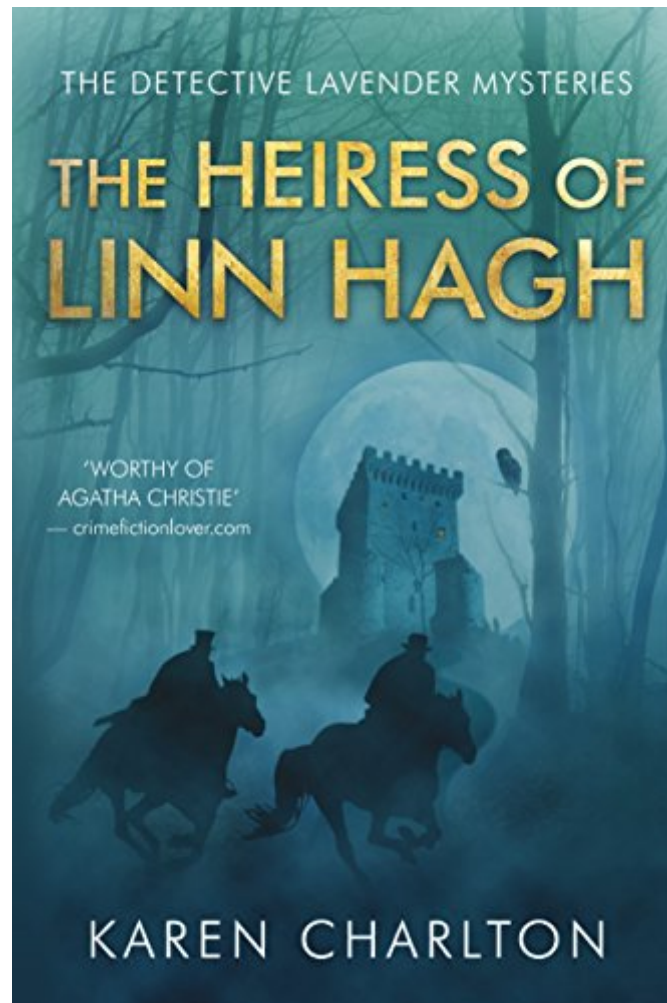


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The Heiress Of Linn Hagh (The Detective Lavender Mysteries Book 1)



Synopsis

Northumberland, 1809: A beautiful young heiress disappears from her locked bedchamber at Linn Hagh. The local constables are baffled and the townsfolk cry "witchcraft". The heiress's uncle summons help from Detective Lavender and his assistant, Constable Woods, who face one of their most challenging cases: The servants and local gypsies aren't talking; Helen's siblings are uncooperative; and the sullen local farmers are about to take the law into their own hands. Lavender and Woods find themselves trapped in the middle of a simmering feud as they uncover a world of family secrets, intrigue and deception in their search for the missing heiress. Taut, wry and delightful, *The Heiress of Linn Hagh* is a rollicking tale featuring Lavender and Woods—a double act worthy of Holmes and Watson. Revised edition: This edition of *The Heiress of Linn Hagh* includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

This book was cheap or free on , and it sounded like everything I would enjoy: a nice British-style mystery set in 1809 featuring Bow Street runners and a locked room, with a whiff of the supernatural: perfect. Except it was awful. I've said, in some form or other, and will likely say again

that when a writer whose work I enjoy says something that doesn't feel quite right, I believe it - but when a writer whose work I dislike says something that doesn't feel right, I will get online and do the research to, if possible, prove I'm right and they're wrong so there. It unfortunately didn't take long for me to get to the point that when Karen Charlton had a character say "There's no cake with candles for me at a year's end", I got to digging. As best I can find, it's an anachronism - and, if nothing else, someone in this character's place and position probably couldn't afford it even if it was common. The point is, I'm not buying it. The two so-remarkable detectives at the heart of the story, Detective Stephen Lavender and Constable Woods, are ridiculous. Their investigative skills are remarkable only for their absence - an example being that they decide to "stake out the grave of Baxter Carnaby from midnight". Fine; but why not before? And of course early on they miss the bad guy and basically screw up altogether. It doesn't help that so-wonderful Detective Lavender is, as even his faithful Constable says, "mooning around after" a chance-met so-exotic Spanish woman widow - or is she?? He is so distracted that I wanted to see him come up on charges.

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