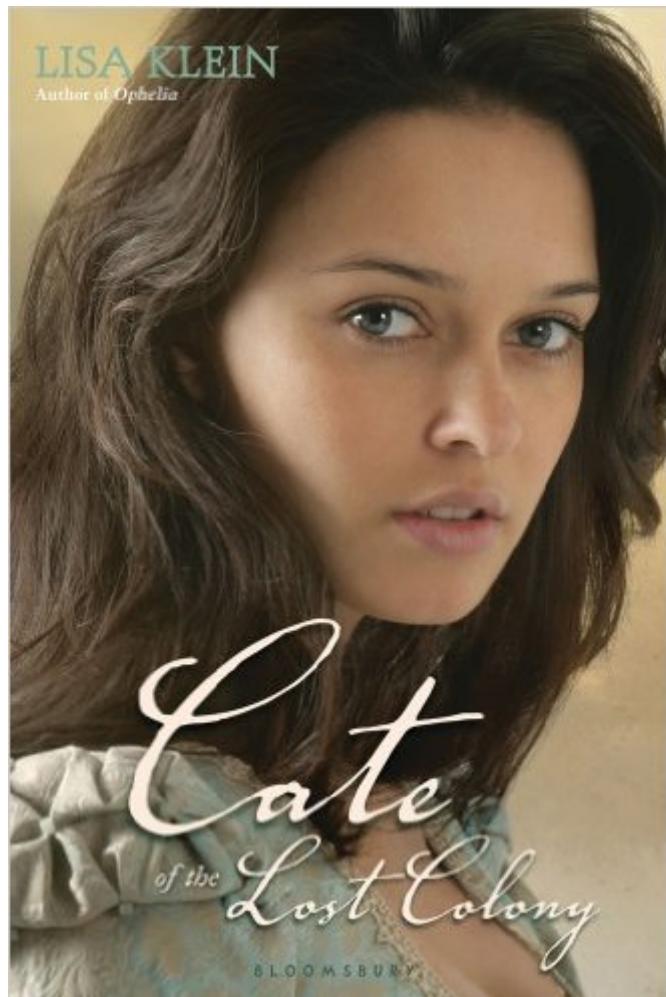


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Cate Of The Lost Colony



Synopsis

When her forbidden romance with Sir Walter Raleigh is discovered, young Lady Catherine is banished to the colony of Roanoke in the New World. Raleigh pledges to come for Cate, but as the months stretch out, Cate begins to doubt his promise and his love. But just as Cate discovers a new love in Manteo, a Croatoan Indian, Raleigh sets sail for the New World. Lisa Klein seamlessly weaves together fact and fiction in this engrossing novel.

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Customer Reviews

I'm stunned! I normally quite enjoy Historical Fiction but this time... I mean, come on! This is probably the single one thing in history that I would die to read about, and Lisa Klein does a marvelous job with it. It will always be one of the greatest historical mystery, but now I have an alternate ending that completely satisfied me. I was truly amazed by the way the story flows naturally and provides the reader such vivid insight with the several POVs and letter format. Plus, the poetry was a bonus! I also enjoyed the fact that the book takes place in both settings: England and the New World. Descriptions were incredibly atmospheric and I felt myself standing in both places. It was absolutely fantastic the way I felt like I traveled to inside the book. I felt I was Catherine, I felt her joy and pain, and the frustration of living in such complicated times and situations. The writing was delightful, and Catherine's voice was unique and compelling. It's hard to believe she's not as real as the rest. I don't think there is any better way to learn history while enjoying an amazing journey than to read Historical Fiction. It's way too fun to call it studying, but in a way it's exactly what it is. At the beginning of the book there's a list of characters that specify which

existed and which were made for the story and at the end of the book there's an author's note that explains which parts are true and further readings. If you've never tried historical fiction, this is an excellent option to start the right way. It's the kind of story that will very much appeal the reluctant readers. On the other hand, if you enjoy the genre already, go out and get this one NOW!! You'll thank me later.

Cate of the Lost Colony is about a girl who is banished to the new world by a jealous queen. This is the kind of entertaining historical fiction that also happens teaches you a little something about history. There is a huge cast of characters in this book, most of whom existed in real life. The main characters really shined even though the minor characters often got mixed up in my mind (thank goodness for the awesome character list at the beginning). The main characters Cate, Manteo, and Sir Walter Ralegh all narrate this story. I found the voices of each of the narrators so distinct and beautiful that I could tell within a paragraph or two who was talking even though it wasn't labeled. Through each of the narrators we get to see the new world from different perspectives. Cate shows us life as a colonist. Manteo shows us the major changes that the Native Americans went through. Sir Walter Ralegh, who is an historical figure, shows us the glory and wealth people dreamed of finding in America. I loved the summary at the end of the book that explained what was fiction and what wasn't. It was surprising how much of the story was actually not that far from reality. I read this at the perfect time of year. Who knew that a novel about pilgrims would be such a page-turner? The writing was authentic and wonderful. The romance was amazing. No instant love or cliches to be found. Overall, it was a great historical romance that had me hooked until the last page.

Having visited Roanoke Island on a family trip many years ago, I've always been fascinated by the story of the "lost" colony. I was very excited to see that Lisa Klein, a historical fiction author I've read and enjoyed in the past, had decided to put her own spin on the tale. Klein tells her story from three very different points of view. Acting as the main narrator, Lady Catherine Archer is a young handmaiden to Queen Elizabeth. She angers Elizabeth by flirting with Sir Walter Raleigh, one of the queen's favorite courtiers, and is first sent to the Tower and then later to England's new American colony, Roanoke. Another part of the story is told through Sir Walter's personal papers--letters, journal entries, and poems, giving readers a glimpse into the man who was the driving force behind Elizabeth's colonial experiment. Still another perspective is given by Manteo, a young Croatoan man who befriends the English, travels to the British Isles, and acts as an embassy between the English and their neighbors back in America. The three narratives blend skillfully to give readers a

more complete picture of England's first attempt at colony building. Klein did a lot of research for this work, and it shows. I read Lee Miller's nonfiction Roanoke: Mystery of the Lost Colony while reading Cate of the Lost Colony, just to compare it to the "real" story. Klein's attention to detail is amazing, and the conjectures she makes seem realistic and plausible. If her story doesn't actually solve the mystery, I can safely say I wish it did! I definitely recommend this book to anyone who has wondered just what did happen to America's lost colony.

A good book, lots of speculations. Since we do not know what happened to our lost colony we can only assume the worst or best. I like to think that Virginia Dare did integrate with the nearby Indians and possibly married and gave birth to many children of the New Americans. The strength of both backgrounds give us the variability of our great nation. Lisa Klein wrote a stirring book and at times I wasn't sure who was the person thinking or talking in the chapters. Was it Cate or her protector. All and all I read it and enjoyed reading number one a total mystery and two about the first colony on American soil.

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