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Determined to avenge her father's death, Courtney Johnston finds her destiny intertwined with Slayde Huntley, who hopes to ransom his missing sister with the cursed diamond his family has treasured for generations. Original.

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Shefa says

Too fast in building the romance between H/H and too slow in the crime part. 3.5 star from me.

Yelania Nightwalker says

Slayde está desesperado porque su hermana Aurora ha desaparecido, por eso, cuando recibe una carta citándole al anochecer para el pago del rescate, a condición de que entregue el diamante negro, él accede. Nada vale más que la vida de su única hermana. No importa que ella le cause más problemas de los que le gustaría. El problema es que una vez hecho el canje, descubre que ha sido engañado. La mujer que le han dado, en bastante mal estado de salud, no es su Aurora. Convencido de que Courtney puede ayudarle a localizarla, le da la protección en su casa mientras se recupera de sus heridas. Pero Slayde ha sabido siempre que la maldición que pesa sobre su familia implica que nunca podrá tener una familia, desafortunadamente para él, no cuenta con que Courtney tenga una idea muy distinta para ganarse el corazón de un conde atormentado.

El inicio de la novela es un poco lento, con los detalles que se van mostrando sobre la vida de Slayde, de Courtney, de lo que le sucedió a sus respectivos padres, etc. Había mucha información a la mano pero yo sentía que no sabía mucho, que no terminaba de cuajar nada. Sobre todo porque muy al inicio vemos una escena en la que conocemos al "conspirador" entonces me hizo pensar que no me gustaría como se desarrollaría todo, qué caso tenía conocer quién era el infiltrado. Pero me tuve que tragar mis pensamientos.

Hay una escena en especial que depende del cómo la leas pero puede arruinar la sorpresa del personaje malvado que está detrás de todo. Digo "puede" porque yo me leí el libro y recuerdo que esa escena no significó gran cosa para mí. Creo que el problema es que fue en los primeros capítulos y como dije, no había llamado mucho mi atención. Sin embargo, mi mamá se lo leyó también (amó la novela) y ella me dijo: No me gustó que la autora te desvèle ahí el misterio. Y yo con mi cara de ¬¬" No sé de qué me hablas!!! Se los juro nunca lo supe!!!

Pero bien, la novela tiene muchas partes hermosas. La relación entre Slayde y Courtney está llena de ternura y amor. Y Aurora es un personaje chispeante que anda en busca de aventuras y pidiendo de ese modo, un poco de atención de su hermano. Creo que realmente valió la pena todos esos capítulos lentos porque de otro modo no se llegaría a comprender la historia del todo. Y hay un elemento paranormal, que de verdad me gustó mucho, el señor Scollard es un personaje muy sabio, disfruté muchísimo de los momentos en que aparecía.

Y el final, no podía haber sido mejor. Totalmente commovedor, me hizo soltar unas cuantas lágrimas. El único detallito que tiene es que una vez que se resuelve todo el lío, lo siguiente que sabes es que ya hay un final feliz, no me quejo por el final porque como ya dije es muy emotivo, lo que no me gustó fue que sucediera tan de pronto, casi sin decir agua va. Pero sin duda valió la pena leer El legado del diamante.

Courtney says

It was hard to read in the sense that I couldn't get into it. It had its ok moments but that's it.

Mojca says

The black diamond, a gem of unfathomable wealth and beauty, has plagued the Huntley family for generations. It prompted the feud with the Bencrofts, it supposedly brought a curse upon the Huntleys...and now resulted in Aurora Huntley being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Slayde Huntley is more than happy to give up the diamond if it means saving his sister's life...Only it's not his sister that he saves, but Courtney Johnston, a sea captain's daughter whose ship had been attacked by pirates and whose father had been forced overboard. Aurora, on the other hand, had merely been in London for a short trip with a longtime family friend...

This book was a huge disappointment.

From the characters (the heroine and the hero's sister acted like children instead of young women and the hero was a curse-believing idiot for the better part of the story) to the suspense which could've worked if the story wasn't overburdened with the drama and angst of the characters. As it was, the big reveal of who the villain was, came as a huge surprise (the only plus of the book), while the motive ended up sounding rather idiotic, and the whole thing was resolved too quickly (a matter of pages).

It wasn't badly written, but was unfortunately weighted down by the characters and poorly developed suspense plot.

Sadia says

I enjoyed reading this book despite the fact I didn't really like Courtney. I can understand her recklessness and her disregard for propriety being a she sailor but that's not really how she was portrayed. She was as lady like as can be, normally for someone to live 20 years of their life, merrily going about on seas with a bunch of rowdy sailors, one can't be expected to be all prim and feminine. Oh well, she did mention a couple of times that school for young girls she attended.

Slayde was a character I liked. His fiercely protective nature and kindness were indeed so charming! I'm such a sucker for knights in shining armour who come to the damsels rescue. The only reason I decided to like Courtney was because she brought about such a great change in him and really made him happy. I had a few other favorite characters in this story. Aurora for one, so lively and gay - reminded me of my friend and sister and how much fun it is to have someone who's loyal and willing to stand by you no matter what you decide to do. Then there was Mr. Scollard. His conversations were interesting and fun! Did I mention I liked Slayde?

I wish the author wouldn't give away Miss Payne as a spy so soon in the book. That put me on guard and I

began suspecting Lady Elinore from the start. She wasn't covered enough, and she was involved way too much. Anyways, I guess I paid more attention to the romance in the story and the curse of the black diamond than Courtney's missing father or anything else.

The ending felt rushed, everything came together too quickly and too effortlessly [well, it was all work done by the investigators]. But I like happy endings so I'll let it pass. I was happy Courtney was reunited with her father and Slayde was finally happy.

Actually looking forward to reading the second book in this series. I have a feeling I might like it better since one of the Huntley's family alleged enemy Julian Mortland is in the middle of it and that too with my favorite character Aurora!

Heather McDonald says

such a good story!!

Elizabeth says

In a recent DB/SA podcast, Sarah and Jane talked about whether a person can continue reading a book even though the style or the grammar bothered the reader. At least one believed that a good story can overcome that. It is with that in mind that I plodded ahead on this book. Ms. Kane's books came highly recommended so I bought several when they were on sale. I hope they get better. Right now, there's some serious scooby doo narration going on. It's like Velma and Fred are two key characters in this book (i.e., characters filling the reader in about back story in a way that is not natural). And there doesn't seem to be true chemistry between the two characters - attraction, but no chemistry.

It's too bad because the story line was intriguing but the characters and the writing style did not engage me. The author also killed several opportunities for true suspense for reasons I can't determine. For example, there is a character who helps further the underlying suspense story line involving the feigned kidnapping of Aurora, the hero's sister. The characters go through a series of machinations to figure out who this person is, but the reader already knows because it was revealed unnecessarily several chapters before.

Meh.

2 out of 5 stars.

Karen Desmond says

