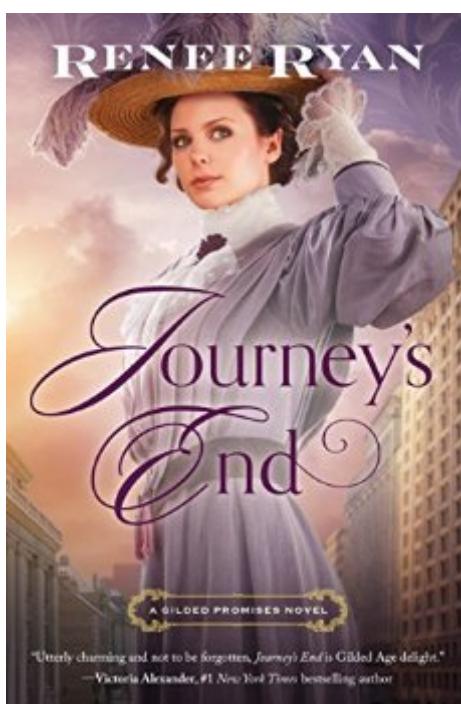


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Journey's End (Gilded Promises)



Synopsis

Having grown up on the mean streets of nineteenth-century London, Caroline St. James is used to fighting to survive. So when her beloved mother is abandoned and ignored by her wealthy family suddenly dies, the scrappy twenty-two-year-old devises a plan to right this terrible wrong. With nothing to lose, she sails to New York to find the man who turned a cold shoulder to her mother's suffering: Caroline's grandfather. To settle the family score, Caroline infiltrates her grandfather's privileged world, hoping to sabotage his business from the inside. But as she sets her plot in motion, she meets Jackson Montgomery, a virtuous man who is struggling to recover from a family scandal of his own. As their friendship grows, and Caroline begins to piece together the motives that led her family to turn its back, she is forced to make a decision: Should she risk everything in the name of justice? Or can she look toward the future and let love and forgiveness guide her instead?

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Customer Reviews

This has to be one of the worse books I have read in a very, very long time. I would give it zero stars if I could. I only finished it because I was given it to me free for a review. The premise of the book is that the heroine's mother was cast aside by her very rich family when she married a stable hand. When

the stable hand died before his daughter was born, her family refused to take her back and she raised her daughter in destitution on the "mean streets of London". How I wish that phrase wasn't used in the book...The heroine is coming to America to find her grandfather and destroy him after he's destroyed her and her mother's lives. So, this blurb had me intrigued, except, of course, she forgives her grandfather like 5 minutes after meeting him...Pros1. The book, mercifully, is short.2. The heroine had a cool backstory. She may not have lived up to it, but it's a great set-up.Cons1. The heroine, apparently, is Rain Man with her numbers ability. She is able to make a fortune in a few months gambling, more than enough to get her across the Atlantic Ocean and set her up in high style while she searches for her grandfather. So why, again, was she and her mother destitute? Oh, that's right, because picking pockets and stealing food is so much less amoral than winning legitimately at cards. You are not even sort of convincing me on this. People who are hungry and poor do what they must to survive. Why she wouldn't have used these talents to potentially save her mother, I don't know.2. Oh, and yeah, why would men play cards with her in this era? I am going to tell myself she dressed as a boy . . .3.

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