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1795 - Napoleon

The shadow of Napoleon is falling across Europe, and a restlessness seems to be changing mores and loosening society's restraints. At Morland Place James's marriage to Mary Ann is falling apart; Lucy's to Chetwyn is in the balance as she embarks on a blatant affair with a sea officer; and William supports a mistress he cannot marry. Mary goes to sea with her husband Captain Haworth and is caught up in the battle of the Nile; and as war becomes inevitable, Lucy knows she must say goodbye to her love as every fighting captain waits eagerly for his commission.

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Lutrish says

The ending was a downright anti-climax. It does not seal any loose ends

Edith Clayton says

England is at war again throughout this 11th in the Morland Dynasty series. Another tough Morland woman goes to sea & the death of one character had me sobbing. By the late 18th century, it seems it is finally becoming a little more common to marry for love in the Morland's corner of the world. I've now read all the books in the series that I own & have to wait til Christmas for the next. Dang!

Sara G says

This book follows the Morland family through the end of the 18th century and into the 19th. England goes to war with Napoleon for the first time, so the seafaring members of the family are all involved in the Navy. This installment is very character driven (more so even than the others) and the outside world is not involved as much. I couldn't put it down.

Kirsten says

Beautiful story of the aftermath of the French Revolution and the lives of emigres in England. The Morland family seems to be without a next generation as Jemima surveys her offspring. Who will inherit the estates that her husband recovered for her? Half of her family seems to want to travel the high seas fighting General Napoleon while the other half seems unwilling to marry & produce offspring. Often heartrending.

Jane Irish Nelson says

Probably 3.5 stars. This series was designed to be a pageant of English history, as it impacted one particular family. However, the drawback is that at times their personal affairs overwhelm the historical narrative. This book takes place over about five years, covering the final years of the 18th century and the dawn of the 19th. England is at war with France, a war that seems never-ending. But this is good news for those members of the Morland family in the navy, as it provides them with employment. The lives of the extended Morland family play out against this backdrop, with births, deaths, marriages — and affairs. Jemima finally has the grandchildren she wished for, to provide an heir for Morland Place, but she worries about some of her children's marriages. In addition, she finds herself increasingly perplexed by some of their actions. Will any of them ever find peace and happiness?

Luci says

This was entertaining but contained a lot of naval stuff. I like the drama of the series, but it seemed like the only character that was really likeable is Heloise.
