The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter

By Sara Scoggan

Connected by blood and their love of the sea, four brave women discover themselves through tragedy and redemption in Gaynor's (The Cottingley Secret?, 2017) historical novel based on true events. In 1838, Grace Darling lives a quiet life on the Farne Islands of Northumberland, England, lighting the lamps at Longstone Lighthouse alongside her father. Watching the seas after a raging storm, Grace spots the survivors of a shipwreck, and her life is changed forever. Out at sea, Sarah Dawson clings to her children on a rock after the S.S. Forfarshire disastrously sinks. It seems all hope is lost until Grace and her father rescue the few survivors back to Longstone. One hundred years later, Matilda Emmerson is onboard a ship to America, sent away from Ireland to keep her scandalous pregnancy a secret. She finds herself at Rose Island Lighthouse with Harriet Flaherty, the assistant lighthouse keeper with a hidden past. When Matilda uncovers a secret about her birth, the four women are forever linked to one another, and the lighthouses that saved them. Copyright 2018 Booklist Reviews.

Living at Longstone Lighthouse on the Farne Islands off Northumberland's coast, Grace Darling became a national heroine in 1838 when she and her father rescued nine shipwrecked people. Her real-life story is woven into that of pregnant teenager Matilda Emmerson, sent from Ireland in disgrace to live with a relative at a Newport, RI, lighthouse in 1938. Following the New York Times best-selling The Cottingley Secret. Copyright 2018 Library Journal.

Gaynor's latest novel (after The Cottingley Secret and Last Christmas in Paris) revolves around three women and the choices they make. Grace Darling is the daughter of the keeper of the Longstone Lighthouse in England. In 1838, Grace and her father rescue Sarah Dawson from a shipwreck and are at the center of a storm of unwanted fame. Sarah's artist brother George Emmerson is drawn to Grace by more than her heroics, although he is engaged to another. A century later, Matilda Emmerson—19, pregnant, and unwed—arrives from Ireland to Newport, RI, lighthouse keeper Harriet Flaherty, her distant, eccentric relative. While in Rhode Island, Matilda researches her family history, uncovering both Grace's tragic, forgotten love story and startling revelations about her own parentage. Grace and Matilda's lives parallel each other as both exhibit quiet bravery, fall in love with artists, and develop intense connections with the lighthouses they tend. Gaynor's writing is capable, though the story is slight and the link between centuries feels tenuous at times. The novel will appeal to fans of low-key women's fiction, but readers looking for drama won't find it here. Agent: Michelle Brower, Aevitas Creative Management. (Oct.)
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