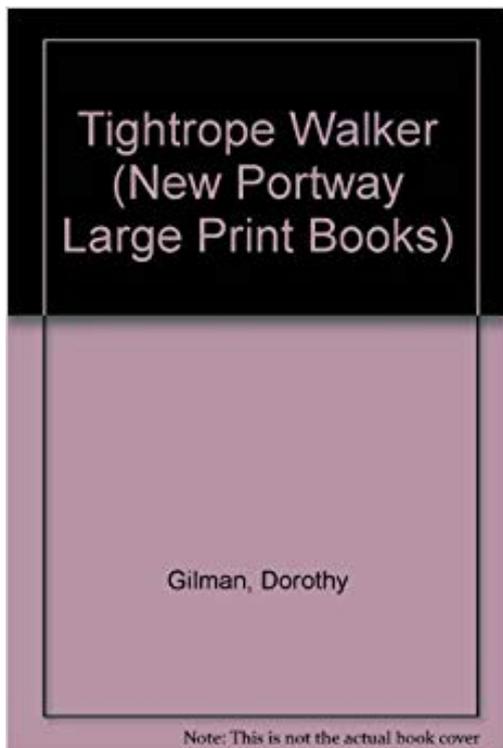


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Reviews of the Tightrope Walker (New Portway Large Print Books) by Dorothy Gilman

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This is such a good book that I consider it a jewel.

In short, it is spellbinding.

Pooker

I bought this book on a whim but once started i knew I would finish it. Good character development with enough personal flaws to make it realistic.

Cashoutmaster

Excellent book, easy to follow as story grew. Even with developing facts, the ending was a complete surprise.

Xtreem

One of the smartest fiction books I've ever read; brilliant plotting and intricate details that come together at the end.

BORZOTA

I couldn't put this book down

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Most of us think of Ken Follett for his medieval Pillars of the Earth sagas and the recently finished Century Trilogy. We forget that Follett is also a prolific author and master storyteller who has written some excellent spy thrillers and historical family sagas.

While A Dangerous Fortune is a family saga it is also a murder story and a peek into the almost unregulated world of banking in the late 19th century. The saga starts in 1866 on a day when a schoolboy drowns in a strange accident. Present at the accident was Hugh Pilaster and his older cousin Edward, members of a banking family and Micky Miranda, son of a brutal South American landowner.

There were other tragedies that day as Hugh's father committed suicide when his bank collapsed. Hugh gets taken in by his uncle Joseph Pilaster who is head of another more successful bank. His wife Augusta treats him badly. She is the scheming matriarch of the family who will do anything to advance her son Edward to get control of the Pilaster bank. She is a real villain who is domineering and unscrupulous - a fantastic character.

Mickey Miranda befriends Augusta and inveigles himself into the world of the Pilaster family and affects their personal and business lives.

Ken Follett has written a great family saga that will keep you entertained as you follow the webs of complicity, and the ups and downs of the Pilaster family. Highly recommended to discerning readers who want to read a good family saga and thriller with a historical background.

doesn't Do You

I didn't want it to end. At the end you feel like you really know them. Loved it. This is a novel worth reading every word. Although a majority of the readers could never humanly understand the pain suffered in the story due to lack of real-life experience, the words do speak true to everyday human feelings of belonging, pain, triumph, suffering, and so on, but most importantly, LOVE. We've all experienced love in all its ways which is why everyone can and will relate. You will, laugh, cry, judge...you will feel anger, hatred and fear but most importantly, you will feel how a breaking heart can HEAL.

I highlighted so many good quotes. This little novel deserves all the hype and awards it's gotten. The author has written an astonishingly beautiful and compelling narrative. My only complaint came that I felt it was a little too short, especially at the end. I'm also certain this book will be made into a great movie. Absolute must read!

Characters are well developed, easy to remember relationships. I hate to have to turn back for the family tree. Unpredictable exits of characters to the story line as the plot takes a different direction. I enjoy the author's writing very much and have read many of his novels. If you like Ken Follett's formal this won't disappoint

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