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Texas rancher Langston Lockwood died leaving his three daughters with an inheritance of secrets, lies, and mysteries. The family ranch, the Rocking L, includes a lonely box canyon called Baxter's Draw, which may be the key to a hidden Spanish treasure.

Still reeling from their father's suspicious suicide, Kate, Jenny, and Mandy are determined to discover the truth about Baxter's Draw.

??? Did their grandfather really steal that part of the family's land from their neighbors and rivals, the Baxters?

According to the story long told in their small town, the land changed hands during a crooked poker game.

??? Could there be something in Baxter's Draw worth fighting and dying over?

Professor Jake Martin thinks the Lockwood ranch may be the key to solving the legend of Jim Bowie's lost silver mine.

??? But it's not just the girls who want the secrets at the heart of Langston Lockwood's legacy to be revealed.

Outsiders trespassing on the land seem determined to go to any lengths to get what they want, even if that means striking at the heart of all the Lockwood sisters hold dear.

Return to the Rocking L for the next part of the Lockwood Legacy saga as the series continues to follow the sisters' homecoming and their efforts to reconcile the loss of their father with all they stand to gain.

Continue this exciting series now!

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Janie R. says

This is an awesome series by Juliet Harper, a new author for me. There are themes of suspense, mystery, some romance, history, forgiveness, and family relationships. I had a hard time putting this book down! I look forward to reading the next one!

Marian Anderson says

Another great read

Just finished this book in a day, so that say it all! I truly enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to anyone.

Maria Mitchell says

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I would like to thank author Juliette Harper for giving me the opportunity of continuing to read and review her Lockwood Legacy series with the second book, Baxter's Draw.

Baxter's Draw picks up not long after the first book Langston's Daughters left off. The sisters: Kate, Jenny, and Mandy are now living on the ranch together and caring for each other as sisters again. Jenny and Mandy are both in relationships. But the sister's still have questions about their father's life and death. Now archaeologist Jake Martin enters their lives to study the land they own up in Baxter's Draw.

This book delved even deeper into the mystery and violence than the last book. Questions still surround their father's death and the body count since. Now the stakes are even higher for the sister's with someone watching their every move. The danger was intense and kicked up a notch in Baxter's Draw. The mystery kept me guessing as a reader.

Family was a recurring theme as the sister's start relying on each other more. I really enjoyed their relationship as well as their banter. It was real and heartwarming. The girls also get to know more about their father and shed light onto the cruel and unloving man they knew.

Kate was the central sister in this novel and this book delves more into her independent and loner nature. She has an attraction with Jake and it's nice to see that friendship blossom. She's a strong, smart and brave woman and I enjoyed having her as the main character in this book. However, her romance was very much downplayed while Jenny's and Mandy's relationships were holding most of the romantic side of things in this book.

On a funny note, I kept noticing in both Baxter's Draw and Langston's Daughters that the author seemed

very fond giving all of her male characters names beginning with the letter J. Sometimes it was confusing as a reader since I would get the names mixed up, especially now that all three love interests are introduced in this book. However, the author choose to draw attention to it herself by having Kate refer to the men as "the three Jays."

This book was a short southern romantic suspense novel building again on the ties of family. With two books under my belt on this series, I have enjoyed them immensely.

My rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

Charlie says

The Lockwood Legacy continues with Kate, Jenny and Mandy. If things weren't complicated enough in book 1, Langston's Daughters, they get much, much more complicated as the story continues.

The suicide of Langston Lockwood is nothing compared to the secrets he kept when he was alive. Nothing surprised the girls more than the requirements of his will: all three permanently move to the Rocking L to live. It was the one thing he thought that would drive them apart. He couldn't have been more wrong.

As the girls continue to unravel the secrets Langston kept they are struggling to understand the significance of Baxter's Draw, a piece of land Langston acquired from the neighboring Baxter ranch.

In the midst of digging deeper, Jenny and Josh Baxter are moving forward with their relationship, and so are Mandy and mayor Joe Bob. Along comes Professor Lowell, to root around in Baxter's Draw. The girls don't think he'll find what he's looking for, but somebody else is sure the good Professor Jake will uncover what he's wanted to find for several years.

I could not put down my Kindle except to get a few hours of shut eye before picking back up with the constantly evolving story of the Lockwoods. Just as it seems the day is never done, neither is the Lockwood Legacy.

Linda Cole says

Very good

Really like this series. All of the characters are likeable and strong. The mystery of their father's life keeps unfolding

Sue says

2nd book in this series about the Lockwood Legacy - and Langston Lockwood's daughters.

This book establishes that someone is watching them, and willing to kill to keep their own identity a secret. The girls have set up their homes on the property left to them by their hard-hearted father and are now trying to figure out why their lawyer was shot by a sniper while confessing that he watched their father shoot himself.

Now there is a professor ready to do an archaeological dig on their ranch...and all three sisters are having their hearts tested with only Kate, the eldest, resisting any idea of romance.

elaine m. suda says

Lockwood Loot

I found your story about the Lockwood sisters and the existence of the Aztec gold very exciting, but was disappointed in the abrupt ending. The storyline was very interesting and really held my attention. I look forward to reading more of your work.

Erika Messer says

Once again we find ourselves wrapped up in the lives of the Lockwood girls Kate, Jenny and Mandy. They have all adjusted well to living on the Ranch but the question of whether their father committed suicide or was murdered is still hanging over their heads and it affects Kate in more ways because she was the one who stayed on the ranch with her father. Mandy and Jenny are both in steady relationships and Kate has an admirer ... but is it someone who may have been involved with their father's demise? And the mysterious Baxter's Draw is something that has enthralled Kate for some time and she decides she has to find out what is there. And what IS there is a total shock to all of them and something they never expected. And it could lead to more problems for them than answers. I loved this book just as much as the first one, the mystery of Baxter's Draw was an amazing adventure and I love the way the sisters are being drawn together and relating to each other:) Awesome book!

Carole Victorson says

Good reading

It's hard getting the series from your local library.

You almost have to buy them and I don't want to do that.

Siobhan Henn says

Read it straight through and onto the next.

I can see similar themes in the Briar Hollow books.

Enjoyed it thoroughly

Paula M. of Her Book Thoughts! says

I've read all books in this series at one sitting and I would be lying if I tell you that wasn't one of the reasons why I like this series, They're very readable and Harper's writing is so smooth and eloquent that you'll just breeze throughout the story. I didn't even realized that I was near the end not until I turned the second to the last chapter. I was truly lost in the story.

Just like in the previous book, the mystery and lore is really what draws me in from this series. I can't help but be invested. In Baxter's Draw, there was a lot of secrets that unraveled and twists that I didn't see coming. I really admire how Juliette Harper constructed this story, even from the first book. The consistency is there and most importantly, it just keeps on getting better. Which is why I keep coming back. In Alice's Portrait, we got more secrets AND action. You will really see how well thought the plot is. Although I was satisfied with how the two books were done, I really wouldn't complain if there'll be additional books.

And the best element of this series is the relationship between the sisters. There was a lot of problems that was thrown their way and yet, they're still standing. Together. As the series progresses, we get to know each sister even more. They have wonderful attributes but not near to perfection, They're still flawed and realistically written, I even swooned over the romance aspect. It was slower than what I was used to but it really worked with me. If I have complains, its that I kinda wish Kate (the oldest sister) would have a concrete love interest. She deserves it.

The air of mystery is still very much present and just intensified. And I genuinely care about these characters so whatever the authors decided, whether Alice's Portrait is the end or there'll be another book, I'll be satisfied with the decision. I enjoyed this story very much and praise for the authors for writing a well written mystery built with wonderful characters!

Maureen says

In 'Baxters Draw' the story of the three Langston sisters Kate, Jenny and Mandy continues. All three sisters are living their lives on the farm their farther left them after his suicide. After the shooting a couple weeks ago, the sister try to find more information about how their father became so rich and what drove him to become this angry man. When an archeologist gets in touch with the sisters about the option of searching their land for an ancient treasure which possibly hides on Baxter's Draw, they agree in hope of finding more

answers about their father. But there are more people looking for answers and soon the sisters find themselves in danger, yet again.

Although I liked the first book, I must say I loved the second book in this series. 'Baxter's Draw' has everything I still missed in the first book. This book is filled with mystery but most of all with love and family. I loved reading about the sisters and how they searched for more answers about their estranged father. I loved how they became a family again, together with the men in their life.

In 'Baxter's Draw' we get to know the characters even better. And that made this book just a very enjoyable read. Kate, Jenny and Mandy are all very different but they each have something that just is so fun to read about. I really came to love the Langston's sisters and I can't wait to read the third book.

deb waldman says

No ending

I am quite disappointed that this is only a portion of a book and is hardly a mystery. The focus is on developing the characters and their romantic interest, with the "mystery" being secondary. I would be upset if this weren't a free book.

czai (the Blacksheep Reader) says

Langston's Daughters was a really good mystery that involves family. It really absorbed me. I love the connection between the sisters and how the romance slowly develops throughout the novel. When it ended in such a cliffhanger, I got really excited to pick up Baxter's Draw.

Baxter's Draw answered a few questions from *Langston's Daughters*. It developed the sisters even more as well as their personal relationships. It introduced a few more factors in Langston's mystery.

While *Langston's Daughters* introduced the mystery-side of the story well, *Baxter's Draw* reinforced it with further making Langston a more surprising man. After finding out Langston's past, his daughters grew more curious about all the things they seem to not know about their father. His death not only caused their lives to change, it also allowed them to know him further.

Langston's Daughters was a very intriguing novel. Baxter's Draw, on the other hand, focused on some historical aspects which was really interesting. In the beginning of the novel, we were introduced to Lowell J. Martin aka Jake, an archaeologist, who's more than willing to know what really lies in Baxter's Draw. True enough, together with Langston's daughters, he discovered hidden golds in the Draw. I really love how it incorporated history in the story. Jake nicely laid down some interesting historical fictional facts that made the whole searching for Langston's treasure more interesting.

While I initially had mixed feelings for the girls, *Baxter's Draw* made me love them especially Kate whom I think was somehow not given as much attention as Jenny and Mandy in the first book. It also showed that each girl really have that bravery and strength in them even Mandy, the most gentle and taken care of. There were a lot of developments around the girls along with their romantic relationships. And I'm really

hoping great things for Kate after seeing her nice relationship with Jake :)

OVERALL, *Baxter's Draw* is a nicely written story about family and relationships that incorporated mystery nicely. It's a really good read. I love the whole historical aspect. It revealed a few things and opened up a couple more intriguing facts to explore regarding Langston's past. While this one didn't worked out for me as much as *Langston's Daughters*, it really made me excited for the final book, *Alice's Portrait*.

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Julia says

Baxter's Draw

Even better than the first book in the series. Was not happy about the added curse words though, it would have been better without them.