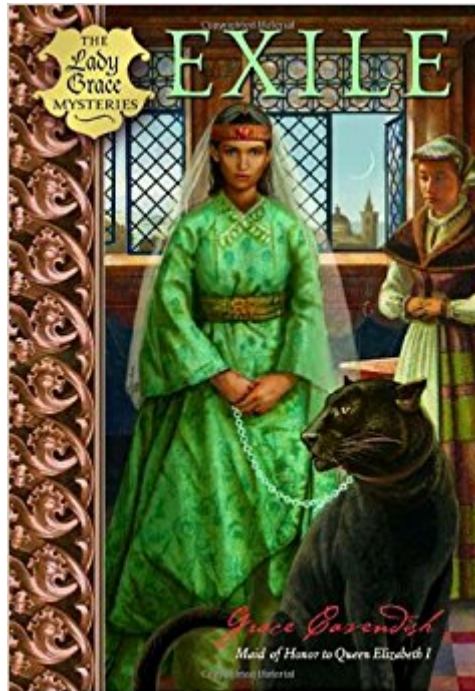




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Exile (The Grace Mysteries)



Synopsis

There's a new arrival at Court and Lady Grace can't believe how many rumours there are about her already. The exiled Banoo Yasmine from Sharakand is a beautiful girl with a pet panther and, everyone believes, magical powers. Yasmine also possesses the renowned Heart of Kings Ruby, a huge stone that she wears around her neck to balls and feasts, that legend says has the power to make kings. When the famed jewel goes missing, the finger is pointed at Grace's dear friend Ellie the laundry maid. Grace must prove her friend's innocence, find the true thief, and restore the stone to its rightful owner. All miscreants and ill-thinkers, keep out!

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Customer Reviews

Gr. 4-7. Running down the alphabet, Exile is the fifth title in the series that began with Assassin (2004), written by Patricia Finney, though the purported author of all the volumes is Lady Grace Cavendish, protege of Queen Elizabeth I. In this tale, a jewel is stolen from an exiled noble from Sharakand. When a laundry maid is falsely accused of the crime, Grace tries to discover the thief's identity. Less convincing than the portrayals of the English characters are the colorful but cardboard figures of the visitors from Sharakand. Still, this is an enjoyable mystery, which moves swiftly to a

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I've been loving this series. My only regret is that I am nearing the end of its published volumes. It appears that the original author has handed it off to new contributors. While the collaboration improved the last volume, the lack of Patricia Finney shows in this one. Still a good book, but not quite the same voice.

A very good read that kept the reader guessing until the end. A wonderful edition to the Lady Grace Mysteries.

my daughter who is 11 - omg she gets so into the Lady Grace books I have to hide her kindle!

Thank you.

Lady Grace is maid-of-honor to her majesty Queen Elizabeth (the first) and also her personal detective. The books are in diary form and chock-full of historical details and interesting facts, but without this information getting in way of the story. Not only that, but they are fun, rollicking adventures of Grace acting quite improperly and loving it. The Queen (not always the most proper woman) turns a blind eye as long as she saves the day and not many people find out. One of my favorite parts of the series is the characterization of Queen Elizabeth. She is every bit regal, but also possesses a fantastic and wicked sense of humour. Exile is the fifth book of the series. Banoo Yasmine of Sharakand is an exiled Princess. There are several rumours floating around the court about why she and her retinue are in London, but the Queen as told Grace the truth-- her family was the victim of a bloody coup in Sharakand. The giant Heart of Kings ruby that she wears around her

neck is rumoured to have magical powers, but Grace knows it's really a gift to the Queen to guarantee that the Banoo and her people can stay and be safe in England. Of course, the ruby gets stolen and Grace is afraid the Queen won't continue to give the Banoo sanctuary without the ruby as security. The ruby is found, but it's discovered in Ellie's laundry basket. Grace knows her friend didn't steal the ruby, but Ellie's about to be in serious trouble if Grace can't find out who did steal it! This book focuses a lot on the different customs of the people from Sharakand and how the English court reacts to these strangers. Unfortunately, Grace doesn't get to know any of these people really well-- there are language difficulties and she's trying to clear her best friend after all-- so they aren't very fleshed out and we don't get to know them very well. We just see Grace's perceptions as she observes them at dinner or passes them in the corridors. This isn't the strongest book in the series, but fans of Grace will not be disappointed.

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I love to read the Lady Grace mysteries and the book Exile because, I look forward to the mysterious parts of the book. I've read six Lady Grace mysteries so far, and they keep me coming back for more! I like following Lady Grace through the beginning, climax and resolution of each book in the mysteries she solves. I like how Lady Grace discusses her own feelings about the events happening around her in each book. In conclusion I enjoy reading these mysteries and I can't wait to finish reading about what happens to Lady Grace next! As a middle school student I would recommend this book and this series to other middle school students because this series is entertaining and very interesting to me.

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