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## **At the Corner of King Street** Mary Ellen Taylor

The author of *The Union Street Bakery* presents a new novel about a woman searching for a fresh start—while unable to forget the past...

Adele “Addie” Morgan grew up in a house filled with pain and loss. Determined to live life on her own terms, Addie moves to the country and finds a job at a vineyard where she discovers stability, happiness, and—best of all—love with the kind owner, Scott.

But an unexpected call abruptly pulls Addie out of her new and improved life. Her sister has just given birth and Addie’s Aunt Grace wants her to return home to help the family—even if it means confronting things she’s tried so hard to forget.

When Addie arrives, she quickly realizes that she hasn’t truly let go of her former life, at least not completely. After making a surprising connection with her sister’s baby—and her sister’s ex-husband, Zeb—Addie must choose between her picture-perfect future with Scott and the family roots she thought she’d left behind for good...

## **At the Corner of King Street Details**

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## Kath says

I really enjoyed this book. The author writes easy, down to earth type stories and they have all been solid reads.

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## Alisa says

Read this since I really enjoyed a previous book by this author. Enjoyed the historical aspect and "witch" history of this book. At times I had a hard time following the different time periods, but good enjoyable book for me. How sometimes our history can impact and determine our future.

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## Kristin says

While I liked the first series a bit better, this was still a good start to a new one. It was nice seeing characters from the previous one in this one as well. I'm interested to see where this one will go.

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## Judy Collins says

*Mary Ellen Taylor* returns following her heartwarming popular *Union Street Bakery Series* with **AT THE CORNER OF KING STREET** with the first in the *Alexandria Series*---a contemporary, poignant story of a woman struggling with her past and the future. *As always, love her front covers—drawing you into the beautiful settings.*

**Taylor** knows how to weave a southern story with layers of emotion, history, and human dynamics, as well as delivering riveting crime thrillers under *Mary Burton*. You have to love an author who can juggle a number of genres, while pulling out "all the stops".

**Adele “Addie” Morgan** did not have a great childhood and finally finds her happiness at a vineyard and the love of a good man, Scott, the owner. She loves her new life, her job, and she of all people, deserves to find happiness.

However, Addie’s life is uprooted when she is called to return home to help the family in Alexandria, Virginia—a life and a past should would rather forget. Unfortunately a painful family past--her mother and sister suffer from a mental illness, bipolar.

Addie has spent the last seven years trying to escape this curse, after an accident. Addie is torn with demands from Aunt Grace and sister, Janet. From her sister’s pregnancy, baby, ex-husband, meds, drama, mental illness, ups and downs, and a failing family business--plus Scott knows nothing about her past, or family.

Torn between family, loyalty, love, history, and the family's disturbing mental illness-- the demands and

tolls, roller-coaster; dealing with the heart breaking disease and trying to escape this drama-filled life.

**Taylor captures** the emotions of the heart from family tragedy to joy, with beautiful writing from talented Southern storyteller—with intriguing history and mystery. We also hear from familiar characters of the Union Street Bakery series, which was delightful. *If you have not read the Union Bakery Series, highly recommend.*

Cannot wait for the next book in the Alexandria Series: **The View from Prince Street**, Coming Jan 5, 2016. (Fortunate to receive an ARC and dying to jump ahead to read)!

One of my favorite authors, both as *Mary Ellen Taylor* (women's fiction) and *Mary Burton* (crime, mystery, thriller). She has a rare talent --loving her writing style!

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## **Viviane Crystal says**

Addie Morgan's family is cursed! Her mother and sister suffer from a mental illness which seems to be a bipolar disorder. The question is whether or not this is truly a family curse or a genetic predisposition for the females in the female to inherit this debilitating disease. This is a story about how this disease affects the woman afflicted by it and the effect it has on family. It's a rollercoaster ride to be sure, and Addie has spent the last seven years escaping from it after she and her sister were in a terrible accident.

Addie has found a new life away from Alexandria, Virginia where she has fallen in love with a man whom she adores and has gone from grape picker to manager of her partner's winery business, a profession she has also come to love. All in all her life is presently serene, with occasional memories that she immediately rejects in spite of their haunting quality.

The moments' bliss is broken, however, when she receives four telephone calls from her sister, Janet. Unknown to Addie, Janet had disappeared from her husband and son's life and has now reappeared in dire straits. It turns out she's pregnant, about to deliver a baby and has not been taking her medications for a very long time. Needless to say, she's psychologically as unstable as possible. Addie's Aunt Grace calls for Addie to come to the rescue.

This is the story that will keep any reader riveted to the page as Addie returns to deal with a very ill sister, an Aunt who is feeling her age and more, and a newborn who is possibly the crankiest baby in the planet except when in Addie's arms. Oh, there's a family salvage business to be rescued from bankruptcy as well! What about her lover who knows absolutely nothing about her family life? Secrets sometimes do more harm than good, don't they? Is there truly a secret curse on the Morgan family?

Addie is torn between staying and leaving but the reader must follow the story to see how Addie's entire world is changing in unpredictable, challenging ways that are so very credible. This honestly doesn't read like fiction but more like a memoir about the ravages of mental illness and the growth and sacrifice it demands from all involved.

Outstanding story! Fine contemporary fiction, indeed!

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## **Linda Smatzny says**

This is the story of Adele "Addie" Morgan and her willingness and need to help her family. Her older sister is mentally ill as was her mother so Addie grew up as the fixer in the family. Seven years ago Addie left and found happiness working at a vineyard and fell in love with the owner, Scott. Now Aunt Grace has come to get Addie because Janet (the older sister) has returned and has had a baby, a girl. Addie agrees to come but doesn't tell Scott. This is the story of deciding what is really important in your life. The three sisters from The Union Street Bakery make appearances but Margaret plays the biggest part concerning the history of Addie, Grace and Janet. The book was a quick easy read.

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## **Rachel Allen says**

### **Can't put it down**

I love this author's site and style, and all the historical details and info are accurate and woven into the story seamlessly

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## **Chelsey Wolford says**

Having read Mary Ellen Taylor's Union Street Bakery series before this one, I was of course expecting to love this new series just as much. Taylor has a very lyrical style of writing, but it is not too cliché and has just enough flow and rhythm to allow you to read quickly and be swept up in each of the character's lives. The main character, Addie, was very easy to connect to. She was dealing with issues that were very believable for our society today and her character was well-written. She had several issues from her past that have found themselves suddenly reappearing in her future and this story tells how she deals with all of that. I have really been in the mood for a lot of mystery and historical fiction lately, and this book even added family secrets in amongst all the other things I so desperately love. Before each chapter, there was a brief flashback that allows readers to get a glimpse into Addie's family and know a little bit about their past. I loved those parts so much!

I am a huge fan of Southern Fiction! I love books that take a tiny, sweet, quaint little town and set an entire series there. This book takes place in Alexandria, Virginia, which is not that far from my home state. I loved the setting and the cozy places where I was easily able to picture the characters and actually hear the well-written dialogue take place. I really enjoyed some of the secondary characters just as much as the main ones. This book is not connected to the Union Street Bakery series, meaning it is not necessary that you read those books first, but I highly suggest looking into Mary Ellen Taylor's other series because it is just as fabulous as this one. Treat yourself with these cozy little reads this spring!

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### **Christine Verstraete says**

Enjoyable. I especially liked the dual timeline, the link to witchcraft in the past and the historic aspects.

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### **Gigi says**

Great summer reading! While it is a light read, it does resemble real life in how to juggle multiple challenges that life throws at us. Delightful reading with a bit of suspense blended in makes this a great book. Also read "The Union Street Bakery" ...another one of Mary Ellen Taylor's novels. The covers of this books are awesome too!

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### **Diane says**

3.5 stars

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### **Jeanne Adamek says**

Beautifully written although a bit sadder than The Union Street Bakery. The story doesn't sound quite finished, though, and I am hoping for more---maybe a sequel?!

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### **Nancy says**

predictable read about a woman trying to figure out her life and her ties to the past.

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### **Stacey Lechner says**

Loved this book and can't wait for the next one in the series. I am not surprised that I liked this, given how much I enjoyed the Union Street Bakery books. The characters are unique and original, as is the story. Mary Ellen Taylor writes about realistic situations and makes her characters relatable, even when they're doing things you don't agree with.

The family dynamics of Addie, Janet and Grace anchor the story and I really felt for Addie in her struggle to avoid being sucked back into the family situation she ran away from. I also liked how we got to see some of the characters from the Union Street Bakery series make an appearance. I appreciated the levity that Margaret brought to the scenes she was in. There were a lot of heavy issues dealt with in the book, but I still found it to be a good summer read.

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**Keanes says**

Good historical fiction. Interesting connection with Faith and Sarah. Not surprised about the ending.

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