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Editorial Review

Review

The re-release of Provo author Sarah Eden's Whitney Award-nominated book, *Seeking Persephone*, thrills the hearts of her fans and Regency lovers everywhere. Initially self-published and has been out-of-print the past three years, Eden's well-loved story has returned to bookstore shelves.

In *Seeking Persephone*, Persephone Lancaster's family is on the verge of financial ruin. When an unexpected marriage proposal forces her to choose between her own happiness and her family's welfare, Persephone finds herself relegated to life in a secluded castle as the wife of a bitter duke. Living in a fortress surrounded by foreboding forests and wild dogs while facing a distant, unfeeling husband inside its walls, Persephone is sure she will never be happy again.

But Adam, the Duke of Kielder, is not entirely what he seems. Physically and emotionally scarred from childhood, his icy demeanor masks a softer, more vulnerable character. Forced to face the constant courage and optimism of his enchanting young wife, the Duke can hardly keep his protective walls intact. When menacing forces put Persephone's life in jeopardy, will the Duke risk his heart in order to truly save her or will he remain safe within the stronghold he has created?

Seeking Persephone is the prequel to Eden's other Whitney Award-nominated book, *Courting Miss Lancaster*, which was released by Covenant Communications in March 2010.

Using her dynamic style, Eden plunges into this sweet, *Beauty and the Beast*-type tale. With her characteristic wit and charm she leads readers through the world of strict propriety to find the warmth of a tender love story.

The characters are immediately understandable and endearing. Readers will find themselves rooting for Persephone and Adam to come together through their personal struggles to create a life they can cherish together.

Seeking Persephone is sure to tug at the heart strings of romance lovers and to please Eden's expanding collection of fans. --Melissa DeMoux, For the Deseret News

About the Author

Sarah M. Eden read her first Jane Austen novel in elementary school and has been an Austen addict ever since. Fascinated by the Regency era in English history, Eden became a regular in the Regency section of the reference department at her local library, painstakingly researching this extraordinary chapter in history. Eden is an award-winning author of short stories and Regency-era novels, including *Courting Miss Lancaster*, *The Kiss of a Stranger*, *Friends and Foes*, *An Unlikely Match*, *Drops of Gold*, *Glimmer of Hope* and *As You Are*.

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