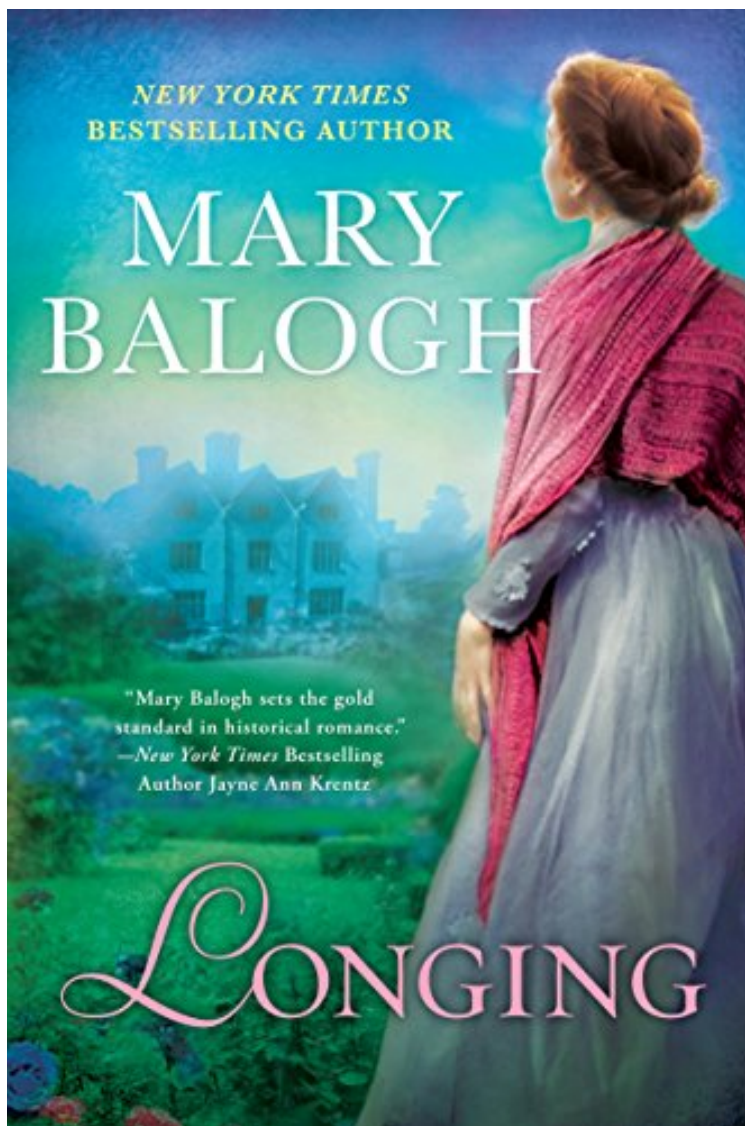


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interesting story.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Two misfits find a home togetherVon Helen HancoxMary Balogh is, in my opinion, the best writer of historical romances today. "Longing" is one of her older novels and out of print but if you can get hold of a copy you should as it's an excellent read and definitely a keeper."Longing" explores how two people can try to fit into a society in different ways and yet always know they are not quite part of the community. Sian Jones is the illegitimate daughter of an English Lord and Welsh mother and has been well educated in England; now she's a widow in the Welsh valley Cwmbran, living with her grandparents and aching to fit in with the other people around her. Her first husband was a man in the village and she is now being courted by Owen Parry, one of the most important people in the village, who would be a good match for her. However she can't quite bring herself to agree to marry him - yet.Alexander, Marquis of Craille, is widowed and has brought his young daughter Verity to his property, Glanrhyd Castle, in Cwmbran to get away from the outside world for a while. The property is well run and his coal mine and iron foundries are making a good profit. However when he arrives he starts to observe the villagers and discovers their poverty and that they are supporting the Chartist movement. He also discovers Sian Jones and eventually hires her as governess to his daughter in order to teach her Welsh.Sian and Alexander are drawn to each other but the differences in their stations are huge, plus the cultural difference between the Welsh people and the English aristocracy. Sian's principles are sorely tested when she is assumed to be a spy for Alexander and people that she thought she can trust may not be as trusting of her. Is her dream of fitting in to the community a possible goal or is it hopeless? Will Alexander ever be able to understand or really communicate with his people?This is a masterfully written story with the Welsh scenery and people beautifully described. Mary Balogh often includes music in her stories and this is another of those with the Welsh choirs performing at an Eisteddfod. Once again there's a minor villain (and, as I've discovered in her stories, you can usually tell the villain even when initially presented as a 'goodie' because he's described as 'balding' - rather a slur on nice balding men out there!) and a side love-interest but the meat of the story is the growing relationship between Alexander and Sian and their knowledge of the huge gap between them socially. There's possibly a rather facile reconciliation between Sian and her father but overall the story is very touching and the Welsh setting (like Balogh's other book "Truly") adds to the charm and magic of this story as Alexander is taken from his milieu of London and forced to understand the lives of some of his workers.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent, great cast of characters, movingVon Ein KundeThis is a truly wonderful book. Mary Balogh writes Regencies and other British historical novels better than many British writers. This book is not a Regency as such, though a member of the aristocracy is the hero.The heroine is a strong-minded, intelligent woman desperate to 'fit in' among her mother's community in Cwmbran. She is the illegitimate daughter of a baronet, but does not belong in his world. She meets the Marquess, but feels she would only be destined to be his mistress, a fate she will not resign herself to.That's a bare plot summary, but there is so much more to this book than that. There is also the very real poverty in a mining community, the Chartist movement, and the Scotch Cattle who are the 'guardians' of group norms of behaviour.Balogh has a genuine skill at drawing readers into her characters' lives and concerns; once I'd started this book I couldn't bear to put it down and ended up reading it in two sittings. Thoroughly recommended, and I'm already giving a copy to a friend.

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