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The only thing standing between Georgia and her fairy-tale wedding is a murder. Or two.

When a young woman pleads for help from Georgia Fenchurch in locating a missing Crown investigator, Georgia resists. Her wedding is only a week away. Before she can say no, she's knocked to the ground by an assailant attempting to kill the young woman.

Georgia now feels she must help. She soon finds herself up to her wedding veil in stolen treasure and coded letters. With the Duke of Blackford's help, Georgia follows a trail of missing men and dead bodies. Every victim had one thing in common - a desire to possess a fortune in gold.

In between the society balls and social calls of late Victorian London, Georgia works on her last case before the big day. Will she stop a ruthless killer in time? Or will Georgia find getting to the altar on time is going to be murder?

## **The Detecting Duchess Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Detecting Duchess for online ebook**

### **Studentofparables says**

I had the pleasure of reviewing a book by Ms. Parker last year, and was very excited to read another by this talented author. This is the final book in the Victorian Bookshop Mystery series, and while it stands alone very well, I look forward to going back and diving into the world of Georgia Fenchurch from the beginning!

Sleuths, get ready – there are dozens of suspects and clues to comb through – and each answer brings more questions. It's quite the twisted tale to unravel, and we're not even the one eight days from our wedding, as Georgia is!

Georgia and the group around her are incredibly fun characters to read. They are a solid, and capable team, with plenty of time for fun and laughter. Ms. Parker introduces a new member to the team, which allows new readers to get to know everyone, without dragging down the pace for older followers of the series. I enjoyed seeing how she worked that in.

Those looking for an exciting caper, that doesn't let up until the last page, will greatly enjoy this book!

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### **Babs says**

The action of this book stays all the way until the eve of Georgia and Blackford's wedding. With a missing person and a lot of missing gold and building to several murders. This series is well written and will keep the reader glued to the books until the very end.

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### **Lauren says**

Not sure if there will be more in this series, but if not this wraps everything up nicely. The mystery had a few too many characters to keep straight, and I missed the bookshop setting now that Georgia has transferred its running over to her Archivist Society friend. Also, Blackford was a bit of a jerk to Georgia (telling her to mind her own business about his own investigations, etc.). That said I've enjoyed this series and seeing Georgia gain confidence and finally get her HEA.

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### **Maria says**

This is a historical cozy mystery, with a brave main character that doesn't fear to face a murderer or an harpy, go Georgia!

With a hint of how was living in the aristocracy and being a woman, Georgia Fenchurch has a bookshop and is a member of the Archivist Society, to investigate crimes, like this case, a disappearance and missing gold. Georgia doesn't know where to start investigating this case, the client is hiding something, her missing friend is not the person she thinks and everyone who could have some information about the case is appearing

dead... what's really behind this case?

This is a funny read, I had a good laugh with the Georgia lady's maid, Lucy, she will be a god help in the next cases, I am sure!

Georgia's mind is not only on this case, in the next weeks she will get married to the aristocrat Blackford, but with so many danger in their life, I am not sure they will arrive alive to their wedding, I was really scared that maybe neither of them would make it!

I love reading books where the woman is the main character and doesn't need a man to decide what to do in her life or to have an amazing adventure! Georgia was a good main character, she had love, good friends and a lot of mystery in her life, I wish my life has a little of that adventure!

This is the fifth book of the A Victorian Bookshop Mystery, but you can read it as standalone.

Ready to find the gold?

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### **Nancy says**

Soon-to-be Duchess and Victorian bookshop owner Georgia Fenchurch gets embroiled in another murder mystery just days before her wedding to the Duke of Blackford. The case involves stolen Egyptian gold, governmental diplomats, and a missing investigator. As the bodies pile up, Georgia wonders if she'll be able to make her nuptials. Can she find the killer before the wedding bells ring, or will it be her death knell instead? Another charming addition to a delightful series.

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### **LORI CASWELL says**

#### Dollycas's Thoughts

When I reviewed The Conspiring Woman at the end of 2015 I thought that was the final book in this fantastic series but author Kate Parker wasn't quite done with these characters. As a reader I was thrilled to receive this book and visit these characters one last time.

Georgia Fenchurch should be concentrating on her wedding plans as it is just 8 days away but when a young woman is attacked right before her eyes she can't say no to one last investigation before she says "I Do".

Her friends are not happy but her groom, the Duke of Blackford, offers his assistance in hopes to wrap the investigation as quickly as possible. Instead people go missing and more bodies pile up. A missing treasure trove of gold seems to be what all the victims have in common. Can Georgia stay safe and find the killer and gold and still make it to the church on time??

As expected the author has given us quite an intriguing mystery. It starts in Egypt with a trunk that was supposed to be filled with gold coins, payment owed by Egyptian government to various European banks, turns out to be filled with nails. The gold had been stolen, Eugenie Munroe's uncle has been killed, the man she traveled to London with, Mr. Burke, has gone missing, and another man has been murdered. Eugenie wants the man who killed her uncle brought to justice and it seems all the suspects have left Egypt for the cooler Summer of England. So Georgia and The Archivist Society are on the case.

Ms. Parker takes us back in time as only she can. Her words paint wonderful pictures in your mind of Victorian England as we follow Georgia as she goes to society balls and social calls and investigates. I

totally escaped into this one. I felt like I was on Georgia's shoulder from the first page to the last.

In addition to the characters we have come to love from the previous stories we are introduced a whole new contingent that arrives from Egypt, all the suspects. Some are eliminated because they are killed and Georgia is warned to stop asking questions. She doesn't give up and as the story continues the tension ramps up to a scary and surprising conclusion.

Do Georgia and Blackford tie the knot?? You are going to have to read the story yourself to find out.

I have loved every book in this series. I recommend reading this series in order to follow the progression but they each can be read on their own. This is my favorite book in the series!

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### **Barbara Rogers says**

Series: A Victorian Bookshop Mystery #5

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Kate Parker gives us yet another delightful, intriguing, mystery and adventure set in Victorian England. I feel as if I have waited absolutely FOREVER for this book – and it has been about a year-and-a-half – much too long since the last release. I hope the next book won't be as long in coming! I also hope the author doesn't decide to make this the last of the series because I can see so many delightful storylines in this newly wedded state!

Miss Georgia Fenchurch is the middle-class owner of an antiquarian bookstore. She is also a member of the Archivist Society and the fiancé of the Duke of Blackford. The Archivist Society was formed to help individuals who can't or haven't been helped by Scotland Yard. It was in one such investigation that Georgia met the Duke of Blackford.

Over the course of the books in the series the Duke has wooed Georgia. He had a time convincing her that she could still be who she really was and be his Duchess at the same time. Finally, in the last book he managed to convince her to marry him! I was so excited – and now – this book brings us to the wedding – so – what trouble can Georgia get into with only a few days left until the wedding . . . .

Eight days before her wedding, Georgia gets a visit from Eugenie Munroe who begs her to find Greyson Burke who is an investigator for the crown. Georgia is itching for something to do in order to keep her mind off the upcoming wedding, but after she hears Eugenie's tale, Georgia is sure she won't be able to solve it before the wedding and will only agree to taking on the case if she can involve all of the Archivist Society in the case.

Eugenie had been in Egypt with her uncle who had been tasked to solve the robbery of gold coins valued at over a million pounds. Eugenie's uncle had been murdered in the course of the investigation and she and Greyson had taken up the task of finding who had committed the murder.

Several murders and an ocean crossing later, the investigation lands on English soil. However, Greyson has disappeared and Eugenie has no idea where to turn – so – she turns to Georgia Fenchurch.

As Georgia investigates, there are attacks upon Eugenie and later on Georgia. Then there are more murders

and many, many suspects. Then add abductions and more threats of murder before all is solved. Goodness what an exciting ride through the twists and turns of a delightful investigation.

Then, of course, we have the wedding. Oh! what a romantic time that is. Blackford's wedding gift to Georgia absolutely could not be any more perfect. My goodness my heart was all aflutter!

I highly recommend this book and hope it delights you as much as it did me!

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### **JoAn says**

The Detecting Duchess by Kate Parker was an excellent cozy historical read. Her characters come to life and once again Georgia and the Archivist work to solve a missing person case which turns to so much more. If this is the last book in the series, Ms. Parker did a great job with a twisted plot, numerous suspects and a happy ending for Georgia and Blackford.

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### **Gwen Usher says**

#### **Loved this series!**

I truly loved these books and hope Ms. Parker will continue on with Georgia and the Duke in future installments. The writing is clever and keeps us guessing about the next situation the heroine will find herself in. The supporting characters are well developed and as interesting as the main character. I will recommend this book to friends and family as well as other readers.

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### **Paula Ratcliffe says**

This book follows Georgia Fenchurch as she works in her bookshop and when a young woman approaches her for help before Georgia has a chance to yes or no the young woman and Georgia is attacked by a mysterious assailant. Both of them not knowing their attacker.

Georgia is determined to find the missing Crown investigator. Will she find him on time? Will the wedding go off or will the murder get in the way?

I love this book set in Victorian England and the adventure it puts Georgia on. Will murder afoot anything is possible. Ms. Parker did a great job with this story and can't wait to see what is next!

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### **A Holland Reads says**

I enjoy reading Kate's book if nothing else for the setting. She has a way of describing the settings so that you feel like you are right there along with the characters. I also like that Georgia owns a nice bookstore. There are too many things that I like about Georgia that it is hard to mention them all. I can't imagine

anything worse than having a murder at a wedding. The author did a good job of giving us enough clues so that I felt like I had everything figured out then I found out I was wrong. The characters were well developed and very likable. This was a can't put down type of book. I have not read the rest of the series yet but was able to keep up just fine. I do plan on reading the rest of the series but could not pass up the chance to read this one.

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### **Sherry Lynn says**

I was delighted to be offered *The Detecting Duchess* to read for this review.

Books that take place in the Victorian era or Historical books are not normally ones that I read.

I like to have the chance to read something different.

I liked the name of the series A Victorian Book Shop series was intriguing to me.

Although *The Detecting Duchess* is book 5 I didn't feel lost not having read the previous books. I would like to see more following.

The story is captivating and filled with twists and turns keeping the reader struggling to figure out the mystery.

I am looking forward to reading more in the series.

I received a complimentary copy from the author and Great Escapes Tours.

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### **Argum says**

So the time has finally arrived, the wedding is on. I don't count that as a spoiler as the *Duchess* part is in the title. But alas our intrepid heroine wants one last hurrah as a spinster detective before she assumes the mantle of the detecting duchess. When a girl comes into the shop specifically looking for her not the Society she hesitates but then the poor girl is attacked. The girl claims to be looking for a man who was investigating her uncle's murder in Cairo who in turn had been investigating a large gold theft from the government. Soon danger is afoot as bodies start dropping. Meanwhile everyone else is focused on the wedding. Lots of good suspects and the ending made me cry. Huge payoff for long time readers.

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### **Kay Hudson says**

I have loved this series, and it's no spoiler, given the title, to say the wedding day has finally arrived for Georgia and Blackford. But first there's a mystery to be solved, beginning with a missing person (and a lot of missing gold) and building to several murders. The action continues right up to the eve of the wedding, as Georgia and the Duke eliminate suspects one by one, joining the search for the missing treasure, separating those who want the reward from the killer who wants it all.

If you've enjoyed Georgia's late Victorian adventures, don't miss Kate Parker's *Deadly* series, set in the late 30s.

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## **Jackie says**

3.5. Sadly this didn't have some of my favorite aspects from previous books. I wish we could have seen more of Emma and the gang. Additionally they kept talking about how close the wedding was a bit too much especially when she hardly seemed to have much to do to get ready and plenty of free time. Too many balls and parties that didn't hold me. I understand what the author was doing, but I miss the good old days. I wasn't even a fan of our main man since he wasn't in it other to be nasty or a tool to get something. The ending was really nice and hey if there's another book, I'd still read it!

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