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**Rediscover the enthralling and adventure-filled world of The Necklace Trilogy in this classic Regency romance by *New York Times* bestselling author Kat Martin.**

Knowing that she alone can protect her sister from the Baron Harwood, their lecherous stepfather, Victoria Temple Whiting snatches the family's heirloom necklace—believed to hold the power to bring great happiness or terrible tragedy—to pay for their escape to London. Terrified that the baron will find them, Victoria poses as Tory Temple and finds employment as a servant in the household of handsome Cordell Easton, the scandalous Earl of Brant.

The sisters' arrival couldn't have been more welcome. In need of a new mistress, Cord turns to Tory, whose wit and intellect intrigue him. But when the baron discovers the girls' whereabouts, Cord learns Tory's secret—her noble birth. Furious that he has compromised the daughter of a peer, Cord must decide—marry Tory to keep her safe or allow his stubborn pride to deny his heart.

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## Ns says

**The Bride's Necklace** has a "Cinderella-like" premise to it. Gently-reared sisters, Victoria and Claire Temple Whiting are in dire straits and running away from a lecherous stepfather. The slipper is a pearl and diamond necklace, dubbed the Bride's Necklace which is said to be cursed. If the beholder has a pure heart, he or she will experience happiness and good fortune, whereas those with a cruel heart will find tragedy. For Tory it is their means of escape, and escape they do in the dark of night.

They find solace in Cordell Easton, Lord Brant's household in humbling positions as housemaids. Cord, unaware of their noble background is immediately intrigued. While Claire is the great beauty, both delicate and dainty, it is Tory's bold personality and strength that captivates Cord. An undeniable attraction exists between them but before they can find their happily-ever-after, much drama, danger and surprises are in store for them. This is also when the story began spiraling downwards for me.

I really wanted to like it but the more I read, the more irritating the characters became. There are too much lingering insecurity, doubts, accusations and speculations. Particularly, between Tory and Cord. They encounter several problems, but they all resolve or are the result of these issues. They never learn. They rarely confide in each other or only share half-truths, which doesn't say much about their relationship. Although, the end did have redeeming qualities with some excitement and change of scenery, it didn't make up for the theatrics and insecurity-infused plot. The end wasn't really convincing and seemed too "tidy" a wrap-up to what appeared to complex issues on trust.

The characters were interesting and some of them do have their own stories in *The Necklace Trilogy* , which I'll look forward to finding out how those stories turn out.

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## Yumru says

?lk olarak kitap ini?li ç?k?l? bir hikaye ve sinirimi bozan karakterler bir araya gelmi? ,tam bir birlerini bulmu?lar tencere kapak misali.

Konuya gelirse kitaplarda k?z karde?lere ilk ba?ta kafay? takan erkek karakterlere uyuz oluyorum.Hepte güzel olur ablas?ndan ve birazda salak olur bu k?zlarda ,erkeklerde salak olduklar?n? anlad?klar?nda ablaya bir yönelme sözkonusudur.Erkek bir bakarki aman Allah?m ablas? daha iyiyim? Birde saçlar? aç?k gördüklerinde kendilerinden geçiyorlar nedense...Bayan karakter yalanc?n?n çoban? ,dersin master yapacak gerçi gerekte yok.Sayfalar ilerledikçe bir sevgi seli bekliyorsun ama nerde her?ey yine oldu bittiye gelir tabi. Kitapta sevdi?im yere gelirse ?u ara?t?rmalar onlarda olmasa ne yapard?m bilmiyorum.Bu yazar?n di?er ortaça? kitab? daha iyiydi bu bende hayalk?r?kl??? ya?att? do?rusu.Bir çok kitab?n konusu bir birine benziyor diyeceksiniz onlarda niye bu kadar tak?lmad?n dersiniz 1.karakterler yüzden 2.ak?c? olsayd? belki bu kadar ele?tirmezdim.Umar?m sizler seversiniz...

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## Jacqueline L. says

This book had a lot of twists and turns. The characters had to alter their personalities based on their various situations, but never deterred from their true selves. If you like a lot of angles, then this is the historical romance for you.

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## kris says

Victoria "Tory" Whiting and her too-beautiful-to-live sister Claire escape the clutches of their evil stepdad and end up employed by the mercy-boners of Cordell "Cord" Easton, Earl of Brant. When he discovers the truth about Tory and Clair, he yells and proposes marriage and has himself some very turgid erections. Then there's a whole thing where he thinks Tory is cheating on him with some dude named Julian Fox which makes him RAGE and FEEL FEELINGS and also makes his boners cry. :( Then there's a confrontation with the evil stepdad, additional stabbings, and the WORST HEA EVER.

(1. WORST HEA EVER because even though Tory repeatedly and with great emotion tells Cord that she DID NOT BETRAY HER HUSBAND with the sly Julian Fox, Cord refuses to believe her until his bff Rafe shows up and announces Julian's homosexuality and THEN SUDDENLY HE BELIEVES SHE WAS FAITHFUL. UM EXCUSE ME, DICK, BUT THAT'S NOT HOW ANY OF THIS WORKS!! SHOVE IT IN YOUR EAR YOU GODDAMNED SWINE.)

2. That said: this was a soapy romp. Like, it's just ridiculously packed full of nonsensical drama: the missing adopted brother! The bastard friend! The going undercover as a housekeeper! The sex on a boat in route to FRANCE! The jewelry heist! The angsty sex in a closet at a ball! The rescue mission in France! The close-call annulment! The gun standoff that devolves into a SABRE FIGHT in an ABANDONED HOUSE that the HERO IS SECRETLY BUYING FROM THE VILLAIN?? OH YES AND A PREGNANCY!! I kept checking my status and was just gobsmacked every time I realized that I still had so much book left to go!

3. Tory was ... stock heroine. She's just ambitious and "great" and beautiful and the perfect lusty lady for the hero to crave without feeling like a pervert or whatever. I didn't dislike her, but I also didn't really...connect in any great way because she was going to be fine!! OF COURSE SHE WAS!!! She's got SPUNK.

4. Cord was a dick who only knew how to use the brain in his pants. Like, without any real reason he's absolutely convinced that Love is the absolute worst thing that could ever happen to a man. It's garbage: he's a REAL MAN and REAL MEN don't do FEELINGS omg.

And he's got the whole "If I only pay attention to my lady in the NIGHTTIME, everything will be GREAT because the SUN WILL KILL MY FEELINGS!! VIVA LA BONERS!" and it's absolute horse shit. It's so expected and boring and obnoxious to read about because IT NEVER WORKS FEELINGS ARE LIKE ATHLETE'S FOOT: IF YOU GOT IT IN THE NIGHTTIME, YOU GOT IT IN THE DAYTIME TOO. GTFO.

5. I'm yelling a lot but that's because this book was just patently RIDICULOUS which was kind of wonderful? I couldn't stop reading it and I kind of didn't want to because what kind of nonsense was around the corner OH YES MORE POWERFUL AROUSALS AND DIAMOND-TIPPED BREASTS! JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

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### **Gamze says**

Bu mudur yani? Yazar'n okudu?um ilk kitab?. Kitab?ndaki ba? kad?n karakterde olu?turdu?u güçlü ki?ilik yazar için en sevdi?im izlenim oldu. Taaa ki kad?n?n yalan söylemeyi bir türlü b?rakamamas?na kadar. Genel olarak konusu iyiydi, s?k?lmadan okuyabilece?iniz türden. Yazar'n sürekli her cümlede istisnas?z karakterlerin isimlerini tekrarlamas? beni bunaltt?. Her cümle ba??nda, sonunda veya ortas?nda Tory ve Cord'u okurken yoruldum, gözlerim bitap dü?tü resmen. Karakterlerin aralar?ndaki o ?ey her ne dersiniz deyin ben hissedemedim. Hele erkek karakter anl?yorum kalbini koruma çabas?ndas?n da kar?n? sürekli görmezden gelmen mahvetti beni. Genel olarak fena de?ildi, okunabilir.

Serinin di?er kitaplar?;

1. The Bride's Necklace (2004) Gelinin Kolyesi
2. The Devil's Necklace (2005) - Ethan'n hikayesi.
3. The Handmaiden's Necklace (2006) - Rafael'in hikayesi.

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### **Tracy Somsen says**

I really enjoyed this series!

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### **Jenny Clark says**

I am finding more of these adventure romances lately. A pretty good balance of mystery, action and romance though a bit contrived at times. I am also bothered by the fact of how young all the characters are-Tory is only 19!

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### **Jessica Alcazar says**

I cannot wait to get my hands on the rest of this series. I seriously love this woman!

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### **Sherry says**

I enjoyed this book. I certainly never knew what was going to happen.

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### **Susana González says**

Sin comentarios

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**Linda says**

This is the first book of the trilogy about the bride's necklace and is a lovely story which deserves more than 5 stars.

Fashioned in the 13th century by Lord Fallon for his bride, tragedy struck before the wedding took place. The groom was killed and the bride threw herself off a castle parapet when she learned of his death. Rumors have followed the necklace through the centuries with its owners. It is rumored that the necklace can bring untold happiness or unbearable tragedy to its owner depending on the pureness of his heart.

Cord Easton, the Earl of Brant, presents the necklace to Victoria at their wedding. Will the necklace bring Victoria and Cord happiness or tragedy?

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**Lori Johnson says**

I loved it! I hadn't read an historical in awhile and I ate this up in just under two days. The sex scenes were well-written and I could feel both the sexual tension and the emerging feelings of love between the hero and heroine. And at the conflict... I found myself crying. I haven't cried while reading a book in a long time. For me, that's always a good sign if I care so much about the characters that I cry. I can't wait to read the next books in this series.

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**Mystikfire says**

This book was amazing! The perfect form of a little bit of everything, I have this one as a keeper on my shelf, read it more than once.

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**Anna says**

this book was heartwarming. i loved it the characters wre amazing. cant wait to read the next book in the series.

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**♥ Miss Jennifer ♥ says**

This was such a great book! I am looking forward to the next two books of the necklace trilogy!

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