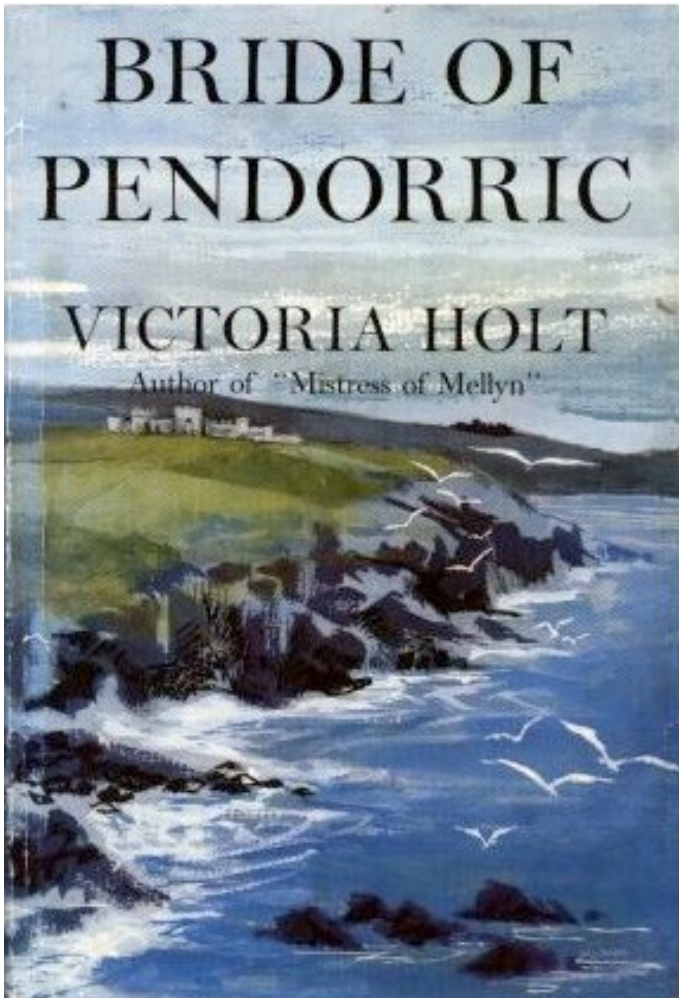

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Bride Of Pendorric



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Description

When Favel Farrington met Roc Pendorrlic on the Italian island where she lived with her father, they fell deeply in love, and there was no reason to suspect that they would not live happily ever after. Then Faval's father was drowned while swimming, a circumstance that was as puzzling to Favel as it was heartbreaking. No one could have been more devoted during these sad days than Roc, and when he took her home to Pendorrlic, the ancient family home on the Cornish cliffs, no family could have welcomed her more warmly than Roc's sister, her husband, and twin daughters. In fact everyone in the house and the village was eager to meet "the bride of Pendorrlic".

At first the phrase amused Favel. Then she found herself looking more and more often at the portraits of two other Brides of Pendorrlic who had died young and tragically - one of them Roc's own mother. The very stones of Pendorrlic seemed to be waiting for her to slip; the courtyard seemed to have eyes. And was there speculation even in the eyes of the young twins, who watched her constantly? Did she imagine it, or was Roc curiously attentive to other women at Pendorrlic - and did his absence grow more frequent? Surely no legend, no evil out of the past could threaten their happiness. Surely Roc's love for her had not been pretense.

At last, in a terrifying moment, Favel can no longer dismiss as accident the strange things that are happening to her at Pendorrlic. She must confront the very real dangers of the present.

Insightful reviews

Cari: In *Bride of Pendorrlic*, young Favel is swept off her feet by the handsome Roc Pendorrlic when he visits her father's studio on the island of Capri. Shortly after their marriage, her father dies unexpectedly and in order to distract her from her grief, Roc takes her home to the Pendorrlic mansion in Cornwall. She is warmly welcomed by Roc's family and the villagers, who enthusiastically call her "the Bride of Pendorrlic", and at first she is able to dismiss the tales regarding a family curse that leads to an early death for the Pendorrlic brides. Despite her love and affection for Roc, Favel quickly begins to feel suspicious of those around her and begins to distrust not only Roc's fidelity, but also his possible murderous intent.

I have a major weakness for gothic romance novels and the fact that I've just now discovered Victoria Holt totally baffles me. *Bride of Pendorrlic* is everything a gothic romance should be. My favorite component of novels like these is almost always the setting, and that remains true in this book. Pendorrlic is an old mansion overlooking a rocky coastline in Cornwall and there are also scenes in a moor and an old mausoleum. I love the eerie quality that these types of places add to an already dark and foreboding plot. There is also a great romance here that is full of plenty of suspenseful moments and distrust, but also a fair share of chemistry. I also love it that I thought I had it figured out, but ended up being totally wrong. I'm still pleasantly surprised by the ending. *Bride of Pendorrlic* is more than a romance. It's also part murder mystery, part ghost story, and part thriller, and is definitely going to be enjoyed by fans of this genre.

Caitlin: Victoria Holt was an incredibly prolific writer, writing under several pseudonyms - most prominently Victoria Holt, Jean Plaidy, and Philippa Carr. Victoria Holt was her pseudonym for writing Gothic romance and these books are wonderful and old-fashioned and fun to read. I

remember staying up all night at my Mississippi grandmother's house when I was in high school reading *The Legend of the Seventh Virgin* and loving every minute of it. I've also read *The Mistress of Mellyn* although I thought it was just okay. I grabbed this one because I'm reading books published in my birth year and I'm glad I did.

This was great fun! The plot obviously owes a lot to *Rebecca*, although to Holt's credit her heroine is much less whiney and annoying than Du Maurier's - I never once had the desire to smack her around. The Cornish setting combined with mysterious and dangerous happenings, family surprises, sexy nurses and governesses with husband-stealing on their minds, and (I kid you not) evil twins - this makes for lots of Gothic fun and some chills and thrills. Great escapist reading.

Angie: I love Victoria Holt books! If you read them all back to back they will get a little too similar but separated they are a great escape! This is surprisingly one I hadn't read before. I found an old copy at a used bookstore, and saved it for October after reading the description (as it sounded like a bit of a spooky mystery). This is what I would classify as romantic suspense.

The cover makes this out to be a "bodice ripper" or "steamy" romance but that is not the case at all. There are NO scenes that could be construed at all as offensive. The old covers do her books a bit of a disservice to those "judging a book by its cover!"

I enjoyed the characters a lot: many make think of Favel as too paranoid, but I could see myself thinking and feeling what she does in this book. Also I loved all the sets of twins--I really enjoy stories involving twins and this had multiple ones. Overall a good story I would recommend to those who like gothic fiction, Victoria Holt, or want to escape to the Cornish coast:) Good for all ages

Amy: Oh, the nostalgia! discovered this one at a book shop the day prior to this and reread it after greater than forty years. After my mother died while i used to be a youngster I inherited all her romantic suspense paperbacks. enjoyed the books by way of this author, Mary Stewart, and Phyllis Whitney. loved getting reacquainted with this this fast-paced, well-plotted journey down reminiscence lane. The Cornish surroundings was once interesting and that i nonetheless remembered a number of the particular wording of description and dialogue. As an grownup i used to be a bit disturbed through the husband's expressed angle in regards to the employees on his estate, yet except that it used to be a enjoyable approach to spend a couple of hours. when you learn it for the 1st time, I are expecting the secret of who's attempting to damage the "bride" will preserve you guessing.

Rebecca Thompson: the article that made this e-book stable for me was once the ending. i'm often beautiful strong at predicting plot twists yet this one i didn't see coming. the remainder of the booklet i assumed used to be no longer that fascinating however. They repeated issues such a lot of instances that it turned dull. She might stopover at and do an identical issues repeatedly again. the one factor that used to be diversified used to be the tid-bits of knowledge she stumbled on alongside the best way which ultimately fell into place. i used to be additionally particularly disenchanted with the affection story. (spoiler) They have been married in the first sixteen pages -- no increase whatsoever. (end of spoiler) in case your no longer analyzing it for

the affection tale then i like to recommend it. it is a high quality e-book although i did not quite take pleasure in it until eventually the end.

Verity Brown: while I picked up this book, i used to be watching for not anything greater than just a little gothic fluff. Surprisingly, it became out to be amazingly good!The hide snapshot on my variation means that the tale is a nineteenth century gothic horror/romance. it really is not. whilst i found that, i used to be a bit tempted to simply placed it down again, simply because i am not keen on modern romance. yet during this case, it really is modern to the 1960s, which gave it simply enough of a dismal Shadows entice convince me to maintain reading. i am blissful I did.The booklet became out to be extra of a gothic mystery/romance, and light-weight at the gothic at that. the feminine protagonist is levelheaded. The haunting is especially Scooby Doo (not that i do not like genuine hauntings, however it was once a clean swap in a gothic novel). And the secret has a superbly brilliant twist (one that I have been suspecting for a bankruptcy or two, yet delightfully twisty the entire same). An previous book, yet certainly a winner.

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