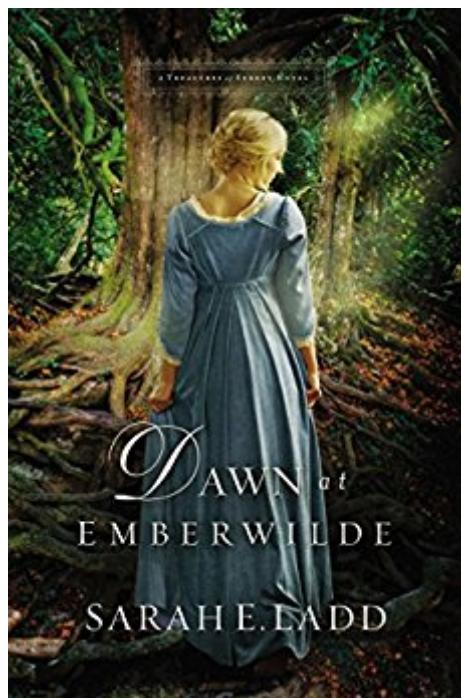


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# Dawn At Emberwilde (A Treasures Of Surrey Novel)



## **Synopsis**

Isabel Creston never dared to dream that love could be hers. Now, at the edge of a forest filled with dark secrets, she faces a fateful choice between love and duty. For as long as she can remember, beautiful and free-spirited Isabel has strained against the rules and rigidity of the Fellsworth School in the rolling English countryside. No longer a student, Isabel set her sights on a steady role as a teacher at the school, a safe yet stifling establishment that would enable her to care for her younger sister Lizzie, who was left in her care after her father's death. The unexpected arrival of a stranger with news of unknown relatives turns Isabel's small, predictable world upside down, sweeping her and her young charge into a labyrinth of intrigue and hidden motives. At her new family's invitation, Isabel and Lizzie relocate to Emberwilde, a sprawling estate adjacent to a vast, mysterious wood rife with rumors and ominous folklore—along with whispers of something far more sinister. Perhaps even more startling, two handsome men begin pursuing Isabel, forcing her to learn the delicate dance between attraction, the intricate rules of courtship, and the hopes of her heart. At Emberwilde Isabel will discover that the key to unlocking the mystery of her past may also open the door to her future and security. But first she must find it—in the depths of Emberwilde Forest.

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## Customer Reviews

I was so excited to see this book by one of my favorite authors, Sarah E. Ladd. I was expecting it to be another good read and I was not disappointed! I loved the story, the well-developed characters, the suspense and the engaging plot flowed well. The story is well written and very entertaining. This is a Christian Romance that is both clean and inspirational.

I felt the whole aspect of the mystery of her mothers death was an extreme let down. I liked much of the story but that aspect had been a huge draw and I felt it was not explored. Why all this hype and then just skim over it and the death not be anything worth the dramatic build up? If that factor had been really developed and thought through this would have been a satisfying read.

I was really impressed with the beginning of this book. I always love it when an author can draw me into another world with their writing whether it be with the story, characters, or the timeline. In "Dawn at Emberwilde" the main character Isabel was a very refreshing breath of fresh air. I really liked her character. On the other hand, I'm sorry to say that I wasn't as impressed by the hero. I just didn't get that swoony feeling that I love to see in any hero in a novel. Overall, I just think that the book cover was really beautiful! Even though I did enjoy the beginning of the novel, there were times in the novel that I felt kinda lagged behind. All in all, I still like reading Sarah Ladd's books and I highly recommend her writing to anyone who love to read regency fiction.

Sarah Ladd is a great writer. I really recommend all of her novels, especially if you are into the Regency era. The characters are very well written, and the mystery of the forest is very well done. The action is well paced. I am very much enjoying this novel!

I liked this book, but didn't love it. The mystery was not much of one, actually. There were parts of the book that didn't get completed, even in the end. The heroine seemed a bit passive for someone who planned to live life on her own wits. She would succumb to her aunt, never ask questions of her

uncle, and would do things against her better judgment for those "in charge." The hero had little back story, which bothers me in any book. In this case, we are to believe he had reasons for doing what he did, but we don't have a clue as to what those reasons were--something in his past that is never explained. I will try the author again, as I believe she has another book in the series.

Sally Ladd is an excellent author and I will read whatever she writes. I often receive books free in exchange for an honest review but I purchased this one based on the author. I enjoyed the read immensely but found it to be a bit more predictable than some of her other books. I will share this book with my book lover friends but it may be one I read only once. That a great review given I am avid reader and book lover. It is a still a satisfying read and worth the money.

I bought this book because the ad said it was similar to reading something written by Jane Austen. And, in a way, it was. The period and the settings could have come straight out of one of her books. And Isabel - a young, independent woman from a humble background - could very well have been a Jane Austen heroine. However, I found switching between Isabel's and Colin's points of view a bit jarring - and very un-Jane-like. I would have preferred to have read the story through Isabel's eyes alone. But that's just me. Overall, the story was interesting and well-told. If you like Jane Austen, you will probably like Dawn at Emberwilde.

Styled like Jane Austen with the intrigue of Jane Eyre...it's a great read with dashing heroes, tricky villains, and still all comes out right in the end. You'll enjoy this read!

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