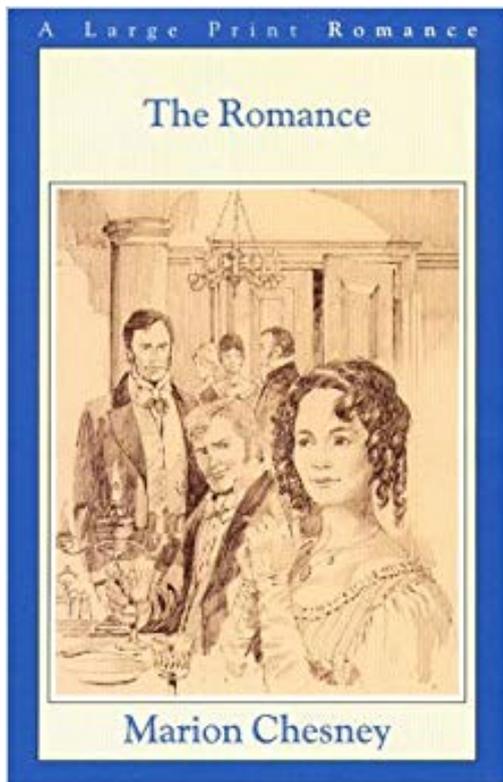


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Torn between her ancestral home and her heart, Belinda Beverley must choose between Lord Luke St. Clair, the rather dimwitted man who now owns Mannerling, and the man she loves, the smart and handsome Lord Gyre



Reviews of the **The Romance (Daughters of Mannerling, Book 5)** by Marion Chesney

Berenn

Thus far I have read three of these six/eight book series by M.C. Beaton. This series - Daughters of Mannerling - are my least favorite. The general idea is that Mannerling, the former country home of the Beverley family, has a powerful emotional/psychic hold on the Beverley daughters. Each daughter will do anything to marry the eligible heir of each successive owner, or even the owner himself, if available, in order to be back living in Mannerling. The house sits in the background, brooding, almost a living thing in the minds of its owners alternately malevolent and enticing. The house appears to bring forth obsession from some who reside in it. People go to great lengths to possess it, including the Beverley sisters. However, each sister finds love as an antidote to the all-consuming obsession of possessing Mannerling again. In this novel, it is the fifth daughter, Belinda Beverley, teetering between obsession for Mannerling and falling in love with a man. She will of course choose love (it is a romance novel).

What I did not like about this series is that Beaton incorporated modern language. Also, the character of the youngest sister, Lizzie, was irritating. In every one of the books in this series (except the last one) she pushed and obsessed about regaining family ownership of Mannerling. However, once each sister becomes engaged to the current heir, she asks if the engaged sister will be happy (hint: no) and then proceeds to encourage them to break the engagement and choose with their heart. The third book onwards, this became an irritating plot device.

The one thing I really liked about this series is the character of the amazing Governess-Miss Trumble. In the last book we finally get the mystery of Miss Trumble resolved. Another thing I like, generally, about Beaton's books is that they are not Heyer's Regency depiction. In these books, we see a darker side of that time when the division between haves and have-nots was wide, wives and children were almost treated as property, smart women were labeled derogatorily as "bluestockings" and some women even went about speaking baby language. Reputations were everything as were fortunes. Beaton's Regency is a dangerous place for women and also a place where the rich adopt fads and are bored while the poor and servants have hard lives.

Yojin

The 5th installment of the Daughters of Mannerling series was wonderful. Well written as all the rest. I had some disappointment in Belinda as she succumbed to the old obsession but thankfully good sense overrode Mannerling's awe. And we have finally uncovered Miss Trumble's true nature! How exciting. I knew from book 1 who the final owner of Mannerling would be but it is still exciting to anticipate the final book. I wonder if Mannerling will be defeated at last and in what manner. The Hero in this novel was delicious. I vastly enjoyed the secondary romance as well. It was something new as a subplot in the series and was very welcome. A very entertaining series. Very highly recommended for all Regency Romance lovers.

LadyShlak

This is the first I've read by this author, and it was delightful.

It is SO REFRESHING to find an author who understands the period and also writes well.

The story moved along, and had some amusing twists and turns.

I don't know that I'm too interested in following the other tales of this family's mad pursuit of their old home, but I enjoyed this story. I *will* keep this author in mind, however.

Heraly

Handsome lord, frivolous fobs, villainously obsessed knave, beautiful heroine, silver tissue ball gowns — who could ask for anything more?

Hirah

only one more book to go and the conclusion. I have enjoyed the adventure and of course knew all would end well. Loved Miss Trimble and she was all I hoped she would turn out to be.

Tygokasa

I read all the books in the series and though the stories are repeating at times, I enjoy very much following the life of the 6 sisters and the other characters. The house itself was very intriguing.

Goltizuru

Beautifully written, historically accurate, well-paced, and the fully-fleshed characters...delightful!
Every book in this can't-put-it-down series shines in its own right.

Marion Chesney writes Great books !

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