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1874 - Women's Rights

Venetia is on the brink of marrying Lord Hazelmere when she discovers he does not mean to allow her to continue training as a doctor. She calls the wedding off, and from being the talk of the Season becomes the scandal of the year. Estranged from family and friends, she needs all her determination to continue the fight. At Morland place George and Alfreda continue to spend on grandiose building schemes despite the threat of bankruptcy; while Henrietta's cold marriage to the ascetic Rector of Bishopthorpe brings her close to questioning her religion.

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Winifred says

Venetia Fleetwood would like to become a surgeon and she is going to get married to hazelmore. On the eve of their wedding hazelmore realised that venetia was still going to try to be a surgeon when she was married. The wedding was called off. in later years venetia was shunned slightly because she was seeing someone without being chaperoned. George morland was married to Alfreda and she starts to change moorland place and they then run into debt. George does not listen when his accountant tells him he needs to stop all the changes or he will become bankrupt but he doesn't listen. They loose their son. good ending.

Gwenyth Lynes says

I was utterly confused when I first commenced to read this book because so many characters were introduced and I found it difficult working out all the relationships. I did like the way the author set the story in the context of history and also gave insight into the ways of the aristocracy of that time and contrasted them with the struggles of the middle classes and the destitution of the poorest classes. She portrayed clearly the fight women had to be accepted in the professions ie as doctors and surgeons and the demeaning manner with which women by men were treated in all strata of society.

Frances says

This is one of the most depressing books I have ever read. It was wrapped up at the ending with contrived happiness, but overall a cloud of doom.

Ellie Keaton says

I think this was my favorite out of all 33 morland books - the other books are great and Harrod Eagles is a wonderful author but this one had to be the best.

Sam Still Reading says

Another interesting chapter in the Morland Dynasty. Enjoyed Venetia's struggle to become a doctor and the disruption to Morland Place. Already started the next book!

Nikki says

The Morland Dynasty series reaches the High Victorian era of the 1870s in this book, which deals, among

other things, with some of the first stirrings of women's rights in Britain.
