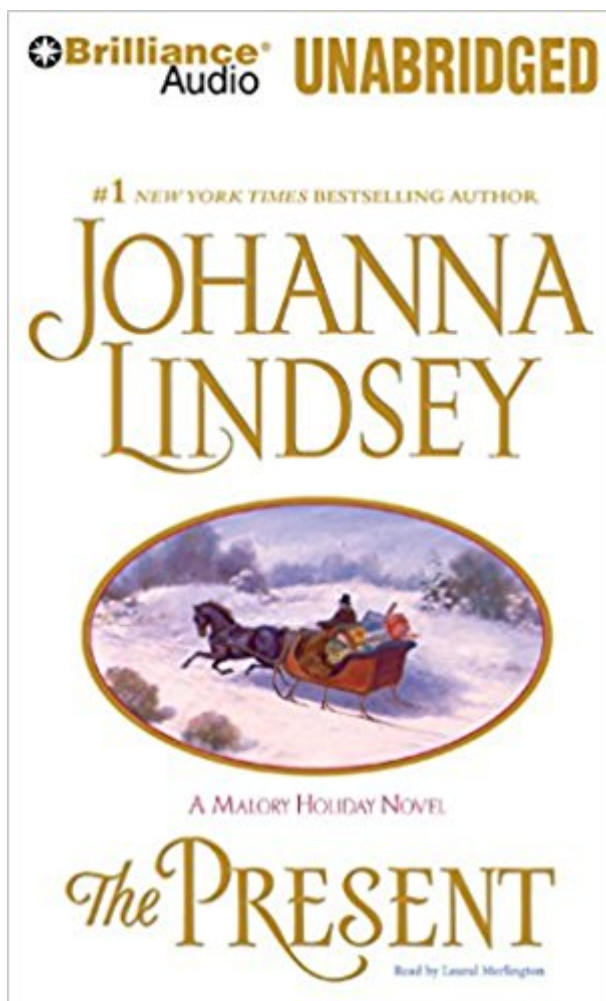


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# The Present (Malory Family Series)



## Synopsis

Johanna Lindsey brings back her popular Malory family in this special holiday story, bringing her scandalous Malorys face-to-face with their distant gypsy kin. Fans will get a chance to see how it all started as their mysterious grandmother's gypsy kin comes to them for help, and another Malory falls head-over-heels for a member of the tribe.

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## Customer Reviews

The Present finds the Malory clan gathered at their ancestral estate to celebrate the holidays. To add to the excitement, a beautifully wrapped gift has mysteriously appeared in the parlor. No one knows who placed it there and Jason Malory, the eldest and only permanent resident of Haverston, has no inkling that the intriguing package is about to change his life forever. What connection does the gaily wrapped gift have with the unmarked grave in the meadow? Was the great-great-grandmother of this generation of Malory's a Gypsy or a Russian Princess? Or both? How will the Malory clan accept the secrets revealed by this wonderful Christmas gift? The Present is a charming, warm, and amusing visit with the much-loved members of the fascinating Malory family. --Lois Faye Dyer --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

In keeping with the Christmas book craze, Lindsey gives a present to fans of her longtime protagonists, the Malorys. Gathered at the family estate for the holidays, they receive a mysterious package containing a journal that reveals secrets about Christopher Malory, the first Marquis of

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Loved it!!!! In this story we get a little history about the Malory's and if the rumor of having a grandmother who was a gypsy was true. I especially loved the fact that it was set up during the holidays and everyone was present for Christmas. Amy, Warren, Tony, Roslynn, James, Georgina, Reggie, Nicholas, and their children plus others of the Malory clan were all there. Of course James and Tony were at it again....classic haha!! Christopher and Anastasia's was heart warming and beautiful. Truly love this series.

This was a wonderful end for Jason and Molly. Hearing the story of their grandparents was heartwarming. I only wish they had a little more of Jason and Molly's beginning there is always vague references it would have been a wonderful parallel to Christopher and Anastasia. But as always JL always puts enough heart and humour in her books. Keeping her characters personalities the same in the series. Consistent and enjoyable.

For all the fans of the Mallory/Anderson saga, this book is a must. We get to see the "elder" Jason Mallory vulnerable and more approachable. The "mystery" of the occasional dark haired, dark skinned Mallory is finally settled. The family can no longer pretend that the gypsy grandmother is a myth. The reactions of the family is revealing and interesting. The effect on Jason and Molly is quite enjoyable. An easy read and really good for those nights you need something to bring on the sweet dreams. Enjoy this deeper look into the Mallory family.

The Present is not a book to pick up and read on its own. It is a continuation of characters and stories from other Lindsey books. If you are interested in reading about the Christmas holiday season for some of your favorite characters, this book is for you. Otherwise I would not recommend this book on its own for a reader. The book is relatively small for a complete novel and the storyline is lightweight. It is simply a fun, fill in the gaps "final chapter" to her other Malory books.

Always love a Lindsey. I am rereading the whole Malory series. Best family romance stories. Great characters and fresh storylines.

THE PRESENT is the sixth book in the Malory Family Series. It is a romance for two sets of

characters. In the past, readers get to know Christopher Malory, the ancestor of the current family and his alleged gypsy wife Anastasia. This is primarily their story although their story gives momentum to the story of Jason Malory and his longtime mistress/love Molly. I really enjoyed this book because of the glimpses we get into the Malory Family. It is more for fans of the series, however. There is much assumed about the readers' knowledge and I am not sure that the history of the beginnings of the Malory Family is compelling enough for those who haven't read the other books in the series. I loved the wrapping up of Jason and Molly's story and I liked seeing another side of the stern head of the family.

My expectations weren't high for this romance as I've been disappointed by several written for the Christmas season. But this was a good one, especially for fans of the Malory series. Set in 1825, years after Derek and Kelsey met in SAY YOU LOVE ME, the Malorys are gathering at Haverston for Christmas with their brood of children (and there are several new additions). Patriarch Jason Malory is still hoping to marry Molly, his housekeeper, but as yet hasn't convinced her to accept the scandal it would mean. Before the holiday celebrations can commence, a mysterious present appears in the parlor, a gold-wrapped, oddly shaped box no one seems to know about. As the Malory clan speculates about it, Amy (married to Warren, THE MAGIC OF YOU) says she has a feeling it's about their Gypsy ancestor, Anna Malory, who gave some of them their black hair and blue eyes. When the present is opened, it's a journal that tells a love story of the second Marquis, Christopher Malory and the Gypsy, Anastasia Stephanoff. And it is a good story, one to warm your heart at any season of the year. If you've been reading the Malory series up until this 6th book, you'll recognize the players and enjoy the reunion as well as the love story. If not, you'll likely be a little lost at the beginning as the names fly fast and furious. Here's the list of the books in the Malory-Anderson Family Saga Series: 1. Love Only Once (Reggie and Nick) 2. Tender Rebel (Roslyn and Anthony) 3. Gentle Rogue (James and Georgina) 4. The Magic Of You (Amy Malory and Warren Anderson) 5. Say You Love Me (Kelsey and Derek) 6. The Present: The Malory Holiday Novel 7. A Loving Scoundrel (Danny and Jeremy, James' son) 8. Captive Of My Desires (Gabrielle and Drew) 9. No Choice But Seduction (Boyd and Katey) 10. That Perfect Someone (Richard and Julia)

This book lets you know how the Gypsy blood came to be "Present" on the Malory Family

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