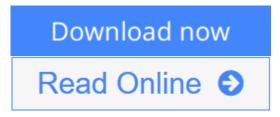


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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

There are many riddles to unravel in Nora Roberts's latest novel before the chain of seemingly random murders and robberies swirling around a lovely Philadelphia antiques dealer can be resolved. There's no mystery, however, about why Roberts is a bestselling author of romances and mainstream novels: she delivers the goods with panache and wit. This time out, she skillfully blends a stirring love story with nonstop suspense, effortlessly shifting from melodrama to light comedy. Antiques dealer Dora Conroy's hidden riches start with the painting she bids for at a local auction, unaware of the treasure it conceals. Then there's her new tenant, handsome, brooding Jed Skimmerhorn, who moves into the apartment above her shop. Though the ex-cop and scion of a wealthy Philadelphia family first appears rude and rough, he surprises Dora with acts of tenderness. And Dora needs plenty of TLC after her shop is broken into, she's nearly raped and she learns that others who purchased goods from a particular shipment at the auction are turning up dead. Joining forces with Dora to track down the culprits behind the thefts and murders, Jed is drawn into the life of the effervescent Dora and her endearingly eccentric theatrical family. Readers will be too. Reader's Digest Condensed Book; Literary Guild and Doub le day Book Club alternate . Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal

Dora, a dealer of antiques, purchases a new selection of curios to sell in her shop. The shipment she receives, however, is intended for a ruthless smuggler of priceless treasures who will do anything-even kill-for the return of the items. Robbery and death surround the curios, and Dora and former cop Jed probe the mystery, touched by their growing attraction for each other. This is a fine story with a well-paced plot and interesting scenery. The relationship between Jed and Dora is often humorous and occasionally steamy as the two protagonists grow closer. Although some of the characters are stereotypical, this latest from the author of Honest Illusions (Audio Reviews, LJ 6/1/93) is a satisfying, comfortable listening experience. Narrator Sandra Burr brings the story to life with a creative assortment of voices. This is an excellent addition to any fiction collection.

Susan B. Lamphier, Somerville P.L., Mass.

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From **Booklist**

At an auction in Virginia, antiques dealer Dora Conroy purchases a mismatched box of porcelain figurines and an abstract painting on a whim. Across the country, a man opens his expected shipment to discover the items he received are not the ones he arranged to have shipped. A search begins immediately for the lost shipment; it's a search that brings a murderer closer and closer to Dora Conroy. With the help of her tenant, ex-cop Jed Skimmerhorn, Dora unravels the nature of the violence that has trailed the auction items. As that same violence begins to swirl around Dora, she and Jed are drawn together in a relationship complicated by Jed's past and his undecided future. *Hidden Riches* returns to the strength Roberts showed in her novels of a few years ago, *Sacred Sins* (1987) and *Brazen Virtue* (1988), avoiding the extensive flashbacks of *Honest Illusions* (1993). Highly recommended for all public libraries. *Melanie Duncan*

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