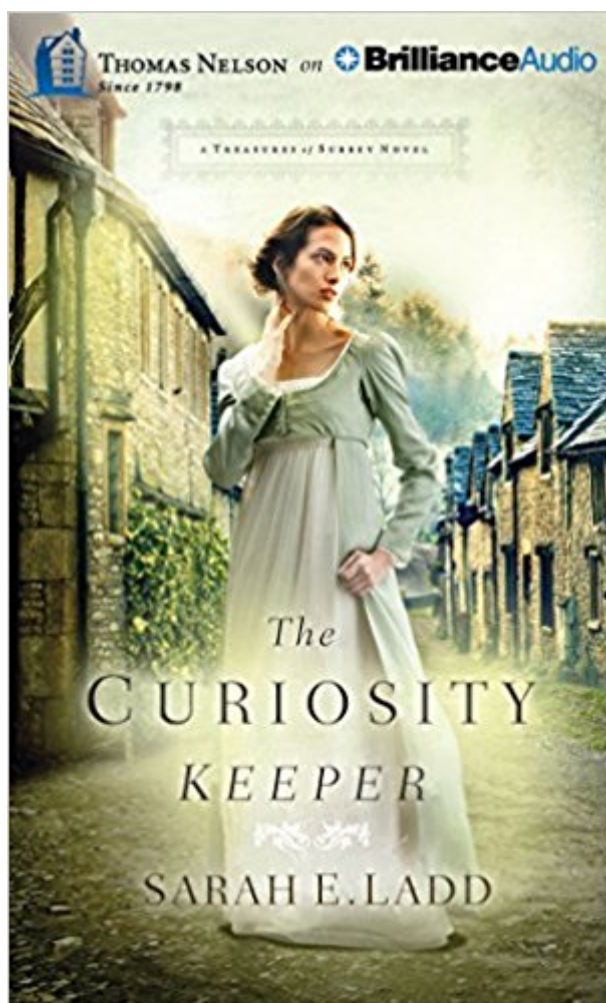


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# The Curiosity Keeper (A Treasures Of Surrey Novel)



## Synopsis

Born into two different classes, James and Camille shouldn't even know each other. But when the pursuit of a missing ruby brings them together, much more than a mere acquaintance is ignited. The daughter of a curiosity shop owner, Camille would never be considered a lady. Nor does she want to be. With a fiery personality, she dreams of adventures far beyond the walls of her family's modest business. But when her father thrusts a mysterious box into her hands and disappears, her whole world "dreams and all" shifts. James is an apothecary, tending to the health needs of the town of Bentworth. His father, a well-known explorer and collector, is quite wealthy from the spoils of his adventures until one risky gamble and a stolen gem leave him on the edge of ruin. Seeking his father's approval, James picks up the hunt for the stolen ruby, leading him to the door of Camille's curiosity shop. With both of their lives in danger as the ruby remains at large, James squires Camille away to the Bentworth School, believing that would be the last place her pursuers would look for her. They both find their hearts and dreams heading in a new direction, but before they are free to embrace their future they must solve the mystery looming around them. The more they uncover, however, the harder it becomes to know whom to trust. And they begin to realize that recovering the ruby may require a great sacrifice: their newfound love and maybe even their lives.

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## Customer Reviews

æLadd, who won the 2011 Genesis Award for historical romance (*A Lady at Willowgrove Hall*) has

written an engaging Regency with a richly detailed setting and an unpredictable suspenseful plot. Admirers of Sandra Orchard and Lis Wiehl who want to try a romance with a historical bent may enjoy this new series. • (Library Journal) • Beautifully written, intricately plotted and populated by engaging and realistic characters, *The Curiosity Keeper* is Regency romantic suspense at its page-turning best. A skillful, sympathetic and refreshingly natural author, Ladd is at the top of her game and should be an auto-buy for every reader.' -4 1/2 starred review and July 2015 Top Pick! (RT Book Reviews) --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Sarah E. Ladd received the 2011 Genesis Award in historical romance for *The Heiress of Winterwood*. She is a graduate of Ball State University and has more than ten years of marketing experience. Sarah lives in Indiana with her amazing husband, sweet daughter, and spunky Golden Retriever.

I loved this book! Sarah E. Ladd brings her characters to life! I could not put this down! I got a sneak peek of the beginning of the book, and I had to buy it so I could see how it turned out. I was definitely a page turner!!

From the first pages I liked Camille. It was easy to see she had a less than ideal relationship with her parents--her mother wasn't there and her father wished she was a boy--but even in the face of her situation, she has a strength. Along with, what I felt, was a quick wit. She definitely can take care of herself. Jonathan is a wonderful match for Camille. Strong and caring, he winds up at her doorstep when she needs him most. This first interaction leads to him protecting Camille when she is snagged deeper into the plot of the missing ruby. Ladd does a fantastic job of embedding the reader into the setting of each scene. Her descriptions are so natural they simply weave throughout the passage until the world builds around you, be it a dark alley of London, Camille's run-down curiosity shop, lush gardens, or great halls. There is also enough suspense to keep you turning pages while never too much to overshadow the sweet romance growing between Camille and Jonathan. I truly enjoyed how all the pieces of this novel fit together and simultaneously couldn't wait for the end but also didn't want it--I hate closing the book on a wonderful novel:) If you love this time period, sweet romances, or even a hint of suspense, I highly recommend *The Curiosity Keeper*.

I really enjoyed *The Curiosity Keeper*! Lots of twists and turns, heartbreak, loss, and redemption. Authentic writing for this time period, great story!

I enjoyed "The Curiosity Keeper" thoroughly. The characters were well-developed and engaging. If you like nice heroes, you will fall in love with Jonathon as he is super nice -- though, I must admit, I was more partial to his roughish father :)

This story is about an finished ruby stone that some said had mystical powers. It has been stolen. Does it have powers to the ones that possess it? Camille Inverness works for her father in his shop of curious things. She hears strange words being passed behind the curtain in their shop. Now as she prepares to close the shop someone attacks her and hurts her. Jonathan Gilchrist come to her and takes her to his home and his family. He mends her wounds but hardly her broken heart. She is without any way to care for herself. She doesn't understand how badly the Gilchrist family needs the ruby. Follow their discovery not only to love but to facts about this jewel with a past.

Enjoyable reading. Have now read several books by this author and liked them all so far. Look forward to more.

I always enjoy Sarah Ladd books and this did not disappoint. I loved the characters, they were so relatable. A bit of mystery kept me turning the pages quickly. I love how the story concluded! I am looking forward to reading the next books in this series.

I love Sarah Ladd! She is one of my favorite authors! This book begins a new series, and it was a great start! A ruby, called the Bevoy, has been stolen from Jonathan Gilchrist's father, and he must get it back in order to save the estate from ruin. The answers seem to lead to the shop owned by Camille Iverness' father. While I had my suspicions about a piece of the answer fairly early on, the book still held me and I just had to keep reading. I wanted to know what happened, if I was right, how it all came out, and of course, how Jonathan and Camille's relationship grew. There were definitely surprises! I loved the way the book ended! I am looking forward to the next book in the series!!

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