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Von Linore Rose Burkard : Before the Season Ends (A Regency Inspirational Romance) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Before the Season Ends (A Regency Inspirational Romance):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A light, enjoyable Regency with a strong Christian elementVon Helen HancoxThe back cover of this book tells you exactly what it is - "the first Christian Inspirational Regency on the market today", and the Christian element, although not

over-intrusive, is a significant aspect of this book. We follow the story of Ariana Forsythe, a young lady of a firm Christian faith who goes to London to stay with her aunt and experience a season. Almost immediately she bumps into Mr Mornay, the rich but aloof gentleman who never has anything to do with women and whose rude manners and disinterest can 'ruin' their reputation. Although treating Ariana badly in one way, he shortly after comes to her rescue, and from that point onward their paths cross. I won't give the story away, although it's pretty obvious how it will all end, but there are various difficulties along the way and these are written in a light and pleasing style. The period detail is good, there are some interesting vignettes into the Regency period, including Ariana meeting the Prince Regent at Carlton House, and many of the traditional pitfalls of the American author of a Regency England novel are avoided. I'm not sure if the spelling was meant to be English in this book. Some was - "Saviour", for example - but most wasn't (jewelry, specialties, favor, labor etc. There were also a couple of occurrences of the wretched American "gotten" which appear to be de rigueur in books with authors from the USA. However the overall standard of writing - and particularly dialogue - was excellent. It didn't feel like people were speaking modern language in a 200 year old setting, they seemed to be speaking in a way which was reasonably true to the period - as were their actions. The importance of giving the right impression, of correct social behaviour, was all well described. Ariana as a heroine was interesting. She is quite passive throughout the book - things generally happen to her, rather than her doing specific actions; although initially her clumsiness causes the introduction to Mr Mornay and also causes her to make an enemy within her social world, after this point things just seem to happen and she goes along with it. She comes across as a graceful, friendly girl but we are given insights into her thoughts - she is obeying her aunt and following the advice of many people, and yet inside she has many doubts about her actions and whether they are right in God's eyes but she mostly keeps these hidden from those around her. God shows up a lot in this book. It's billed as Christian Regency and it is most certainly that. I haven't previously read a novel which has the Christian element so much to the fore, and I suspect this is something more familiar to American readers than British readers, but it mostly worked well. A British person with no religious affiliation might find it a bit hard-going but the religious element doesn't really take over the story, with the possible exception of the ending which for me was a little too preachy but would probably sit fine with most Christian readers. Mr Mornay is well-written although I didn't feel I entirely understood why he was so in love with Ariana and able to put up with her vacillations over their marriage! We were given an insight into his history, the event that took place in his youth which formed his rather caustic manner. He was probably the most un-rakish hero I've read about in a while, but still an interesting character at that. Despite some of these small reservations, overall I very much enjoyed the book. It reminded me of Georgette Heyer's "Arabella", another book where the confirmed bachelor changes his ways when meeting a fresh, unspoiled girl from the country. There are differences, of course, but the comparison is a positive one - this book leaves you with that feelgood factor which makes me look forward to the next book from Linore Burkard.

Kurzbeschreibung In her debut novel of what she calls spirited romance for the Jane Austen soul, author Linore Rose Burkard tells the intriguing story of Miss Ariana Forsythe, a young woman caught between her love for a man who doesn't share her faith and her resolution to marry only a fellow believer in Christ. Trouble at home sends the young woman to her aunt's townhome in the fashionable Mayfair district of London. There she finds worse troubles than those that prompted her flight from home. Ariana is soon neck-deep in high society and at odds with Mr. Phillip Mornay, London's current darling rogue. Then a scandal changes Ariana forever. Her heart, her faith, and her future are all at stake in an unexpected adventure that gains even the Prince Regent's attention. Will Ariana's faith survive this test? And what about her heart? For it's Ariana's heart that most threatens to betray the truths she has always believed in. When she finds herself backed against a wall, betrothed to the wrong young man, how can it ever turn out right? Jane Austen readers and fans of Regency romances everywhere will love *Before the Season Ends*. **Pressestimmen** "I thoroughly enjoyed this Regency romance from beginning to end. It's exactly the kind of story I like to read but rarely ever find. Funny, touching, romantic-I highly recommend it."-Melanie Dickerson, ACFW Book Club Coordinator "Ms. Burkard has managed to produce a work that reads as radiant as a drop of sunlight!"-Naomi D. Musch, Christian fiction author "I enjoyed reading *Before the Season Ends* very much. I tried to read a bit and go to bed one night only to finish half and stay up way too late. The characters were engaging and there was enough humor to keep the tone light. The storyline had true value and I am delighted to find a book I can even let my teen daughter read without worrying about the content! Great job Linore Rose Burkard!"-Christa Sterken, freelance writer "Ariana Forsythe is someone you would desire as a best friend. You root for her throughout the book. She has several misadventures, which throws her into the path of Mr. Mornay. Mr. Mornay is the new Mr. Darcy! He is of course most desirable and uncatchable by any of the girls having their season; he has even managed to escape others in previous season. Then Ariana falls into his world and everything begins to tilt for him. "This book had many moments of well-written humor. The faith aspect of this book is well done as well. Ariana's faith is real and her actions are consistent with that faith. I'm looking forward to the next regency by Burkard."-Diana Lesire Brandmeyer, author of *Hearts on the*

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