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Lord of Falcon Ridge Catherine Coulter 1995-04-01 A classic Viking novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author. When Chessa, the princess of Ireland, is kidnapped, Cleve rescues her to hand her over to her rightful groom, William of Normandy. But Chessa refuses to marry anyone but Cleve.

Keeper of the Dream Penelope Williamson 2009-10-14 A spellbinding tale of magic, passion, and destiny • "One of the most beautiful love stories I've ever read."—Julie Garwood Blessed with the Welsh gift of "sight," Lady Arianna saw the vision in a golden bowl: a knight with eyes gray as the English sea that had captured her, his sword about to pierce her heart. And she trembled, not with fear, but with a desire that engulfed her very soul. On the treacherous border of Wales, Raine, the Black Dragon, rode his charger toward Castle Rhuddlan and the lady within. Illegitimate son of a Norman nobleman, his past was scarred by denial and mistrust, and now his future lay in the conquest of a fiefdom . . . and a woman's love. As the battle trumpet sounded, Arianna, her Celtic pride unyielding, saw her dream take flesh: Raine, the enemy who inflamed her blood with desire; Raine, the lover she must gentle and tame, and then, as ancient hatreds threatened their lives, either cherish . . . or betray. "A wonderful read . . . I was hooked from the first page and the magic continues throughout."—Johanna Lindsey

Sense and Sensibility Jane Austen 1864

Next of Kin Joanna Trollope 2002-05 The death of Caro Meredith turns the lives of her grieving husband, in-laws, brother-in-law, and stepdaughter upside down as they all struggle to cope with the loss of a woman who had been the central figure in all their lives. By the author of Marrying the Mistress. Reprint.

The Soldier's Wife Joanna Trollope 2012-06-05 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LOVE AND DUTY COLLIDE? DAN RILEY IS A MAJOR IN THE BRITISH ARMY. After a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, he is coming home to the wife and young daughters he adores. He's up for promotion and his ex-Army grandfather and father couldn't be prouder. The Rileys are united in support of Dan's passion for his career. But are they really? His wife, Alexa, has been offered a good teaching job she can't take because the Army may move the family at any time. Her daughter Isabel hates her boarding school—the only good educational option for Army families—and starts running away. And Dan spends all his time on the base, unable to break the strong bonds forged with his friends in battle. Soon everyone who knows the Rileys is trying to help them save their marriage, but it's up to Alexa to decide if she can sacrifice her needs and those of her family to support Dan's commitment to his work. With her trademark intelligence and grace, Joanna Trollope illuminates the complexities of modern life in this story of a family striving to balance duty and ambition.

An Unsuitable Match Joanna Trollope 2018-02-22 An Unsuitable Match, by number one bestselling author Joanna Trollope, is an uplifting story of love, family and second chances. 'Nobody writes about family tensions better than Joanna Trollope' - Good Housekeeping 'Why on earth, after all you've been through, all you've survived, all you've achieved, why do you want to get married?' Rose Woodrowe has just got engaged to Tyler Masson - a wonderful, sensitive man who is head-over-heels in love with her. The only problem? This isn't the first time for either of them, and their five grown-up children have strong opinions on the matter . . . Who to listen to? Who to please? Rose and Tyler are determined to get it right this time, but in trying to make everyone happy, can they ever be happy

themselves?

Second Honeymoon Joanna Trollope 2010-03-09 Meet the Boyd family and the empty nest-twenty-first-century style. Ben is, at last, leaving home. At twenty-two, he's the youngest of the family. His mother, Edie, an actress, is distraught. His father, Russell, a theatrical agent, is rather hoping to get his wife back. His brother, Matthew, is struggling in a relationship in which he achieves and earns less than his girlfriend. And his sister, Rosa, is wrestling with debt and the end of a turbulent love affair. With her characteristically perceptive observation and spot-on characterisation, Joanna Trollope explores the dilemmas that face both parents and children as they cope with finding new ways to live, both with and without each other.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2012-08-06

Britannia's Daughters Joanna Trollope 1983

The Book Club Bible Various Authors 2011-07-31 With a foreword by Lionel Shriver, author of We Need To Talk About Kevin, The Book Club Bible is the essential guide to the best book club reads. Every book-club member has felt the pressure to pick out a new title for the whole group to read and enjoy. Wouldn't it be great if there was a book that helped you to make that all-important decision and maintain your place of respect in the book club?Containing a diverse selection of books to choose from, the guide explains why titles are book-club worthy, and includes interesting discussion points and facts, and potential partner books. From chart-toppers to old favourites, every literary taste is catered for and you'll be sure to make an informed and popular choice. Above all, "The Book Club Bible" suggests some damn good reads.

A Passionate Man Joanna Trollope 2000 Archie Logan's perfect life--loving wife, well-behaved children, enjoyable job, and comfortable home--is turned upside down when his father, a loney widower for decades, begins a relationship with amost unusual woman, who forces him to confront old issues and goals. Reissue.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2000 Romance writer also uses the name Caroline Harvey.

Getting Over it and Marrying the Mistress and The House Husband Anna Maxted 2000

A Spanish Lover Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse will love this wise and warm novel from multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope. A story of delicate family relationships and the catalysts that can change everything... 'Her novels, like family life itself, are built on the tensions between the illusions of permanence and the reality of charm' -- Observer 'A hugely enjoyable book' -- The Sunday Times 'I love her wit, her benevolence, her resolve that in even the darkest hour a little light will shine' -- Irish Press 'Profoundly satisfying as well as acutely querying...A perceptive chronicler of our times' -- Sunday Express 'Beautifully written' -- ***** Reader review Couldn't put this book down 100% excellent -- ***** Reader review 'Incredible' -- ***** Reader review

* TWO LIVES INTERTWINED AND SEEMINGLY HARMONIOUS. ONE DECISION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING. Lizzie and Frances are twins, together forming part of a unit. Or at least that's the way Lizzie sees things. Lizzie is the twin who has everything: husband, children, a flourishing career and a beautiful house. She worries about Frances, who seems to lead a solitary life in London, ricocheting from one

disastrous man to the next. Lizzie just wants Frances to have a complete and satisfying life, just like hers. Then one day Frances announces she isn't coming to Lizzie's for Christmas as usual - she's going to Spain instead. Suddenly and equally unexpectedly, Lizzie's world begins to tilt. Frances's Christmas defection seems overwhelmingly threatening to their unity. As Frances's future begins to change into something exciting and Lizzie's deteriorates as financial pressures eat into her ideal lifestyle, long held assumptions are called into question. Which twin really is the one with everything?

City of Friends Joanna Trollope 2017-02-23 An emotional journey portraying the multiple frustrations, pressures and hidden agonies of four women. City of Friends is the number one bestselling novel from the highly acclaimed author, Joanna Trollope. The day Stacey Grant loses her job feels like the last day of her life. Or at least, the only life she'd ever known. For who was she if not a City high-flyer, Senior Partner at one of the top private equity firms in London? As Stacey starts to reconcile her old life with the new - one without professional achievements or meetings, but instead, long days at home with her dog and ailing mother, waiting for her successful husband to come home - she at least has The Girls to fall back on. Beth, Melissa and Gaby. The girls, now women, had been best friends from the early days of university right through their working lives, and for all the happiness and heartbreaks in between. But these career women all have personal problems of their own, and when Stacey's redundancy forces a betrayal to emerge that was supposed to remain secret, their long cherished friendships will be pushed to their limits . . .

The Book Boy Joanna Trollope 2006-01 Alice is thirty-eight and has a house, a husband, two teenage children and a part-time job. She thinks she ought to be happy but she isn't. Instead, she feels she has vanished, that she is like something lost down the back of the sofa. Because Alice has a secret that is never spoken of in the family. She can't read. Now timid, quiet Alice must start out on her own brave journey, and for it she chooses the strangest companion. For the first time in her life, she knows what she wants and she is going to get it. With the help of the book boy.

Follow My Lead Kate Noble 2011 Denied membership from the Historical Society, Winnifred Crane, determined to prove her prowess as a historian, daringly offers an unusual bargain to gain entrance--one that takes her across Europe with the Duke of Rayne by her side. Original. 40,000 first printing.

The Men and the Girls Joanna Trollope 1993 The book breaks all the rules about treating alcoholism. It's not just about the stereotypical alcoholic but for the invisible majority, the middle class drinkers, the people who are in control of their lives but with one significant exception that they have already concluded that their use of alcohol is excessive. These are the silent majority the 'Sophisticated Alcoholics'. Nobody really knows how many there are but there is a suspicion that the number is very large indeed. People who come to see me privately for help with their own personal battles with alcohol are invariably members of this group. The book would be about a cure were alcoholism to be an illness instead of a behaviour but, instead it is about resolution, a permanent change of relationship between the person and the bottle so that alcohol ceases to retain any importance in a life. I belonged to this group for too many years and now I don't. People can completely change their relationship with alcohol if they address the real issues lying behind and driving their actions because I and others have done so. Alcoholism, as it turns out has nothing to do with alcohol.

A Passionate Man Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 An unputdownable novel about fathers and sons, sex and love, loyalties and identities and fear of failure from multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope. Readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse will not be disappointed... 'Demonstrates again how good Joanna Trollope is at describing village life and how sure is her touch' -- Evening Standard 'An elegant, witty and deeply perceptive book' -- Woman's Journal 'Bubbly, amusing, touching, and ultimately poignant' -- Sunday Express 'Her writing is, for me, perfection' -- ***** Reader review 'One of her best I think' - - ***** Reader review 'I didn't want it to finish!' -- ***** Reader review

'Captivating' -- ***** Reader review 'Brilliant' -- ***** Reader review ***** ONE ENCOUNTER AND LIFE IS NEVER THE SAME AGAIN... The Logans were an enchanting and admirable couple. Archie had snatched Liza from her own engagement party to someone else, wooed her, swept her off to his father in Scotland, and finally married her. Now bedded firmly into country life - three children, Archie the village doctor, Liza a teacher, everything comfortable, funny, affectionate - they awaited the arrival of Archie's father, the brilliant Sir Andrew Logan, a widower for over thirty years. When his city-clean Rover stopped in the drive, Sir Andrew was not alone. Beside him was a golden lady in caramel suede, a warm, witty, desirable widow whom everyone - except Archie - adored at once. Archie saw his father's mistress as the worm in the bud of his perfect life - a life that was to be wrenched apart before he and Liza could re-create their world.

The Best of Friends Joanna Trollope 2002 One of England's favorite novelists, the author of *Marrying the Mistress*, relates the story of Gina and Laurence, two friends since childhood, whose blighted marriages send them into each other's arms for solace. Reprint.

The Best of Friends Joanna Trollope 1996 *The Best of Friends* is a heart-breaking and heart-warming story of marriage, adultery, children and reconciliation. Gina and Laurence have been friends since youth. Now, each married, Gina to Fergus and Laurence to Hilary, the two couples are the best of friends. They live in the peaceful town of Whittingbourne where Laurence and Hilary run a small country hotel and have three teenage sons. Gina and Fergus enjoy a somewhat more lavish lifestyle in a beautiful house called High Place. One day Fergus leaves Gina, who falls to pieces. Their daughter revolts and Gina turns to her oldest and dearest friend, Laurence. Soon his comforting becomes an affair and both marriages appear to be over.

Next Of Kin Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope expertly depicts how grief can tip the family balance head over heels in this beautifully written novel about change and hope through adversity. Perfect for readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse.

'Extraordinarily powerful' -- Mail on Sunday 'A devastatingly acute picture of a harsh rural world' -- The Sunday Times 'Certainly one of her best' -- Daily Telegraph 'A richly satisfying novel ... compulsively readable' -- Sunday Express 'Kept me interested - twists and turns - great character development - well written' -- ***** Reader review 'I couldn't put it down and finished the book in just a couple of days' -- ***** Reader review 'Excellent' -- ***** Reader review 'A wonderful book, a wonderful story, wonderful characters - a must have' -- *****

Reader review ***** A FAMILY IN CRISIS. A CATALYST THAT THREATENS TO CHANGE EVERYTHING... The land running down to the River Dean has been farmed by the Meredith family for generations. Robin Meredith bought the farm from his father, just before he married his wife Caro and now he and his brother Joe work on the land. But now Caro has died, as much as a mystery to the family as she was when she arrived twenty years ago, and the whole family feels her loss acutely, none more so than her adopted daughter Judy. Into this unhappy family comes Zoe, Judy's London friend, an outsider with an independent spirit and a disturbing directness. Everyone underestimates Zoe's power as a catalyst for change as the realities behind the seeming idyll of a rural community become ever clearer...

Other People's Children Joanna Trollope 2000-06 A journey into the heart of a stepfamily explores the complex dynamics of coping with present and former spouses and other people's children.

My Almost Flawless Tokyo Dream Life Rachel Cohn 2018-12-18 "I'm here to take you to live with your father. In Tokyo, Japan! Happy birthday!" In the Land of the Rising Sun, where high culture meets high kitsch, and fashion and technology are at the forefront of the First World's future, the foreign-born teen elite attend ICS--the International Collegiate School of Tokyo. Their accents are fluid. Their homes are ridiculously posh. Their sports games often involve a (private) plane trip to another country. They miss school because of jet lag and visa issues. When

they get in trouble, they seek diplomatic immunity. Enter foster-kid-out-of-water Elle Zoellner, who, on her sixteenth birthday discovers that her long-lost father, Kenji Takahari, is actually a Japanese hotel mogul and wants her to come live with him. Um, yes, please! Elle jets off first class from Washington D.C. to Tokyo, which seems like a dream come true. Until she meets her enigmatic father, her way-too-fab aunt, and her hyper-critical grandmother, who seems to wish Elle didn't exist. In an effort to please her new family, Elle falls in with the Ex-Brats, a troupe of uber-cool international kids who spend money like it's air. But when she starts to crush on a boy named Ryuu, who's frozen out by the Brats and despised by her new family, her already tenuous living situation just might implode. My Almost Flawless Tokyo Dream Life is about learning what it is to be a family, and finding the inner strength to be yourself, even in the most extreme circumstances.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2010-10-22 Merrion Palmer was Judge Guy Stockdale's mistress. His Honour's 'totty,' as the Clerk to the Court so succinctly put it. Guy had been having an affair with her for seven years, and neither Laura, his wife of forty years, nor his two grown-up sons, knew anything about her. Guy and Merrion enjoyed a blissful, uncomplicated relationship in stolen moments in Merrion's Bayswater flat, but to the rest of the world Guy seemed to be the model husband, father and grandfather. Now the time had come for Guy to move on. Conscious of the passing years, of the wasted opportunities, he didn't want to keep Merrion a secret any more. He wanted to share her with his family, with the world. He wants, dammit, to marry her. And he is quite unprepared for the painful storm which follows.

A Village Affair Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse will devour this gripping novel about love and marriage - and the ties that bind us - from multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope. With the flawless depiction of rural, middle-class life and her incredibly astute characterisation, she effortlessly demonstrates how seductive and cosy the apparent safety of money, conformity and marriage can be - but also how fragile.... 'A story of seduction - not only sexual seduction but the irresistible appeal of money, beautiful objects, charming manners...excellent' - The Sunday Times 'A richly textured and immensely readable novel' - The Sunday Times 'Could not put this book down' - ***** Reader review 'A must read' - ***** Reader review 'An outstanding study of human relationships and conflicting loyalties' - ***** Reader review

***** WOULD YOU TAKE A CHANCE AND SET SOMETHING IN MOTION THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING? The Grey House is the final piece in the jigsaw of Alice Jordan's perfect life. It seems to be the ultimate achievement of her outwardly happy marriage - a loyal, if dull husband, three children, two cars and now the house. So why does she feel as if something is missing? As Alice and her family settle themselves into village life, the something missing becomes something huge and then breaks, scandalizing the village and opening up old wounds. But because of it, Alice begins to feel that there is hope and humour and understanding and compassion in the new life she must build for herself.

The New York Times Book Reviews 2000 New York Times Staff 2001 This anthology examines Love's Labours Lost from a variety of perspectives and through a wide range of materials. Selections discuss the play in terms of historical context, dating, and sources; character analysis; comic elements and verbal conceits; evidence of authorship; performance analysis; and feminist interpretations. Alongside theater reviews, production photographs, and critical commentary, the volume also includes essays written by practicing theater artists who have worked on the play. An index by name, literary work, and concept rounds out this valuable resource.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2007-01 After 40 years of marriage a judge decides to marry a young barrister. His son is expected to stand by his mother but other family members aren't so sure that right is on the side of the mother, or that the barrister is clearly a bad person.

Daughters-in-Law Joanna Trollope 2011-04-12 A captivating new novel from the

master of domestic drama. As the youngest of their three sons marries and Anthony and Rachel Brinkley welcome their third daughter-in-law to the family, no one quite realizes the profound shift about to take place. For their different reasons, the two previous daughters-in-law hadn't been able to resist Rachel's maternal clout and Anthony's gentle charms, and had settled into Brinkley family life without rocking the boat. But Charlotte - very young, very beautiful and semi-spoiled - has no intention of sharing power with her mother-in-law, and sets out to vanquish the matriarch. Soon Rachel's sons begin to treasonously think of their own houses as home, and of their mother's house as simply the place where their parents live - a necessary shift of loyalties that sets off fireworks in their mother's brain, breaks their father's heart and causes unexpected waves in their own marriages. A lovely, candid and hugely perceptive exploration of what happens inside every family when one generation, with its ways and habits, has to make way for the next - and everyone needs to learn what family love means all over again.

A Village Affair Joanna Trollope 2002-09-01 When she and her husband purchase a beautiful eighteenth-century estate in rural England, Alice Jordan looks at it as a chance to raise her three children and revive her tired marriage, until an unexpected affair scandalizes the entire village. Reprint.

Poems for Love Gaby Morgan 2018-01-11 A complex and truly timeless emotion, love - whether passion or heartbreak, infatuation or flirtation - has provoked some of the greatest names in literature to write verse of outstanding beauty. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition features an introduction by bestselling author, and Romantic Novelist Association prize-winner, Joanna Trollope. There has always been love, and we have been writing poetry about it for over 4,000 years. From John Donne and William Shakespeare to Emily Dickinson and Christina Rossetti, the very best classic love poetry is collected in this elegant anthology, Poems for Love. That we still read and enjoy these heartfelt poems today is a testament both to their individual genius, and to the enduring power of love.

The Other Family Joanna Trollope 2010-04-13 When Richie Rossiter, once a famous pianist, dies unexpectedly, Chrissie knows that she must now tell the truth to their three daughters: their parents were never married. Yet there is one more shock to come when Richie's will is read. It seems he never forgot the wife and son he left behind years ago-Margaret, who lives a quiet life of routine and work, and Scott, who never knew his famous father. Now two families are left to confront their losses and each other, and none of them will ever be the same. Witty, intelligent, and insightful, The Other Family is a story of modern family life from one of our most beloved authors of domestic fiction.

Friday Nights Joanna Trollope 2011-01-15 Joanna Trollope's warm, insightful novel stars Eleanor, who invites two young mothers into her home from off the street, and slowly begins to connect with them and their friends. But when one of them meets a man, new questions are posed: can female friendships withstand the jealousies and intricacies of love? With wit and warmth Joanna Trollope opens a window onto six very different women's lives, their passions and their sorrows, and explores with insight and humanity the shifting currents of friendship.

Brother & Sister Joanna Trollope 2010-04-06 Nathalie and David have been good and dutiful children to their parents, and now, grown-up, with their own families, they are still close to one another. Brother and sister. Except that they aren't - brother and sister that is. They were both adopted when their loving parents found that they couldn't have children themselves, and up until now it's never mattered. But suddenly Nathalie discovers a deep need to trace her birth parents and is insisting that David makes the same journey. And through this, both learn one of the hardest lessons of all: that sometimes the answers to who we are and where we come from can be more difficult than the questions. By turns frustrating, humorous, and heartbreaking, Brother and Sister explores how the unforeseen circumstances of life-altering decisions can upset the delicate balance of family

life.

Girl from the South Joanna Trollope 2003-07-01 When Gillon comes back to her native Charleston, she has a young Englishman in tow. He has accompanied her on a lark, planning to take pictures. But he soon falls in love with the sights of South Carolina, with Gillon's family--and perhaps, with Gillon herself...From the acclaimed author of *Marrying the Mistress*, this is an unforgettable novel about feeling like a fish out of water--and finding those with whom we can breathe more easily.

The Choir Joanna Trollope 2011-05-25 In the gentle precinct of Aldminster Cathedral, crisis loomed. The urbane and worldly Dean (Purdey guns and the regular arrival of a delivery van from Berry Brothers) wanted nothing so much as to restore and beautify his beloved Cathedral--even if it meant sacrificing the Choir School to pay for it. Alexander Troy, Headmaster of the school, a conscientious man, somewhat out of his depth with his elusive and poetical wife (once seen walking barefoot in the dew across the Cathedral Close) was determined that nothing and no-one--certainly not the overbearing Dean--should destroy the Choir. As the rift widened into Machiavellian dimensions, many others found themselves caught in the schism--Leo Beckford, brilliant but wayward organist, repelling the adoration of the Dean's dreadful daughter--the gentle, left-wing Bishop, trying to soothe the angry protagonists--Sally Ashworth, mother of the leading chorister, fighting loneliness and an erring and absent husband. Each frail and human dilemma took its part in the greater turmoil of Chapter and Close and the final battle for the survival of the Choir.

Mum & Dad Joanna Trollope 2020-03-05 A Richard & Judy Book Club pick, *Mum & Dad* is a heartwarming family drama from number one bestseller Joanna Trollope, with all her trademark wit and wisdom. What happens when family roles are reversed and the children must look after mum and dad? It's been twenty-five years since Gus and Monica left England to start a new life in Spain, building a wine business from the ground up. However, when Gus suffers a stroke and their idyllic Mediterranean life is thrown into upheaval, it's left to their three grown-up children in London to step in . . . As the children descend on the vineyard, it becomes clear that each has their own idea of how best to handle their mum and dad, as well as the family business. But as long-simmering resentments rise to the surface and tensions reach breaking point, can the family ties prove strong enough to keep them together? 'No-one dissects the intricacies of family relationships quite like Joanna Trollope' - Good Housekeeping

The Rector's Wife Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Joanna Trollope has the priceless gift of drawing characters so clearly, and cleanly, that within half a dozen pages, you feel you have known them all your life - and *The Rector's Wife* is no exception. A thought-provoking, emotionally-charged and, at times, wonderfully witty, read bringing to light the trials and tribulations of marriage - and the struggle when it doesn't give you what you need. Perfect for readers of Elizabeth

Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse. 'Elegantly written' -- The Sunday Times 'Compulsive reading' -- The Times 'Prepare to be wittily and wisely entertained by an exceptional writer' -- Daily Mail 'A wonderful read, just read it and enjoy' -- ***** Reader review 'Just fabulous - what more can I say?' -- ***** Reader review 'A must read' -- ***** Reader review

**** IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY For twenty years, Anna Bouverie, as a priest's wife, has served God and the parish in a variety of ways. She has baked for the Brownies, delivered parish magazines, washed and ironed her husband's surplices and clothed herself and her children in jumble-sale items. When her husband fails to gain promotion to archdeacon and retreats into isolated bitterness, and the bullying of her daughter at the local comprehensive reaches an intolerable level, Anna rebels. She takes a job in the local supermarket where she earns her own money, her sense of self-worth, the shocked disapproval of the parish and the icy fury of her husband. She also attracts the passionate interest of three very different men, each of whom was to play a significant part in the blossoming of her life...

Daughters-in-Law Joanna Trollope 2011-04-05 An elegant, wry, and superbly nuanced story about a woman with three sons--and three daughters in law--who must come to terms with the new configuration of her family. As Anthony and Rachel Brinkley welcome their third daughter-in-law to the family, they don't quite realize the profound shift that is about to take place. For different reasons, the Brinkleys' two previous daughters-in-law hadn't been able to resist Rachel's maternal control and Anthony's gentle charm and had settled into their husbands' family without rocking the boat. But Charlotte--very young, very beautiful, and spoiled--has no intention of falling into step with the Brinkleys and wants to establish her own household. Soon Rachel's sons begin to think of their own houses as home and of their mother's house as simply the place where their parents live--a necessary and inevitable shift of loyalties that threatens Rachel's sense of herself, breaks Anthony's heart, and causes unexpected consequences in all the marriages. Then a crisis brings these changes to the surface, and everyone has to learn what family love means all over again.

Girl from the South Joanna Trollope 2010-05-04 Gillion is from the American South, but she is definitely not a Southern belle. An art historian by trade, she takes a job in London to escape from the demands of her wealthy, conventional, socially superior family in Charleston, South Carolina. Once in London she meets Tilly, a features editor, and her long-term boyfriend and wildlife photographer Henry, who is finding it hard to commit. Before long, Gillion inadvertently offers Henry an escape: the chance to travel to South Carolina and photograph its wildlife. Upon arriving, Henry is wholly seduced by the charms of Charleston, by Gillon's family, and by the old patrician way of life which presents itself. Neither Gillion nor Henry bargains on what they find there, nor the effect his departure will have on Tilly and the world he left behind.