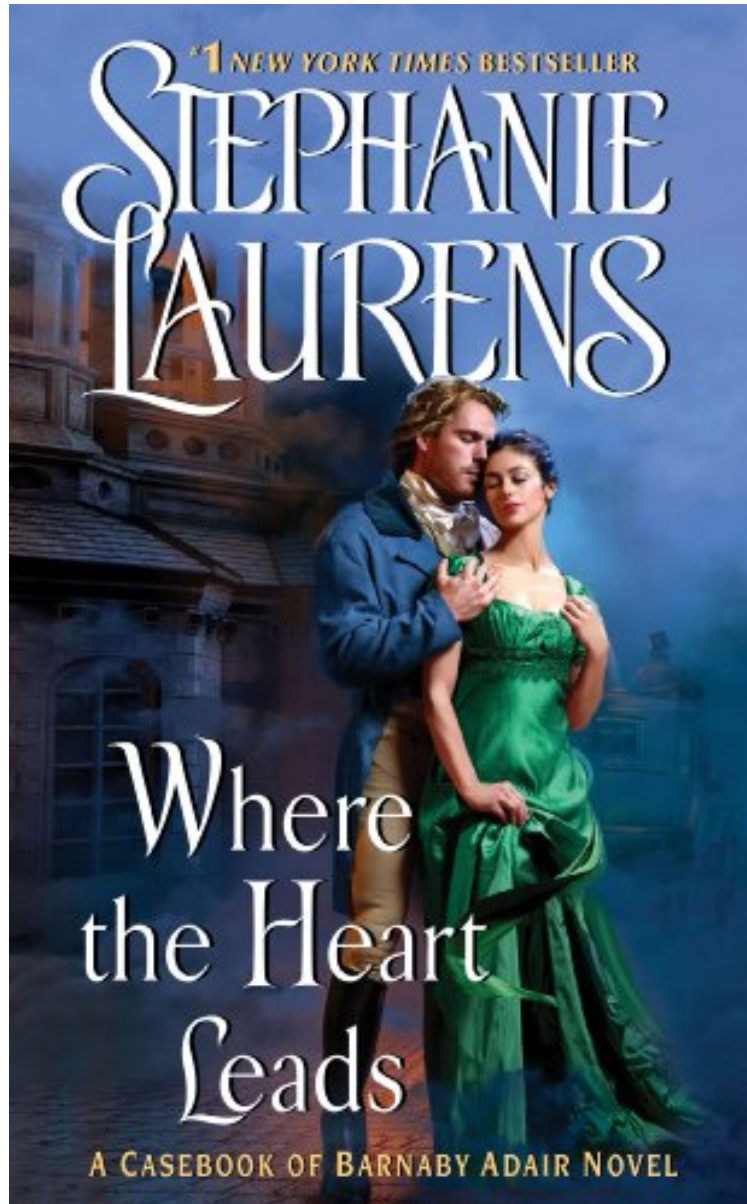


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Von Stephanie Laurens : Where the Heart Leads (Casebook of Barnaby Adair) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where the Heart Leads (Casebook of Barnaby Adair):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
"Upstairs/Downstairs" through Regency LondonVon Helen HancoxThis was a really enjoyable story with two major

threads, a major and a minor romance and a murder/kidnapping mystery with an unusual mix of characters from different social levels in society. More time in the book is actually given to the murder/kidnapping story where various young orphan boys are kidnapped before being taken to a Foundling Home in order to be trained as Burglar's Boys. Penelope Ashford, the administrator of the Foundling Home and the daughter of a Viscount, takes upon herself to investigate the disappearance of the boys. She knows she doesn't have the skills herself, although she has plenty of courage and energy, but she knows that Barnaby Adair, third son of an Earl, is known for investigating crimes and having links with the Police. She goes to Barnaby and persuades him to help her to find the boys, and thus starts this enjoyable plot. Barnaby assumes that he can 'handle' Penelope but she soon confounds his ideas and expectations and he ends up working alongside her, sometimes following in her wake. Their attraction to each other becomes apparent but Penelope is dead set against marriage and so Barnaby has to use all his guile and his understanding of her nature to try to change her mind. There's a secondary romance between a policeman and his informant which is also sweet and well-written and an interesting insight into life for the middle classes and working classes in Regency London. All the characters in this story are well drawn, ranging from the main characters to the dying mother of a young boy, and Laurens' pacing is always excellent. The point of view sometimes changes unexpectedly mid-text which can be a bit confusing and the historical detail is a bit suspect in that our heroine seems to be able to gad about all over the place without anyone noticing she's unchaperoned. However the story wouldn't work well if she was constantly under the surveillance of her parents so it's an acceptable fudge of historicity to further the plot. All in all this was a really enjoyable read with the kidnapping plot adding spice to the story. Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book Helen Hancox 2008 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. My favourite of all the Cynster books and the start to a Spin off Serie Von maMadame Ich habe sie alle gelesen in deutsch und englisch aber das ist mein absoluter Liebling! Schon bei der Geschichte von Altheas Bruder Charles hatte ich gehofft, das die Geschichte von Barneby erzählt wird, nachdem er auf der Hochzeit von Charles zum erstenmal auf Penelope trifft und diese sofort links liegen lt. (Da wute man schon, es schreit nach einem Buch!) Nicht alle haben mir gefallen. Ich kann hier mal nicht sagen, da das Buch lngen hatte, es war eher anderes als die anderen und hielt sich nicht mit Ellen langen Beschreibungen und belanglosen Konversationen von/bei Bllen und Dinnerparties auf. Dennoch sind die fr Miss Laurens blichen langen Gedankengnge und ausfhrlichen Liebesszenen wieder vorhanden. Die Krimigeschichte ist hier fast Hauptbestandteil und spannend eingewoben worden und ntig fr die immer wiederkehrenden Zusammenknfte von den beiden Hauptpersonen. Etwas merkwrdig war die "entgeltige Verfrhrung" von Barneby durch Penelope mit "Keule". Aber die immer wiederkehrenden Liebesszenen sind gekonnt und auf die Charaktere zutreffen beschrieben, mal nicht romantisch s, oder Dominant, sondern ehre sehr ausgefeilt und real. Der unterschwellige Humor ist nicht immer sofort zu erkennen und doch starkt vorhanden. Eben passend zu den beiden logisch denkenden Personen, wie diese beiden. Ich finde das Buch und die Liebesgeschichte von Barneby und Penelope sehr gelungen. Es hat richtig Spa gemacht es zu lesen. Das Buch wird nicht langweilig und man mchte stndig wissen, wie es zwischen den beiden weitergeht. Auch das hier zum erstenmal eine 2. "Eroberungs"-Geschichte mit eingebaut wurde war eine echte Bereicherung. Sehr zu empfehlen fr die Liebhaber der Cynster-Reihe. In englisch wurde 2014 eine neue Reihe -The Casebook of Barnaby Adair- gestartet, das erste "The Peculiar Case of Lord Finsbury's Diamonds als Kindle Edition, in welcher es mit Penelope, Barnaby, Strokes und Griselda weiter geht mit ihren Dedektivischen Untersuchungen. Eine schne Fortfhrung von ca. 150 Seiten die sich ebenfalls lohnt. 2 weitere sind schon fr 2014 bei geplant und von mir vorbestellt.- Loving Rose: The Redemption of Malcolm Sinclair- The Masterful Mr. Montague

Kurzbeschreibung New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens knows the world of Regency London . . . especially the exclusive enclave of luxury in which the aristocracy lived in wealth and comfort. But outside that glittering circle lay another world . . . and Laurens pulls back the curtain that has hidden it from us until now. Penelope Ashford, Portia Cynster's younger sister, has grown up with every advantage wealth, position, and beauty. Yet Penelope is anything but a pretty face in a satin gown forceful, willful, and blunt to a fault, she has for years devoted her considerable energy and intelligence to caring for the forgotten orphans of London's sooty and seamier streets. But now her charges are mysteriously disappearing. Desperate, Penelope turns to the one man she knows who might help her Barnaby Adair. Handsome scion of a noble house, Adair has made a name for himself in certain circles where his powers of observation and deduction have seen him solve several serious and unsavory crimes within the ton. His pedigree, relentless intelligence, and discretion make him a deadly avenger in an elegant guise. Despite his skills or perhaps because of them he makes Penelope distinctly uncomfortable, but the stakes are too grave. Throwing caution to the wind, defying every rule for unmarried ladies, she appears on his doorstep late one night determined to recruit his talents. Barnaby is intrigued both by her problem and her. Her bold beauty and undeniable brains make a striking contrast to the usual insipid ton misses. And as he's in dire need of an excuse to avoid said insipid misses, he accepts her challenge, never dreaming she and it will consume his every waking hour. Enlisting the aid of Inspector Basil Stokes of the fledgling Scotland Yard, they infiltrate the streets of London's notorious East End. But as they unravel

the mystery of the missing orphans, they uncover a trail leading to the upper echelons of society and a ruthless and clever criminal adept at pulling strings who, becoming aware of them and their efforts, is only too ready to destroy all they hold dear, including their newfound understanding of the intrigues of the human heart. From Publishers Weekly

The latest installment to Laurens's Cynster series (*The Truth About Love*; *The Taste of Innocence*) takes readers back to the 19th-century London of private investigator Barnaby Adair for a satisfying blend of mystery and romance. When attractive society belle Penelope Ashford enlists Barnaby's help in finding four kidnapped orphan boys, Barnaby is as intrigued by Penelope as he is by the case; her reputation as something of a firebrand and her dedication to her work at Foundling House far outstrip her desire to conform to society's wishes a worldview not unlike Barnaby's. Penelope insists on accompanying Barnaby through every step of his investigation, and with some input from an old friend at Scotland Yard, the pair begins navigating the slums of London's East End in search of a burglary school. As the orphans' fate begins to slide into focus, so, too, does Barnaby and Penelope's attraction for one another. That attraction, palpable from their first meeting, slowly builds to a gratifying crescendo without overpowering the story, which, though light on plot twists, clips along at a fast pace with enough charm to delight both fans and new readers. (Feb.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. *Pressestimmen* "marvelous..." - Cathy Kelly"