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Young Angelet is fascinated by the haunting rumors surrounding the Pool of St. Branok—superstitious tales of its cursed, bottomless waters. The innocent Cornish girl shares the ghostly story with Benedict Lansdon, the handsome, illegitimate grandson of a family friend, and promises to show him the spot. But tragedy strikes when they meet at the pool, and Angelet and Ben become complicit in a crime that could send Ben to the gallows.

Ben returns to Australia, but the pair feels bound by their terrible secret. After a whirlwind season in London, Angelet marries Gervaise Mandeville, a charming rogue with a weakness for gambling. As the casualties from the Crimean War mount, Gervaise decides to try his luck in the Australian gold rush. Angelet travels across the world with him, only to once again be ensnared in a fatal act of violence. Alone in the outback, Angelet faces her own day of reckoning from a long-ago crime—and gets a second chance at love.

The Pool of St. Branok Details

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Lindsey says

While most of this book was enjoyable, I could have done without the endless pages where Angelet and Benedict rehash the same conversation almost verbatim concerning their future together. Angelet just says that she's married and there's no hope while Ben says he loves her and she should just get a divorce to be with him. His constant pestering annoyed me and honestly I liked him less because of it. Angelet's choice at the end of the book was frustrating after a whole book of me routing for "the other guy."

Pam Spuller says

This was not one of Carr's better books. The story meanders this way and that and doesn't seem to tie in the characters relationships to each other until the very last chapter, which had the most ridiculous ending. Almost as if the author got tired of writing the story and just finished it up in five minutes. All other subplots left hanging. Two stars because of the Victorian England setting which is always enjoyable to read about.

Stephanie says

Too much rehashing the exact same scenes. Too much of the main character being dumb-- even given the fact that 'back then' women weren't as independent as they are now. Too much endless discussion about the same topics.

Tammie Elliott says

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Jo says

One of the better ones in the series.

Becky says

Part of a series of mother to daughter generations stories telling the history of England from Henry VIII to WW II. Fabulous to read them all in order. Each one is a gem; each is surprising and well written.

This setting and Pool figure in three of the generations, and three of the books. This is the first. Set in Cornwall.

Jennifer says

I love this series and while this one is not one of my all time favorites, it's still an interesting story with a surprising twist at the end. I recommend it to all those who like gothic, historical, romantic fiction.

Gary Branson says

Enjoyable story, too much repetition.

Christine says

good story with a surprise ending.

Carol says

Angelet is the heroine in this edition. I like the fact that Annora named her after an ancestress, and that they refer to the family journals which are stored at Eversleigh.
