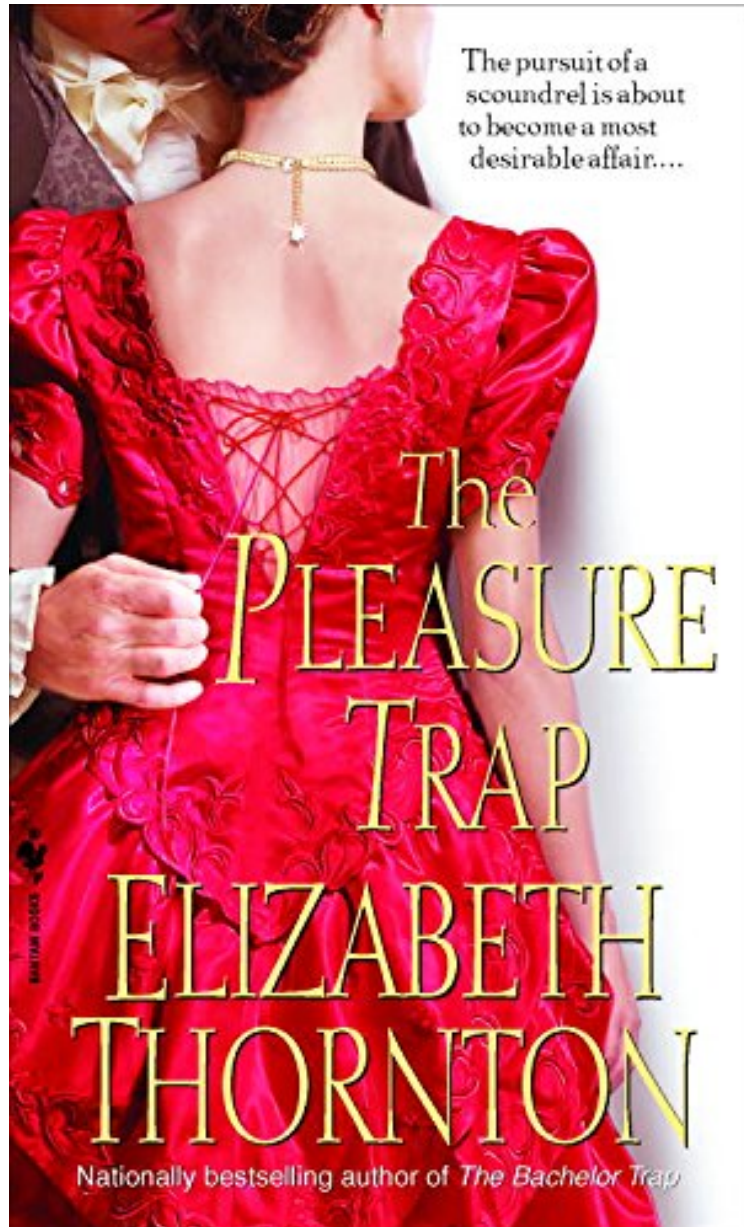


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Von Elizabeth Thornton : The Pleasure Trap before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Pleasure Trap:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mystery writer uncovers old crimesVon Helen HancoxInitially appearing to be a standard Regency Romance it becomes

apparent when reading this book that there's an element of the paranormal as our heroine, Eve Dearing, has inherited some of her mother's psychic gifts although as yet she hasn't trained her abilities. In fact Eve has tried to ignore them after the death of her mother, knowing that being able to read people's minds doesn't exactly endear her to her peers. This book is set in the Regency period (the early 1800s) but unfortunately there are a number of historical inaccuracies that meant I couldn't quite be immersed in the story. Firstly the characters tend to speak 21st Century American, "Let's start over" and that kind of thing. Secondly the hero and heroine most inappropriately started calling each other by their first names very early in their acquaintance; bear in mind some couples in those days called each other "Mrs Smith" and "Mr Smith" even after marriage and first names really weren't appropriate at all for people who meet as adults. Thirdly some of the behaviour of our characters just felt wrong for the period. The story follows Eve and Ash Denison, a Viscount, as they search for the mysterious "Angelo," writer of rather slanderous barely-disguised histories of important family secrets. How does Angelo find out his secrets? Who is Angelo? When Ash Denison's brother is featured in one of the stories Ash decides to try to unmask Angelo and find out if there is any truth to the story that Ash's brother Harry was murdered. His only avenue is to see if any of the other authors of that period have the same writing style and so he meets Eve, an author who goes under the pen name Mrs Beaumont. Eve is clearly not the author of Angelo's writings and yet Ash decides she can help him with the search. Lots of the action takes place at a country house where they are all staying although 'action' is rather misleading as I found the book rather dragged in the middle. We have a couple of brushes with the mysterious Angelo and his murderous thoughts, we meet a young woman, Nell, who has escaped from Bedlam, Eve and Ash have various naughty dreams about each other but generally the plot drags and it mostly lost my interest. The story shifts to Brighton where Eve and Ash travel to consult Eve's father about her deceased mother's experiences. Of course eventually the writer of Angelo is unmasked and the person who has killed at least four people is identified. However by this point I really couldn't care, having found the whole story failed to engage me. Even the romance felt rather lightweight with the attraction between Eve and Ash difficult to understand. There are a great deal of other better Regency romances out there - this story was eminently forgettable. Originally published for *Curl'd Up With A Good Book*, [...] Helen Hancox 2007

Kurzbeschreibung From nationally bestselling author Elizabeth Thornton comes the sinfully seductive, delightfully romantic story of a woman who discovers a most thrilling type of pursuit. . . . After years of heroism in the fight against the French, Ash Denison wants nothing more than to savor the good life. But an urgent request has sent him to a writers symposium. His charge: to unmask an author who has rattled several members of the town by revealing their most intimate, most scandalous secrets. Not one to be left out, when Ash encounters a bold, beautiful, irresistibly aloof woman writer, he can't help stirring up some gossip of his own. . . . Much to Eve Dearing's surprise, Ash is far from the well-mannered gentleman she's heard about. In fact, he's shockingly brash and has taken an inexplicable interest in manhandling her at every turn. Yet something about his searing embrace makes her forgive his wicked behavior and succumb to his dangerous seduction. And when a fellow writer is brutally attacked and Eve becomes the killers' next target, Ash surprises her once more by vowing not only to keep her safe . . . but to win her heart. From the Paperback edition. From Booklist Eve inherited the Sight and became a popular but anonymous author of gothic novels. Past hope of finding a proper husband at 24, she is attending the Season to get material for her new book. Ash, sexy darling of the ton, has fought Napoleon and known many women, but nothing has prepared him for his verbal sparring with Eve, let alone his overwhelming attraction to her. Together, Eve and Ash try to discover the identity of the mysterious "Angelo," whose gossipy columns have stirred up more than a little trouble among the upper class and caused at least one murder. Fortunately, Eve's clairvoyant gifts keep her safe. Thornton skillfully combines Regency-style suspense, a roguish hero with a good heart, a heroine ahead of her time, a psychic curse, an evil stepmother, a budding book industry, and a truly twisted villain to make an unforgettable tale. Recommend this and Mary Ellen Dennis' *The Landlord's Black-Eyed Daughter* (2007) for gothic enthusiasts. Mosley, Shelley Kurzbeschreibung From nationally bestselling author Elizabeth Thornton comes the sinfully seductive, delightfully romantic story of a woman who discovers a most thrilling type of pursuit. . . . After years of heroism in the fight against the French, Ash Denison wants nothing more than to savor the good life. But an urgent request has sent him to a writers symposium. His charge: to unmask an author who has rattled several members of the town by revealing their most intimate, most scandalous secrets. Not one to be left out, when Ash encounters a bold, beautiful, irresistibly aloof woman writer, he can't help stirring up some gossip of his own. . . . Much to Eve Dearing's surprise, Ash is far from the well-mannered gentleman she's heard about. In fact, he's shockingly brash and has taken an inexplicable interest in manhandling her at every turn. Yet something about his searing embrace makes her forgive his wicked behavior and succumb to his dangerous seduction. And when a fellow writer is brutally attacked and Eve becomes the killers' next target, Ash surprises her once more by vowing not only to keep her safe . . . but to win her heart. From the Paperback edition.