Inheritance (Lost Bride Trilogy #1) **by Nora Roberts**

Nora Roberts is back with a new trilogy romance – fantasy series. Set along the Maine coast in a huge, gorgeous, and haunted Victorian manor, Roberts weaves a tale of seven brides whose lives were tragically cut short either on their wedding day or the day they first give birth. Sonya MacTavish, a graphic/website designer who is newly single and starting her own business, finds out she has inherited Lost Bride Manor and moves in. Her disbelief in ghosts is quickly challenged, but there seems to be something more sinister lurking not only in her dreams but in a some of the rooms of the house. Sonya – along with her best friend Cleo, lawyer-turned-love-interest Trey, and newly discovered cousin Owen – confront the truth of what happened to all of the lost brides and the curse that haunts them all.

My one complaint about this book is that Roberts did not include a family tree! This book really needs a family tree – it gets confusing with the multiple generations, lost brides, and countless sets of twins with reoccurring first names. So (being a genealogist) I made a family tree! It was quite fun. There may mistakes as I did not re-read the book in its entirety as I made the chart. I've included the chart below in case you are intrigued. I've also made a copy to insert into Eureka Public Library's copy of the book so anyone who reads it will be less confused than I was. I always find Nora Roberts' books enjoyable and this one is no exception. Unfortunately, the next book in the trilogy will not be out until November 2024. Waiting is hard!

Hand-drawn family tree:

LB = Lost Bride
d = died

Arthur Poole = Leticia Armond

- Collin (twin) = Astrid Granville (LB#1) d.1806 stabbed
- Congor (twin) = Arabelle
- 3 daughters

Children of Congor = Arabelle:
- Catherine = William Cabot, d.1828 blizzard (LB#2)
- Horatio (twin)
- Carlotta (2nd marriage) 3 kids = Hugh (twin) = Marianne d.1864 childbirth (LB#3)
- daughter

- Jane Elizabeth (twin) = George
- Agatha Winward d.1892 poisoned (LB#4) = Owen David (twin) = Moira (2nd marriage)

Children:
- Patricia Youngsboro = Michael (twin)
- Connor (twin)
- Charles
- Lisbeth Ann = Edward Whitmore, d.1916 spiders (LB#5)
- Alice
- Jack (d. age 9)

- Charles (twin) = Lillian "Clover" Crest d.1965 childbirth (LB#6)
- Lawrence (twin)
- Gretta

- Collin (twin; raised by Gretta) = Johanna d.1980s fall (LB#7)
- Andrew MacTavish (twin, adopted) = Winter Rogan
- Sonya MacTavish

Please keep in book for all readers to use!

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