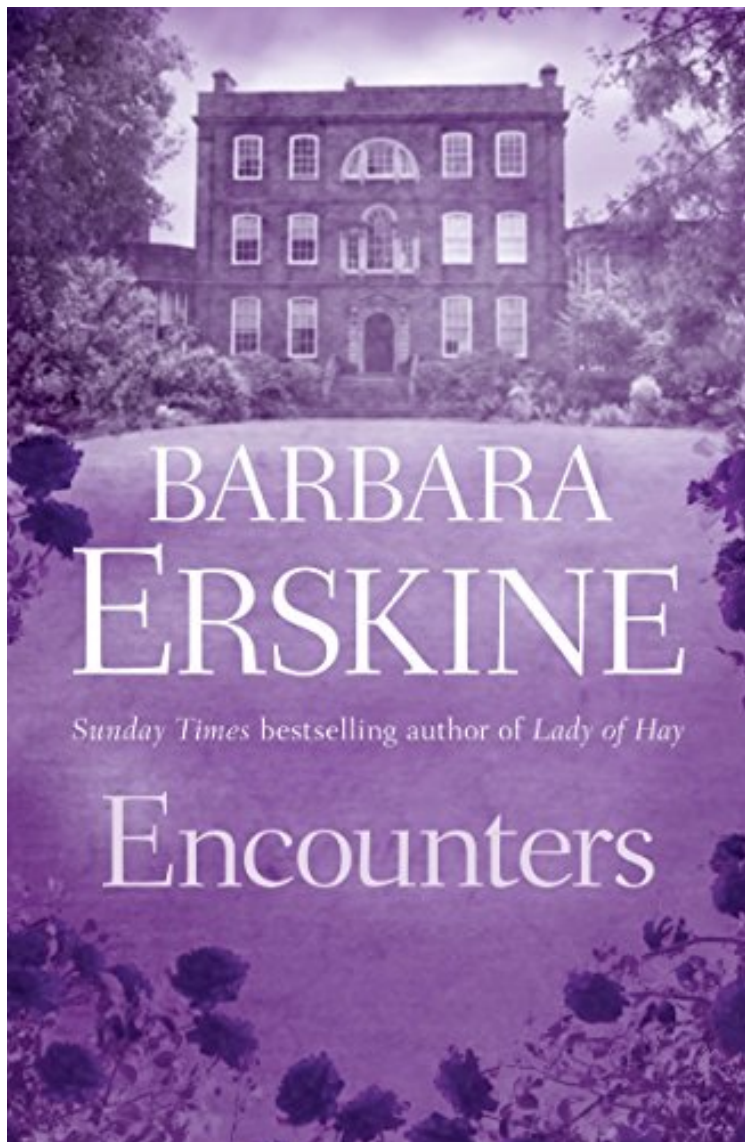


Encounters

Von Barbara Erskine

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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great short-story collection by a talented authorVon Helen HancoxThe art of writing a short story is very different than that of a full novel and I have often found that full-length novelists' attempts at short stories can be disappointing. However, "Encounters" is a collection of 44 of Barbara Erskine's stories and it shows that she is also the master of this

form of writing. With so many stories you might find a lack of variety but that's not the case. Most of them are modern day stories of people's lives and a small vignette into some event in that life. A few have paranormal aspects, most (but not all) have a romance theme, all are well written and interesting. I found an overall theme which seemed to be the fragility of marriage and relationships, usually because of a "love at first sight" moment by one of the partners and I felt many of the stories had a rather pessimistic view of human fidelity. However there was also the "happy ever after" feeling in many of these stories which made them enjoyable, even if some of the premises on which to base this feeling were rather shaky. This isn't a book to read right through (as I attempted to do). It's better to just pick it up and read a couple of stories now and again - ideal for a bus journey or a waiting room as the stories are generally fairly short. It's a collection to recommend, though, because of its variety and yet its underlying theme of the importance of human relationships.

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