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In the Arabian palace of the sheik, serious and lovely Isabelle Fairfax is surrounded by her doting family; servants and wants for nothing. When she comes of age, she decides to travel to France to live with the Carmelite nuns who are a cloistered sect; much to the shock of her parents.

Once in France, she becomes a link to the outside world for the nuns and her days are spent in prayer, solitude and bartering for goods in the small village.

Meanwhile less than fifty miles away, a new French government is forming in Paris and Nicolas de Lieurrey is at the center of it. Trained at the prestigious Lycee Louis-le-Grand school, Nicolas is an engineer by trade but drawn to the new world swirling around him. His best friend Max entices him to run as a delegate in the new government and together they have a front row seat to the changes in France.

However many of the changes are not good and as the restrictions on the religious houses increase, Isabelle makes the journey to Paris to stem the anti-religious fervor. Nicolas is drawn to the innocent young woman even as his friend Maximilien Robespierre plunges France into a reign of terror killing tens of thousands in the name of the new republic.

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Love

I loved this story, I recommend everyone to read this book, I look forward to reading more of her books.
Kattie

Cindy Woods says

Enthralling!

This is an instructional and captivating story, well written by Nicola Italia. My mind is still reeling from the realistic descriptions of the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution.

This story is told from a completely different aspect of life during a most bloody period in France's political history. The story gives us a view from the religious side as it unfolds. It commences at the Compiègne Convent inhabited by Carmelite nuns in 1788. A young Arabian woman seeks to join their order at a time of great political turmoil in the country.

The author gives us another side to the rapidly unfolding destruction of the monarchy through the eyes of the young novice and a young revolutionary who has been elected to represent the people of Paris. This young man happens to be a very close friend of Max Robespierre, both energetic and honest in their desire to forge a new republic for their country.

As the political climate rapidly descends into bloody chaos, the attraction between the young novice and revolutionary grows.

Their plight is vividly told as France increasingly becomes more dangerous and blood runs freely through the streets as panic ensues. The citizenry has gone mad!

I am impressed with the detail taken to describe events of the day and the feelings of the characters as religious persecution ensues.

This is my first view from the standpoint of the revolution's policies on deconstructing the church. It is a frightening, though very educational, story. Details of Robespierre's climb to the top and fall of the Capet Monarchy are well documented, as are conditions of arrests of citizens as paranoia runs rampant.

This is a must read for historical book readers even from a fiction standpoint. Much of the story is based on actual events of the day. I highly recommend this book. A high-five to this author!

Nicky says

This book cut close to my heart trying to do the right thing for you even though it could upset people in the process. This book has adventure, murder, blood and political story line. You felt as if you had been put in the heroines shoes. A truly gripping story.
