

REVIEW THE BOOK

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I thought this was a wonderful book. It is a historical fiction about a couple, William and Elizabeth, from Great Britain in the mid 1850's. It tells about a trip they take to look for a ring that Elizabeth lost in Russia. The story takes you through several countries and tells about the Russian invasion of India. It describes the trials and tribulations they have from Elizabeth being kidnapped and William going to India looking for her, their reuniting, the trips they take into various areas looking for the ring and what they face as others try to stop them. It also describes how they help stop the overthrow of the British government in India at the time after the Russians leave. They face danger from Russian, Indian, and native troops along with illness and the dangers of traveling.

I feel that the author does a great job of keeping the reader in suspense. You never know what is coming up next. You think that Elizabeth has been taken to one place when she is kidnapped to find out she has been taken somewhere completely different. He does a great job of describing what the people of that time wore, the problems that were occurring at the time, such as illness, the geography of the areas they are traveling through, the people they met along the way, and much more. I felt I was in the time period right along with them and traveling with them.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in this time period. Author Thorpe has done a wonderful job and I will be looking at more of his books. This book is number 6 in a series but I had no trouble picking up the story line. If you are interested in British or Indian history, don't hesitate to pick it up.