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Coral Kendall is torn between Jack Buckley, a handsome British officer, and Dr. Ethan Boswell, who has helped Coral set up a school for the untouchables on her silk plantation.

Kingscote Details

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Gwendolyn Gage says

Set in British-ruled India during the late nineteenth century, Kingscote is the exciting conclusion to Jace and Coral's story.

Jace finally has a lead on where Coral's adopted son is being held, and the opportunity to resume his search. But when he stumbles upon a plot against the maraja in Guwahati, he's caught up in a dangerous uprising.

Ethan returns to the Kingscote silk plantation, and helps Coral establish her mission school for the untouchables in hopes that she will agree to marry him. Yet more than hearts are at stake as Kingscote lands lie in the path of ruthless men.

One thing I love about Linda Chaikin's "Heart of India" series (besides all the heart-stopping action and adventure) is how the plots of the first two books tie in beautifully with the conclusion. Chaikin leaves no rock unturned, no possible connection undiscovered.

Her prose isn't fancy, and this book was published in the '90s -- before the new standard of "show-don't-tell", hold the adverbs, and don't put all the descriptions in the beginning of a scene. But laying aside all those rules, story is king, and Linda Chaikin knows how to tell a fantastic story. Her descriptions of the climate and animals put you right there in India with the characters.

"Kingscote" is more historical fiction than romance, but don't let that hold you back. Jace and Coral's love story still remains one of my all time favs. :-)

Erika says

The wonderful conclusion to this series was very satisfying. Exciting and interesting. The characters are so believable and real, which I appreciate greatly. One of my favorite series that I will continue to read over and over again.

Dani says

Enjoyed this three-book series; "Kingscote" is the conclusion. Intrigue, slight romance, cultural and most definitely faith-filled.

Paige Cuthbertson says

I really liked this whole series, but the ending was somewhat anticlimactic. The series keeps building, and then the final book keeps building and building.... only to fall a bit short of expectations. For instance, there was no big confrontation with Sir Hugo. Why?! I was hoping to at least see him and

Hampton duke it out.

Where did Hampton's strong faith come from so suddenly?! In book one he wasn't "religious." Now in book 3 he's a seasoned Christian. Just doesn't add up.

Coral's reunion with Gem-- after all that time and the angst and the mystery and the trials... it just felt so cold and unrealistic. Like "hey it's my missing son. He's safe now, so it's cool... okay, so I'm gonna get married now.." No. just no.

Jan Lee has a husband? Um.. What?

Those are some of my problems. The conclusions seem too random or perfect. But, that being said, Chaikin certainly didn't leave any loose ends, which is great.

So while the writing leaves a little bit to be desired, Chaikin tells a great story! Action, romance, history-- it's all there. You see why I have some mixed feelings?!

Great series, and each book was exciting, and the characters were for the most part relatable... I was just slightly disappointed by the ending. It felt rushed and maybe a little forced. I still recommend this series though! Even if I sound really negative....

Jeni Enjaian says

A review from my old blog...

I have always loved Chaikin's books and have yet to be disappointed. This is the third book in the series of which unfortunately I have not read the first. I picked up the second book at a used book sale for less than a dollar and while it took me a little while to get all of the characters and their relationships straightened out I still enjoyed the book.

When I started reading this book and connected it to the above book I ran upstairs to make sure that I wasn't reading a book I had already read before. That's happened twice so far during this challenge and may happen again. :D (One of the books I just picked up from the library I have the distinct feeling that I've already read before).

Even though Chaikin does things in her books that turn me off to other writers (namely Gilbert Morris) like have multiple characters and weaving from pov to pov I still enjoy her books. The plots are absolutely crazy but so insanely cool and romantic (not in the lovey dovey sense but...) that I want to go back to India during the time of British colonialism just so I'll have a character like Jace Buckley sweep me off my feet.

In the end, all of the plot twists that stretch the imagination work and Chaikin manages to weave into the story a very strong witness for Christ... not just yelling preaching fire and brimstone. (read... Gilbert Morris)

This book definitely receives a solid thumbs up from me.

Lexy says

I just love a happy ending <3

Joy says

Third book in the Heart of India trilogy(:

Cora says

One twist to the next

This book will keep you on the edge of your seat. A wonderful love story that teaches you to always keep your eye on the prize. Wonderfully written.

Melissa says

I couldn't finish this book. I couldn't get into it. I loved the first book years ago, but maybe my tastes have changed.

Simran says

Kept me riveted until the last page! The series is amazing!

Jes Drew says

This book had so much action I read it in a day even though it was the thickest of the three books. Unfortunately, it reverted to the first book in that the hero and heroine saw each other only a couple times between large chunks of time. Of course, they both had to do what they had to do, but the second book with them adventuring together will always be my favorite. All the same, the setting was still so rich and vibrant, and I heartily applaud Carol's missionary endeavors. And Jace's espionage. A good ending to a historical novel set in the wilds of India.

Marie says

Loved the book! Thank you Linda Chaikin for a great trilogy, and a great conclusion of the Heart of India's Serie! We are blessed by your ministry!

Karen says

Great climax to the series. While the second book had some slow parts, this book is a page-turner from start to finish. Lots woven into this book from the first and second in the series. Great fun and a great read.

Hoover Public Library Adult Fiction says

Kingscote is the final book in the Heart of India trilogy. Jace and Coral are working desperately to find her son and protect Coral from mysterious threats. Not only is her life threatened, her family's plantation and livelihood is as well. Coral and Jace race against the clock to find her son and use him to prevent a devastating war.

By far, this is my favorite of all three. Love love love it. I love how the characters have progressed. I love the history surrounding the characters. I enjoyed that while it was an inspirational novel, it wasn't overly so.

Lydia Granger says

Excellent - mystery and romance fill Kingscote.
