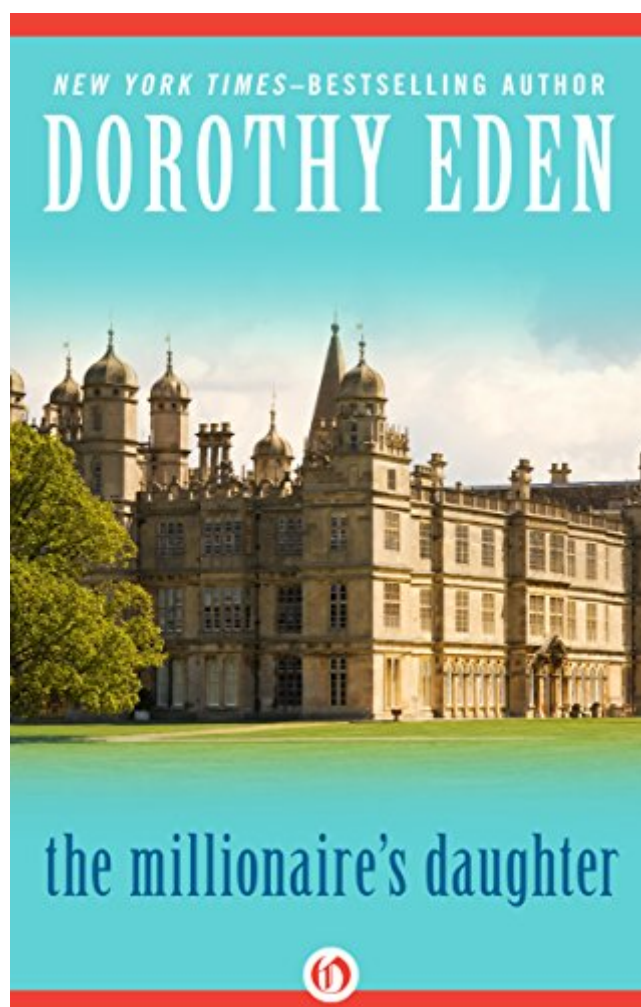


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The Millionaire's Daughter



Synopsis

A New York Times "bestselling author brings Gilded Age New York and Victorian England to life in this romantic saga about a daring American heiress. The daughter of one of New York City's brash new millionaires and an impoverished socialite, Christabel Spencer inherited both her father's passionate nature and her mother's beauty and breeding. An American debutante in Paris and London, Chrissie waltzed with European princes and English lords, all of whom found her combination of looks and wealth irresistible. Despite her father's dream of having an English aristocrat for a son-in-law, Chrissie is determined not to marry for social status alone. She cannot live without love—and will find it at any cost. Featuring a cast of unforgettable characters, The Millionaire's Daughter is the heartwarming, surprising tale of a young woman caught in the crosscurrents of ambition and desire.

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Customer Reviews

For light reading it's one of the best books I've ever read. My copy wore out and I had to get a new one. A good story of yes, a Millionaire's daughter that will keep you absorbed and when you learn the outcome you'll be so glad you read it! You'll enjoy the Millionaire, his wife and her family are

quite interesting and as for the daughter, well, just read it. You will truly enjoy it if you like a good book with a story that is so much more than boy meets girl! Based in turn of century America (19th to 20th century), it is well written and entertaining.

Harry Spencer is one of New York's *new* millionaires, but he needs a wife from the one of the older families to give him some respectability and much to the chagrin of Mary Ellen Van Leyden, he settles on her younger sister Louisa. Not a love match, but Harry is kind and generous and Louisa makes do, eventually giving him a son and a daughter. Despite an extremely sheltered life (can't tell you why without spoiling), Christabel (Chrissie) is ready to take on the world when she reaches maturity and doting Harry is determined to get her a Duke or an Earl for a husband - no mere New York millionaire for his daughter. Chrissie sets her heart on the older soon-to-be Earl of Monkshood on the death of his ailing father and is determined to have her way and marry him - divorced or not. To avoid spoiling that's about as far as I'll go. No surprise, but there's a bit of a mystery surrounding Monkshood and his scandalous divorce (why did his first wife leave him?), but I suspect today's jaded reader (the book was written in the 1970's) will pick up on the big reveal rather early on and that is why it's only getting three stars from me. Not bad at all, and a quick easy read for a dreary weekend afternoon when one isn't in the mood to tax the brain. Eden is a good solid writer and she's written plenty of them, and fairly easy to find at the used book/library sales.

A poignant story of marrying for money and the lives that are affected by it. When rich and ambitious social climber Harry Spencer sets his marriage cap for the beautiful poor but proud society girl, Louisa van Leyden, the ripples become a tsunami. Although her family no longer has money, they still have a good name. Harry Spencer has lots of money and needs a name to increase his fortune. It causes a rift between Louisa and her bitter older sister who would love to have married Harry and now has few prospects. It enables her father and brother to drink unabated. Harry and Louisa seem to be making a go of things, having a lovely daughter and son, but a family tragedy changes it all. Their beautiful daughter becomes a virtual prisoner out of fear for her life, and Harry determines that she will marry a titled Englishman. The story of how that all unfolds and the outcome of money and ambition will cause your heart to hurt and you may shed a few tears for the naive girl in the middle of it all. A good story, well told.

What an interesting book. The stories that show that life, wealth and success are not always as they appear on the surface. Money, prestige and glamour do not guarantee happiness, peace or health.

This story was pretty clear about some of the pain, relationships that are not generally acceptable and how it affects one young woman's life.

This was a delightful book. It did not drag and kept my interest throughout. The characters were real with the same feelings we all have, even though not many of us will have experienced the kind of dazzling world that Chrissie grew up with. Oh my, wouldn't it be fun though. I was very sorry to see this book end. I plan to check out other books by Dorothy Eden.

I read this years ago and was glad to find it on line again. Loved it. Sentimental, romantic and sad.

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