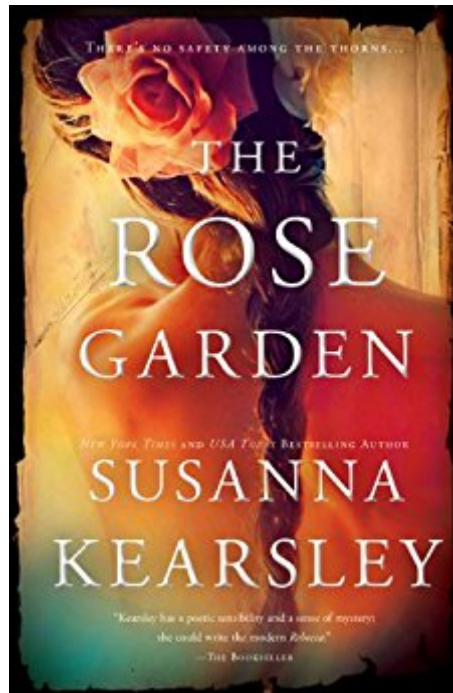




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Synopsis

"An enthralling and achingly romantic read. Top Pick in Romance." - BookPage
Eva returns to the only place that has ever felt like home, but she quickly discovers she is not alone in the old house on the Cornwall coast. The past reaches out to touch the present in this beautiful love story and haunting mystery. "Whatever time we have," he said, "it will be time enough." Eva Ward returns to the only place she truly belongs, the old house on the coast of Cornwall, England, seeking happiness in memories of childhood summers. There she finds mysterious voices and hidden pathways that sweep her not only into the past, but also into the arms of a man who is not of her time. But Eva must confront her own ghosts, as well as those of long ago. As she begins to question her place in the present, she comes to realize that she too must decide where she really belongs. A modern gothic historical fiction with elements of time travel, reincarnation, and romance from New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Susanna Kearsley. Fans of Diana Gabaldon, Mary Stewart, Kate Morton, and Daphne Du Maurier will want to join Julia and Mariana on their journeys to love, past and present. Other great books by Susanna Kearsley: *The Winter Sea* – Winner of an RT Reviewers Choice Award, RITA finalist, finalist for the UK's Romantic Novel of the Year Award *The Firebird* – RITA Winner, Paranormal Romance *Mariana* – Winner of the Catherine Cookson Fiction Prize Susanna has had books selected for the Mystery Guild, was a finalist for the UK's Romantic Novel of the Year Award, and won a National Readers' Choice Award and a RITA. What readers are saying about *The Rose Garden*: "a haunting, atmospheric and romantic story" "I am fascinated by the way she seamlessly melds past and present" "the romance is simultaneously subtle and yet stunning." "The book is a beautiful love story with mystery, thrills and just the type of book I love to read." "A delightful blend of romance, time travel and historical fiction that actually reminded me a bit of one of my favorite books, *Outlander*." "like *A CROSS BETWEEN THE OUTLANDER SERIES AND THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE*, but told with Kearsley's gentle voice." What reviewers are saying about *The Rose Garden*: "A THRILLING, haunting, and deeply romantic story." - Rachel Hore, internationally bestselling author of *The Memory Garden* "... brilliantly brings together past and present. 4 1/2 Stars, Top Pick of the Month" - RT Book Reviews "Kearsley makes the impossible seem real as she weaves a tale full of genuine characters and a strong sense of place and makes history come alive." - Booklist "an ENTHRALLING AND ACHINGLY ROMANTIC read. Top Pick in Romance." - BookPage "...an imaginatively captivating trip through time." - Fresh Fiction What everyone is saying about Susanna Kearsley: "Kearsley blends history, romance and a bit of the supernatural into a glittering, BEWITCHING tale." - Kirkus "A MAGICAL, not to be missed read." - RT Book Reviews Top Pick, 4 ½ stars "A CREATIVE TOUR DE FORCE. Sometimes an

author catches lightning in a bottle, and Susanna Kearsley has done just that." - New York Journal of Books

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Customer Reviews

Susanna Kearsley knocks us off our feet with her spectacular tale of love overcoming all obstacles in her wondrous time travel romance, *THE ROSE GARDEN*. Mourning the death of her beloved sister, Eva returns to Cornwall to scatter her ashes at the estate where they spent their happiest childhood summers. The people and the countryside are as she remembers--but not quite. Voices speak from empty rooms, paths appear in places where none exist, and a handsome man dressed in breeches and boots beckons her to another time. Daniel doesn't know what to make of the beautiful woman wearing strange clothes who appears on the hillside beside him. 1715 England is a dangerous place, with the Jacobites threatening the reign of the newly crowned George I. Is she involved in the upcoming confrontation between the supporters of George I and those of James Stuart, whom some consider the rightful king? *THE ROSE GARDEN* is a masterwork of suspenseful romance. With vivid descriptions of the unchanging Atlantic and its salt spray, the green of the hilly Cornwall estate's rose gardens, and faithful renditions of the tensions and way of life of two very different eras, Ms. Kearsley melds past and present into a coherent whole that firmly anchors the

reader into each time period. We live Eva's confusion, disbelief and terror as she fades in and out of a past where danger lurks at every turn. Both Eva and Daniel are people of their eras, but unique enough to accept something as outlandish as time travel, and to love a person of extraordinary background. Daniel is as forceful as any eighteenth century man, but he also possesses the sensitivity a modern woman appreciates. And while Eva has plenty of twenty-first century backbone, she is smart enough to adapt to the harsh conditions in 1715 without betraying herself. The romance is breath-taking, as Eva and Daniel, stronger together than singly, seek to triumph over villains and situations that would have destroyed lesser souls. And Ms. Kearsley leaves us gasping at the end with a corker of a surprise. Read *THE ROSE GARDEN*. You'll be happy you did. ARC provided by Sourcebooks

I started out reading Susanna Kearsley with "Mariana", which I loved, and jumped right into *Rose Garden*, which also didn't disappoint. Eve's sister dies and it's left to Eve to spread her remains. Eve takes them to Trelowarth in Cornwall, a place they had loved as children. Trelowarth has magic and Eve ends up finding herself traveling back in time to Trelowarth and Daniel Butler. She gets pulled back and forth between present day and Daniel's time, never knowing when she's going to have to leave the man she's falling in love with. It was one of those books I had a hard time putting down, as I really cared about the characters and wanted to know how their story ended. There was a really great twist at the end, which I won't share, but it made everything come together in the end. The only reason I haven't read more of her books is they're kinda pricey for Kindle ebooks. Overall, there's plenty of drama and some paranormal aspects, it moves at a perfect pace and was a nice romance! I loved it!

Aside from *The Winter Sea*, I think this is Susanna Kearsley's best book. I love how she weaves her plot together so well, how she drops hints that you don't think are important when you first read them, but they turn out to be critical. She's become one of my favorite authors with her lush, beautiful writing.

I love time travel books. This one is so well written so fascinating one never wants it to end. At the time of reading the ending I wanted so much to step into the story and continue with the people in the story. They had become so very dear and wonderful. What a love story and with no erotica. Just plain, wonderful people and such a man as every woman would love to have as lover, friend, husband. I am looking forward to her next book!

I purchased this book after reading the Winter Sea and based on the reviews as well. The premise of the book is about a young woman named Eva and her connection to a house named Trelowarth. The characters were engaging, but as I read it, there seemed to be connections I was missing, until the events started taking place. I do not want to give anything away, but the premise behind the book is so intriguing that it had me glued page after each page. The story line takes place in two time periods and the thread that binds them isn't made clear until the end; as a matter of fact, for me, I was very surprised, pleasantly so, at the masterful way the story was woven. If you could envision the threading of a tapestry, you will be able to imagine the masterpiece that has been created in this book. Even after finishing, I had to think about how this was created and I had to, and did, re-read the entire book. What is very cool is that nothing is handed to the reader on a platter; you have to work it out. After reading it a second time, I still had to think of how the puzzle actually did work itself together. An EXCELLENT book, well worth the investment of your time!, you will not be disappointed!

An excellent book that shows a lot of really original thought about time travel or kinks in space/time. The setting in beautiful Cornwall added to the atmospheric development of the story - and the ending took me completely by surprise. Ms Kearsley is a master of the combined mystery/romance/paranormal tale, and her character development is near perfect, especially noticeable in this book.

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