



Unexpected Blessings

Barbara Taylor Bradford

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

Unexpected Blessings

Barbara Taylor Bradford

Unexpected Blessings Barbara Taylor Bradford

The new blockbuster from one of the world's greatest storytellers delves into the life of Emma Harte—the original Woman of Substance—and the ambitious, passionate, and volatile women of the next generations.

Evan Hughes, Emma's American great-granddaughter, is trying to integrate into the powerful Harte family. She is caught between her estranged parents, her new family, and new love. But a dangerous enemy hovers in the background.

Tessa Longden, Evan's cousin, is battling her husband for custody of their daughter, Adele. When Adele suddenly goes missing, Tessa is forced to seek help from her half-sister Linnet—a woman who has been her rival all their lives.

Linnet, the most brilliant businesswoman of the four great-granddaughters, is desperately trying to show that she is the natural heir to her mother, Paula. But her glittering future at the helm of the vast Harte empire means many sacrifices, perhaps even the loss of her sister's fragile trust.

India Standish, the traditionalist in the family, falls in love with a famous British artist from a working-class background. Madly in love, India is determined to marry him, no matter what her family thinks.

Evan, Tessa, Linnet, and India: four extraordinary women. Three generations of Hartes. One indomitable family whose loyalty binds them together and whose enemies want to tear them apart.

Unexpected Blessings Details

Date : Published October 4th 2005 by St. Martin's Paperbacks (first published July 1st 2004)

ISBN : 9780312985745

Author : Barbara Taylor Bradford

Format : Paperback 528 pages

Genre : Fiction, Romance

 [Download Unexpected Blessings ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Unexpected Blessings ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Unexpected Blessings Barbara Taylor Bradford

From Reader Review Unexpected Blessings for online ebook

Pbwritr says

I don't know how she is a bestselling author. Poorly drawn characters. Overly dramatized--most of the writing was "telling," not showing. Very annoying. Too much telling the reader how we should feel about the characters, especially her "villains."

Ria says

A wonderful continuation of the Harte family saga but also a clever novel that can "stand alone" as the story is quite well contained in itself.

This volume deals with the younger members of the dominant Harte family and also the surrounding offshoot branches.

This novel has everything, secret affairs from the past that come to light in the present, insane ex husbands, disgruntled, evil sons, the abduction of a child and running through it all the love affairs of the family members and the dramas that unfold within them.

A wonderful and rich family saga that as stated can be enjoyed equally well as a general read or part of the series of novels.

A great story and epic read from start to finish.

Diane says

Wonderful read! the drama continues with the families and it's challenges to keep her dream alive...(paperback!)

Kristen says

This is a great new book in the Emma Harte series, when there's four others and a new one next summer, to follow and conclude the saga, once and for all. Great romance, drama, and lots of bits and action for a good read. You'll enjoy this next book in the series.

Diane Wallace says

excellent follow-up..

Betty says

Just couldn't get back into her writing style.....oh well.

Seadaz says

Enjoyed the beginning with the kidnapping, which I thought would be the main event of the book, but it was over in a few pages. And still the evil one hasn't struck - not much of a masterplan villain is he!
Did enjoy the rest of the book, easy to read and onto Just Rewards now.

Sidna says

This is the fifth and, as I understand it, last book in Bradford's series about Emma Harte and her descendants. This one features her grandchildren.

If you like to read family sagas and romance, I recommend this series starting with A Woman of Substance. I don't know that you would really enjoy this book as stand alone if you haven't read any of the others.

Not great literature, but a fun read if you like romance novels.

Carol says

I enjoyed this fifth and, I believe final, book in Barbara Taylor Bradford's series, "The Emma Harte Saga." This fifth book, "Unexpected Blessings," continues the stories of the difficulties and trials in the lives of Linnet, Evan, Tessa, and Gideon. The spirit of Emma Harte continues to stream throughout each tribulation.

Tristan says

I can't seem to get past the first 100 pages of this book. The book started with four and a quarter pages of an intertwined family tree for three clans. That was my first turn off. The story seems weak and the characters are not developed well. There are too many characters. I don't even feel bad for not finishing.

Lexi says

I finished this book before I went on vacation last week, on Saturday the 9th. I just didn't have time to write the review before I left because I LITERALLY finished the book a few minutes before heading to the airport to catch my flight to Ohio. And, over my vacation, I was too busy being a camel for my niece to ride on, shopping with my sister and mother at Ikea, and going out to eat with my family to have time to get to it. So, here I am, reviewing the book a week and a half later, which is really late for me. I usually try to review my reads right after finishing them, so I don't forget anything. If this review is somewhat lacking, it's because I've read another book (review to be posted shortly) since finishing this one!

I Mooched this fourth book in the Emma Harte saga. I love this series. If you haven't read my reviews of the

other books, the series is about the Harte family and their line of department stores (as well as the O'Neill and Kallinski clans, linked by friendship - and marriages - to the Hartes). Emma Harte, the matriarch of the clan, built her dream from the ground up, and her heirs continue to operate what she worked so hard to build. This book focuses on the great-grandchildren of Emma Harte, specifically Evan Hughes, India Standish, Tessa Longden, and Linnet O'Neill. It follows the lives and loves of the four women as they come into their own in the Harte dynasty. Linnet and Tessa continue to war over which will be the true heir to Emma's vision, while Linnet's wedding approaches and Tessa's soon-to-be ex-husband complicates her life. Evan struggles with whether or not to tell her father a secret she learned in the last novel, while navigating the turbulent waters of loving a Harte. India has fallen for an artist, but is not sure she can trust the womanizer to commit to her.

Four out of five Whatever's. I really enjoy this series, and I'm not sure I can put my finger on why. I like the strong female protagonists. And Bradford manages to throw several curveballs at the reader. There are always crises befalling the characters, which maintain the reader's interest. There is only one of these left, that I know of. I'm not sure I'm ready to say goodbye to the Harte clan, but I can always go back and read the first (and best) of the novels again, to start all over with Emma Harte.

Deborah says

I never intended to read this series beyond the first book but I saw this one at a used book store for \$0.80 and figured what the heck. I considered not finishing the book but endured. It got mildly interesting by page 300. Tessa's story and the brief tie in to the 9/11 terrorist attacks were the most interesting yet still not good. The other story lines were a total bore. Why do the Hartes sleep with and marry their second cousins?! A Woman of Substance was one of the most memorable stories I have ever read. Like another reviewer commented, however, there is only one Emma Harte and her layered complexity cannot be recreated in her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Whereas I will always remember A Woman of Substance, I hope to forget Unexpected Blessings ASAP!

Sruthi Chandran says

A Woman of Substance and Emma Harte really influenced me. I did not intend to read the others in the series simply because there will not be "True Emma Harte" in those. But somehow I got hold of this book and read through. I found it too much difficult in remembering who is whose son/daughter/cousin etc. But I did enjoy and envy the strong bonding between the siblings/cousins of the Harte family.

Vicki Bismilla says

I am really having a hard time ploughing through this book. It is so badly written I keep flipping through the front pieces to determine if it is really written by the Barbara Taylor Bradford who wrote the excellent Woman of Substance. There are gratuitous sex scenes that read like they are written by barely literate teenagers. And some of the sentences put into the mouths of these characters ... Seriously? "Oh little pet...Did you give him your heart Tess." Who speaks like that? Very disappointing. I bought it because I saw the name of the author but this is a fraud. (0 out of 10).

Aurian Booklover says

Twenty years ago, I loved Barbara Taylor Bradford's books. I devoured them. The strong women and the lives they build for themselves. And the saga of Emma Harte was my favourite. How she started out as poor as possible, working as a servant girl at 13, getting seduced and abandoned by the son of the house, and working her way up to become one of the major businesswomen in England.

And now I recently picked up this book second hand, and within a few paragraphs, I was totally back into the inner workings of this large and convoluted family, and I loved every page of it.

I so enjoyed catching up with all the family members, finding out how they are doing, what the evil grandson Jonathan is up to, and how they all work together in the various parts of Emma's empire.

Evan is one of the main focuses, and it kept jarring me because for me, Evan is a man's name. She is the (illegal) granddaughter of Emma's son Robin, and Emma's former secretary Glynnis. And now that her grandmother has died, she has sent her off to England, to meet the Harte family. As Evan was bored in her current job in America, she did as her grandmother requested of her. And there she met Gideon Harte, who works for the newspaper enterprise, and they fell madly in love with each other, on first sight. Still, that romance is not really working for me. Gideon is too highhanded and Evan is a bit too timid and wanting too please. But I did love her interactions with Robin. And I did like how she found her own place in the Harte company, designing new floorplans for the shops, and even her cousin's wedding dress.

And there is Tessa, who as the eldest granddaughter thinks she is entitled to be the new woman in charge when their mother Paula retires (and that won't happen for a long time!). But her eyes are opened to what is really important to her when her almost ex-husband kidnappes their daughter. And when her twin brother takes her to Paris to recover from the ordeal, her life changes even further.

Linnet is a real strong woman, just like her great-grandmother Emma and her mother Paula. She is a cunning businesswoman, she has great instincts and she is the right one for the job. She quickly takes care of the abduction problem while their parents are in America, and she gets it solved and dealt with.

India is from the titled part of the family, and she has fallen in love with a highly successful British portrait painter, who seems to be a reverse snob, claiming her family would never approve of him. He doesn't even want to meet them. Their relationship doesn't seem to move forward either, and India wants more of him. But will she stay with a man who doesn't want to commit, and keeps such huge secrets from her? It will take his crazy ex to open his eyes but will it be on time?

The evil Jonathan is really plotting something that will kill off his entire family, and will leave him the sole heir. I did not expect that from him! Although I know he is truly evil. I know he is behind Evan's "accident" as he is Robin's son and does not want to chance his father getting close to someone else. And the weak husband of Tessa is just the perfect tool for some mayhem in the family.

I will certainly pick up some more books in this series soon. I loved meeting all those family members again, I think it would make for a great soap opera on t.v.. Lots of romance, some love scenes, action and business, and never boring. Amazing characters whom I would love to meet and then be too shy to talk to.

9 stars.

