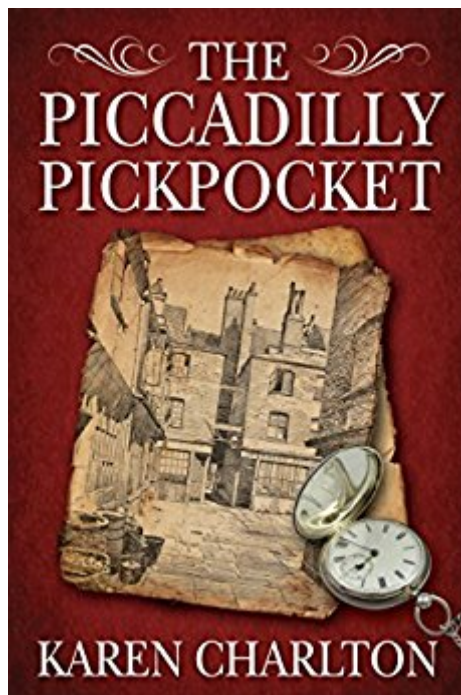




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Customer Reviews

I'd say my favorite Regency historical mystery series is C. S. Harris's St. Cyr novels (e.g., *What Angels Fear: A Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery*, Book 1), but also good and easier on the pocketbook are Ashley Gardner's Captain Lacey series (e.g., *The Hanover Square Affair* (Captain Lacey

Regency Mysteries Book 1)), Sheri Cobb South's John Pickett series (e.g., *In Milady's Chamber* (John Pickett Mysteries Book 1)) and this Detective Lavender series by Karen Charlton, which doesn't yet have many stories released but I hope will in future. I met Detective Lavender and his sidekick Constable Woods in the novel *The Heiress of Linn Hagh* (The Detective Lavender Mysteries Book 1). There is also a short story *The Mystery of the Skelton Diamonds: A Detective Lavender Short Story* and now this short story. Soon to come in October of 2015 is *The Sans Pareil Mystery* (The Detective Lavender Mysteries Book 2), a full-length novel. This *PICCADILLY PICKPOCKET* is a quick, fun read. The Prince Regent is out and about on the street and has his pocket-watch snatched. It's very important to recover that watch, not for its value as much as its significance if the public were to become aware of it, so it's up to Bow Street to find it. The read is made more interesting by the fact that the watch is stolen from the pickpocket, making its recovery more difficult for the police. Also Bow Street officer John Townsend, Detective Lavender's nemesis, is gumming up the works with his smug and swaggering ways and his close ties to the wealthy and the famous. This seems to be well researched, the characters are appealing and it's a short but relatively complete and enjoyable read. I'm looking forward to more adventures with Detective Lavender and Constable Woods.

I believe novellas/short stories are harder to write well than full novels because they still need all the essential gradients which must be accomplished in a brief span. This is a prime example of how to do it right. The characters and their interactions are deep, interesting, heart felt, and drive the story strongly. The plot is complex and the conclusion surprising. Exceptional. I love this series.

This is the first introduction to Inspector Lavender and Constable Woods who have strong admirable characters with a moral foundation. I had expected someone who was more of a fop. Not so. It was a short book able to be read in an evening which provided closure. I was prompted to read more of him.

I read this book tonight I love detective Lavender stories the first one I read was about the heiress and you do such love explaining it so real since I was born in London these books intrigue me so much thank you I have found a new author

I enjoyed this little short story concerning my favorite detective and his constable. Helping a young woman better her lot in life was quite noble of Lavender, and with a family of four, Woods could

definitely use the money.

I love what author Karen Charlton has created with the Bow street runners, Stephen Lavender and Ned Woods. What a lovely team! The setting, language, and mystery all have an authentic feel that draws you into the story.

Really interesting mystery and the characters Lavender ,Woods keep you wondering what they will do next. The only thing wrong is I wished it was longer.

Well written and entertaining. A good lead into the next Lavender book. Charlton tells a fantastic story, just like always!

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