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On the very day that Jacky Faber is to wed her true love, she is kidnapped by British Naval Intelligence and forced to embark on yet another daring mission—this time to search for sunken Spanish gold. But when Jacky is involved, things don't always go as planned.

Jacky has survived battles on the high seas, the stifling propriety of a Boston finishing school, and even confinement in a dank French prison. But no adventure has quite matched her opportunistic street-urchin desires—until now.

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Nadine says

Bummer, bummer, bummer. I really like Jacky and her adventures, but I don't like her creepy old man author who likes to pepper the text with sexual harassment. The books have been getting more and more explicit, and I think I finally hit my wall. It is too bad because I enjoy the books. I guess I need to get rid of the books so that my kids don't find them, succumb to the fabulous story and read their ways to some old man's fantasy about a 16 year old girl and her much too small swimsuit. Bummer, bummer, bummer.

Bonnie says

Just as a note to start, this is one of the best books/series to listen to... Katherine Kellgren is amazing and the accents and music bring the story to life in a way you don't get from reading the print version. So... go listen to it!

This is one of my favorite YA series, which feels weird to say, because I normally can't stand historical fiction. I've also finally caught up to the end of the series, and now have to wait for the next book. Jacky is a phenomenal character and the sort of person I wish I was a little more like... though a little Jacky goes a long way. She's strong, tough, resourceful, and has an excellent sense of humor. However, I feel like the series is dragging just a little. This book moved fairly quickly and didn't hold me in the same way of previous adventures, particularly "In the Belly of the Bloodhound" or "Under the Jolly Roger." That being said, I will continue to read the Bloody Jack books... I like Jacky just too much to stop! And while I'm not wild about Jamie, I'd like to see a happy ending for the two of them.

Here's looking forward to this September and "The Wake of the Lorelei Lee!"

Emily says

AMAZING!!!! This was sooo good!

SPOILER

I knew Jaimy and Jacky weren't going to get married some how!! And thats just the beginning! The iron bell, Flaco the pirate!!! Oh, this book is INCREDIBLE!!!!!!!

Tara Chevrestt says

Sometimes I love Jacky Faber, sometimes I don't. This is a "don't like" episode. I yielded halfway thru. A.

Getting too predictable. ONCE AGAIN, Jacky and Jaimy are separated. ONCE AGAIN Jacky is abducted and put to work for the British Intelligence Agency. ONCE AGAIN Jacky is running around singing and dancing in taverns and flirting with numerous fellows. B. I don't care if she had good intentions, she bought a slave. NO NO NO. C. Top that off with Jacky getting involved in cockfighting... Hmph. D. Quite simply, this episode is not for me.

Mum says

kindle/audio

Okay, if 2 stars is 'it was ok' and 3 stars is 'I liked it' then I have to fall somewhere in the middle of that.

SPOILER ALERT While I don't discuss specific plot points or give away the ending, I do mention things that happen in the book. Read on knowing you have been warned.

I have been a fan of this series up until now, giving books 5 star reviews that really don't deserve them on their literary merit, but because they are entertaining, hysterical quick reads that are good breaks between more mature books. We all need comic relief sometimes, right? Well this one was a little on the ridiculous side even for a Bloody Jack book. In this book Jacky invents swimming fins, is the first to dive the ocean depths to retrieve treasure (seriously, with no weights she swims out of the bell and collects things and never floats up? Come on! And she recovers from an episode of decompression sickness or the bends in time to dive the next day!?), invents the bikini, becomes the first to sanitize medical equipment because she finds it reduces the chances of infection, meets Rick in Havana. That Rick. Casablanca Rick. There's more, I just can't remember it all right now.

Anyway, as usual there are suitors a-plenty and Jacky has no qualms about leading them all on and right up to a certain point where they all must stop because she is saving herself for Jaimy. This is getting old. The plot was a little overworked here and I didn't see much point. There is a near rape. Every. Single. Book! Come on!

I also wish that Jacky would age a bit more. If she was 18-20 I'd feel a bit better about her behavior, but a 16 year old, who for at least 2 years has been galavanting around the world breaking hearts and whatever else. I guess in the first few books I felt as if she might be developing a bit of a moral compass, but that ended. I don't need her to be a nun, just not a slut. And these books, written by a man who makes Jacky seem really gross, wiggling her bum on the lap of the pirate and letting him put his hairy face between her breasts and shake it back and forth-that has a name I think-is just creepy in a way. I'm not a total prude, so it isn't that it happens, just the way he writes it. Dirty old man creepy. And these books are supposed to be for the middle school set. Ummmm. I wouldn't let my girls read them at that age. No way.

So. I am half-way through the series that I know has an ending because the final book was released last fall. Will I or won't I? Well, I won't for a little while anyway, then we shall see.

Caitlín (Ink Mage) says

Okay, so where do I start? Basically with, I hope this book isn't an indication of the series going WAY.

DOWN. HILL.

Rapture began with a good premise and had me expecting another rollicking adventure. But after the first 105 pages (or, parts I and II) it didn't live up to it. Yes, Jacky and Jaimy were together, but all they did was try--and fail--again and again to have "quiet moments," and Jacky told Jaimy what to do ALL THE TIME. I didn't even really like Jaimy for most of this book; the only time I felt any genuine liking for him was when he braved the diving bell, something he feared greatly, for Jacky's sake. It was very sweet. Otherwise, simply held the place of "the most beautiful boy" with no brain.

Secondly--which should perhaps be first--WHAT WAS WITH MR. MEYER REPEATING HIMSELF SO MANY TIMES?! I was nearly ready to scream by the end if I heard about Higgins' and his stupid towel-at-the-ready one more time. And entire sentences and explanations of various things were repeated many times-sometimes even on following pages.

A lot of the book seemed like boring filler--especially the Bother/Fox/Bear/Rabbit stories, which are apparently required to appear in every single book featuring slavery and/or an old slave who imports "wisdom" to the young.

I did like it from page 412 on, where a certain red-coated rascal appeared to save the day (and make me laugh!). I *loved* the scene with Richard Allen and the bomb--best true-to-character moment ever! It was nice, for once, that the book ended without a ton of drama in the last paragraph, but I'd almost rather have a cliffhanger because frankly I'm not all that excited for Book 8.

Emily says

You know... I just can't help myself... I'm a HUGE Jacky Faber fan. I know the plot is spinning in circles and I just don't care. I'm along for the ride.

Long live Jacky Faber! Forever may she sail!

Jessie says

Going through this I started to remember that there were writing flaws in the other books that I had forgotten about since I read the last book two years ago.

Most of it is written in the first person present which impossibly annoying because who wants to read "we are going there, we are so close. yes, we are there." Really? Just really, stream of conscience can go too far. That and Umms in italics when she kisses someone...gross.

And just as far as her as a character she has become really distasteful, and she's not the kind of character that can get away with that. She seems to have become a Mama (like for whores) rather than the female rugged-Liberace that she was before. Now it just seems we have to listen to her vainglorious musing about her genius and successes. That and to her concerns about all the sex people around her are having.

It's also become an insanely annoying habit of the writer take moments and remind us over and over that she was raised as an orphan, "well I wasn't raised proper." So? That's no excuse for loose morals. Oh yeah, that's another thing, she kisses every guy she sees as attractive and makes sex jokes with them (which are painful

to read.) We have to listen to her inner 'struggles' over whether or not to be all over these guys or be faithful.

She does not seem like a woman, which makes sense because the writer is a man. For instance her obsession with every man and woman she knows getting paired up and get busy so they can have tons of babies. That and her acceptance of man acting like pigs "oops, it's just male honor," when she used to have some honor herself so she would not take that.

Anna says

My least favorite of the series. Full of filler and fluff: Jemima's stories of brother fox and brother rabbit, cockfighting, Jacky singing in the club in Havana. All fluff without moving the story forward. All designed to explain why Jacky and Jamey haven't had sex yet. Where's an editor when you need one?

Mackenzi says

JACKY AND JAIMY FOREVER!

Miss says

Anyone else feel like the way Meyer's writes Jacky's sexuality is a getting kind of skeezy? I'm all for Jacky Faber, champion flirter but the way he writes her is coming off as increasingly male gazey. Plus most of her love interests are jackasses, like by now I know if Jacky meets a dude and he's an asshole she'll be probably by making out with him by the end of the book. :/ I think it might not come off so gross if Meyer would let her age properly. There is no way on earth it makes sense for her to only be sixteen within the timeframe of the story. If I'm guessing low and assigning one year per book (and considering how much goes down each book I really think some encompass more than a year) she ought to be nineteen at the very least by now. Also I would give alot to get rid of the attempted rape scenes she's subjected to every single book.

With that little critique done I will say I did enjoy this book. Jacky Faber, professional mermaid! Inventor of the swimming suit and flipper finns! (I suspect the next book will feature Jacky founding modern medical science, it seems like a plausible next step after anachronistically discovering the benefits of alcohol sterilization). The series looks to be winding down now, I look forward to seeing her crowned king of all pirates (what, that has to be end. I can think of literally no profession Jacky Faber would be more intrinsically suited to). 3.5 stars

Kathryn says

Another delightful adventure with Jacky Faber, who is now like a very dear friend to me. In this adventure, we find Jacky sent by King George to the waters off Cuba and Key West, diving for sunken Spanish treasure. I will try to avoid spoilers for both this book and for the previous books, and simply say that this was perhaps one of the most enjoyable of Jacky's adventures because, for the most part, it was fairly cheerful. Aside from a few heart-wrenching moments (one involving a tale told by a freed slave, the other when Jacky watches a

bullfight), it was mostly smooth sailing (pardon the pun) for Jacky this time around. The supporting cast provided many colorful and engaging moments, including the vile peacock of a Spanish officer Cisneros, and the return of the gallant and amorous Floco (Jacky's good-natured and handsome pirate friend whom I had not met, having skipped the book he was featured in). I liked Jemima and her "Brother Rabbit" (Brer Rabbit) stories, too, though I felt the name was rather an unfortunate choice for this African-American woman, especially considering she is making pancakes in one of her first scenes. I was delighted that Jamie, Jacky's betrothed, also features in this book in person vs. the letters I have come to know him by from previous books. He and Jacky must promise not to enter into any sort of, ahem, amorous adventures together which creates quite a lot of sexual tension, as Jacky is quite the lusty lass and Jamie is, well, a young man very eager for his wedding night. I am not sure what age these books are geared for, but I would place this one firmly in the YA category given the sexual innuendo. I enjoyed the setting, and the sunken treasure aspect gave a new twist for Jacky's adventures. If you enjoyed the previous Jacky books, keep reading. The quality remains strong!

If you listen to the audiobook, which I highly recommend thanks to Katherine Kellgren's marvelous reading, be sure to stay tuned after the last chapter for an interesting twenty minute interview with Kellgren and author LA Meyer.

Leslie says

I really like this series, and this one was a little different which was nice but still with all the wonderful things that make Jacky Faber so much fun.

Katie Hutchison Irion says

Oh Jacky, I am so flipping sad to know that there are no new books for me to read about your wild adventures, constant flirting, abundant flesh showing, crazy ideas, and fantastic personality. When I finished book 7 I felt like I had lost a friend. I guess I'm just going to have to reread them.

So, if you couldn't tell, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I loves the premise. I loved the location. I loved Higgins. I loved Davey on the ship with her and their constant bickering. I love Higgins. I love Capt. Hudson and his indulgent ways when it comes to Jacky. I love that she finally paid the crown back so many she can get on to some adventures that doesn't involve running away from everything British. I loved her rooster and his weighted vest. I loved Capt Allen and cheeky personality. I loved all the interactions with Jaimy but I also loved the foiled wedding. I did. I mean, I am still a Jaimy fan but it sure makes for an exciting book to have options. And to think, that Jacky is still chaste. Who knows how she does it considering every book she is kissing some guy and is threatened with rape at least once. This girl can get out of her scrapes.

Ok L.A. Meyer, get writing and let us follow Jacky again. I'm already sick of other books! A big thank you to my lovely friend Heidi Hadley for encouraging me to read these. It took me a year but I've read them and LOVED them. My goal is know to convert others!

Nisha says

Considering my distaste with how long L.A. Meyer is dragging on about maintaining Jacky's virginity and her frustrating relationship with British Navy, I loved this book.

Jacky is finally reunited with her beloved Jaimy and they are nearly at the alter getting married, when Jacky is whisked away by the British Naval Intelligence to recover sunken Spanish gold. Supposedly, they are still angry that she didn't kill Napoleon when she had the chance, so her punishment is to abstain from sex until after their mission is complete. Lucky for Jacky, Jaimy is allowed to help with the mission, as 3rd Mate on the Dolphin, the ship that is supposed to accompany the Nancy B in their endeavor. And so begins the adventure. Jacky gets to reunite most of her brotherhood, add another female crewmember, see a slave auction, and run into a few of her previous suitors, the Spanish pirate Flaco and Captain Richard Allen.

There's really not much else to the story, but it was cute and we had more time with Jaimy. I am liking him a lot more and the boy has definitely grown up some. Still kinda bland though. I, myself, lust after Flaco or even Richard Allen, but Jaimy's still kinda cute.

Overall, its a good addition, but honestly, I just want it to end. No, not really end, but I no longer want Jacky drawn to be her still intact virginity. It has dragged on way too long and I would appreciate a nice satisfying finale. But considering that there are at least 2 books after this one, I doubt it.