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Singapore in the 1860s is exotic and yet terrifying for a penniless Englishwoman, alone and vulnerable after her mother's death. Too pretty to obtain a governess's job, Isabella Saunders accepts an offer from a Singapore merchant to teach him English and live with his family.

Two years later Bram Deagan arrives in Singapore, determined to make his fortune as a trader. Mr Lee sees a way to expand his business connections and persuades Isabella to marry Bram.

Bravely, she sets sail for a new land and life. But the past casts a long shadow and together they face unexpected dangers. Will they find a way to achieve their dreams of a successful trading business?

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moira manson says

Isabella and bram

When I started this book I never realized it was a continuation from the swan river saga it's great it has some of the characters in so definitely a 5 STAR review .

Kshydog says

Typical easy reading historical romance type, no sexual descriptions, about living in early 1900 Singapore then Australia. Enjoyed the nice beginning of an English woman needing to live with a Chinese trader and his family, choosing to marry quickly without knowing the man. Isabella learned how to survive other cultures with the help of Mr Lee as the perfect replacement father. Bram learned how to use his wits to survive and figured a way to make a living without family also. Alice, Isabella's cousin, a horrible self-centered type, lives with them then gets married yet keeps her daughter with Isabella is a character that should continue in the series. Flora receives a ruined reputation from her demanding mother for watching another man's child in his house. Other characters most likely will be in series, I hope since they became subplot stories.

E.A. Harwik says

This is the first book of the Anna Jacobs Trader Series, which is a follow on of the Swan River Series.

Even on it's own this book is a magnificent experience. It's the work of a masterly skillful storyteller.

These books are all set in the 1860's. They originally found their voice around the implications to the lives of working class people caused by the unreliable supply of raw materials, namely cotton, out of America during the Civil War. People were reduced to nothing, even forced to relocate, to re-invent another future and learn about hope all over again. --- I find the stories amazing and can't help feeling we might well be about to live something similar today, though in reverse.

Having read and fell in love with the three preceding books, 'Farewell of Lancashire', 'Beyond the Sunset' and 'Destiny's Path' I feel as though I'm a part the setting, I know all the old characters and welcome anyone new as a friend. I understand the trials they've all gone through and read on with anticipation feeling emotional involvement with what comes next. ---- This is women's fiction at its very best.

I waited ages for The Trader's Wife to be released and was well rewarded.

Now I'm waiting again. Book two of the series 'The Trader's Sister' is due out early next year. I'll be downloading my copy the day it's released. Anna Jacobs can be relied upon to produce a quality product.

Elizabeth Kane says

Again, I cannot recall where I got this recommendation. I had to get this book transferred from a library across the country as my library system did not have this story. I do not recall having read Anna Jacobs before. Nice story about early century settlements in Western Australia. The tough life these people had, women had no rights....but a sweet, happy ending story for the most part. Australia was used as a penal dumping ground for Europe for many years, thus the history of rough necks.

The writing was not advanced, but good story development and flow. I might read something of hers again. Not compelling to run out and read her catalog at this time. Is that harse?

Sally906 says

Anna Jacobs is a new Australian author for me I read this book because it starts out being set in Singapore in 1865 and I am reading books set in Singapore prior to my upcoming visit there in a few weeks.

The first of a new historical romance series we are introduced to the orphaned English girl, Isabella, who has been living with a Chinese trader's family teaching them all English. Mr Lee took her in when the European community turned its back on her welfare after the death of her parents. Trouble is the European community considers her to be a 'fallen' woman and believe she is the trader's mistress - which is not true. Mr Lee and his mother are anxious about her reputation and look for ways to reinstate Isabella with her own kind.

Mr Lee meets a nice young man called Bram who has left Ireland and newly arrived in Singapore to seek his fortune by setting up as a trader between Singapore and Western Australia. Bram rescues Isabella from being mugged so Mr Lee has now said he will help Bram set up his business in exchange for Bram marrying Isabella - Bram thinks Isabella is a bit of OK and Isabella isn't displeased with Bram, so the two agree to the wedding and sail to Australia where further adventures await. I have to confess I got a little confused at the start of the book – obviously some of these characters have appeared in previous books and I was expected to know them. Once I got over this I settled in and enjoyed the different interconnecting storylines.

poppie says

Couldn't get into this book despite being a great fan of Anna Jacobs. Persevered to the end but was tempted to give up several times. Too many characters for me and it did seem to jump from place to place. I have the rest of the 'Traders' books but so far not tempted to read them.

Kim says

This one was set in Singapore and Australia. Isabella is taken in by a Chinese trader when she loses her mother. He chooses an Irish Trader to become her husband and extend their trading business. They set sail for Australia and open a bazaar and livery stables. It's a trilogy and already I can't wait to read more about the main characters.

One advantage of not being able to sleep at night due to a cold is that I'm finishing all these books!

Den says

Australian Romantic Book of the Year 2006

Singapore

First book I have read by Jacobs and will definitely be looking for more as I really enjoyed this book. An easy read and a good story line.

Isabella is an orphan and finds herself without a home. Luckily for her a Chinese man takes pity on her and in exchange for teaching him English gives her accommodation and food... plus friendship. She ends up feeling like family. But times are such that many believe she is a fallen woman living with Mr Lee so they suggest she marry a trader who is looking to start a business in Australia. Both Isabella and Bram agree to this as neither are repulsed by the other and they respect each others' views. A deep love grows from those first feelings of affection. Mr Lee helps Bram get his business off the ground and they set sail for Australia where they meet other strong characters.

Audrey Dailey says

This is a book club book, so I can't give too much away in my review. I'm not actually sure how it got on our reading list and it was a little different from our normal picks. It was a historical romance and while it wasn't a Christian book, it was very clean.

It was about Isabella (Sara, you will like that!) and Bram, who don't know each other well but meet in Singapore, marry for convenience, and move to Australia to set up a trading post. The story also had A LOT of secondary characters, some of whom I had trouble keeping straight and I'm still not sure how some of them fit in. The plot was mostly about seeing how the characters were linked, dealing with gossip, burglars, and getting single people married off. Most of the characters were pretty static but I did like the developing relationship between Isabella and Bram and I liked their equal partnership (even if I'm not sure that would have been the case.) So while this book was not terribly memorable or impactful, it wasn't bad. I don't think there will be a ton to discuss at book club but they can't all be life-changing. Again, not bad, it just didn't have that extra something special to get me to recommend it.

Elaine says

This is book 1 of a 4 book series set in the Orient and Australia during the mid 1800's. Isabella meets Bram Deagan in Singapore where soon after they marry and set sail back to Australia where they set up their own "bazaar" to sell goods. I love how she weaves historical facts in the book, e.g. convicts who were sent there from England and have a difficult time finding jobs. Many of the convicts were caught stealing food to feed their starving families.

Glenda says

Good read

Amanda - Mrs B's Book Reviews says

1880's Singapore and Australia is brought vividly to life in the first book of Anna Jacob's Traders series, The Trader's Wife. It is a rich story filled with drama, romance and adventure. The Trader's Wife opens with Isabella Saunders in Singapore. After Isabella's Mother dies, she finds herself alone and penniless. In a desperate situation, Isabella accepts a position as a live in tutor to a local business merchant, Mr Lee and his family. After two years in the position in Singapore, Isabella meets Irishman Bram Deagan. Mr Lee convinces Isabella to take a chance on a new life as a wife to Bram, after she experiences a dangerous kidnapping. Bram wants to begin work trading goods from Singapore intended for sale in a business he hopes to set up in Fremantle, Western Australia. As Bram and Isabella reach the shores of Australia to pursue their dreams, they find themselves threatened by ghosts of their past and unthinkable dangers. I immediately felt drawn into this first book in the Trader's series by Anna Jacobs. The focus locale of much of this book is based in Fremantle and the Swan River settlement. It is an area I am familiar with, having grown up in this part of the world. The historical setting was well researched, bringing to life an interesting time period and location for the reader. In the Trader's Wife, Jacobs has also created strong, likeable characters in Bram and Isabella. I felt drawn into their respective lives and enjoyed reading how each manages to overcome adversity to find love and success. Jacobs manages to blend well a mixture of gentle romance, family saga and a dash of adventure. I can't wait to see what is in store next for Bram and Isabella in The Trader's Sister.

Tina Milledge says

Just couldn't get into this one.

Kayleigh says

When I first bought this book (in a set with the next two) I only did it because they were a fiver and I wanted to qualify for free delivery. Romance books aren't usually what I read but the historical aspect is what made me choose this set to make up my buy. Needless to say I was thoroughly surprised that I really enjoyed this book.

The characters of Bram and Isabella are genuinely enjoyable to read. Their marriage for convenience was rushed and there was definitely some firm pushing from Mr. Lee (who was another character I loved, albeit being a secondary one) but I genuinely got the feeling that he cared for Isabella and wouldn't have pushed so much if he'd thought Bram would be a terrible choice for her. Though we don't get an awful lot of development of Isabella's relationship with Mr. Lee and his family, I can accept it occurring in the time jump that occurred between the prologue and the first chapter. After all, it's a book about Bram establishing himself as trader and she becoming his wife - not a book about Isabella's life while living with the Lees.

I hadn't been expecting the changing of character focus in the chapters, and while I normally don't like it, I can accept that it was done to give these various characters a starting point as I presume their storylines will blossom as the series progresses. Still, not a fan of shifting character in a chapter but there's a line between each shift and as it's written in third person, it's far more flawless than it would be in first person. Besides, some of the shifts wouldn't even warrant a new chapter so I can understand why the author did it the way she did.

Their life in the settlement was interesting - I hadn't known much about the colonies in Australia other than the fact that convicts used to be shipped there - so I like this insight into the life back then, regardless of this being fiction. Their partnership was a lovely sight and it felt natural - Bram's starting out with less than nothing and it was acknowledged before they wed that it was beneficial to them both as Mr. Lee had educated her in certain ways of business.

The conflict with the previous owner of the shacks that became the bazaar was certainly a good touch - I'd guessed it was him from the first time the place was sabotaged - but then he snuck into their home and attempted to kidnap Isabella and that didn't sit right. It felt as if it'd been put in last minute to make the conflict heighten when it really wasn't needed. He could have almost set the house on fire or something of the sorts, but the out-of-nowhere attempted kidnap just let me down.

I'm glad I chose to buy this series. A very nice surprise to enjoy them, albeit the poorly included kidnap, and maybe once I've finished the *Traders* series I'll check out more of her books. She's a good writer - simple enough for it to be an easy read but also includes enough detail and description to take us to the period it's set.

Sheena says

Lovely start to a series
