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For the villagers of Turnham Malpas, the production of a play results in gossip, jealousy and scandal...For the locals of Turnham Malpas, the rural peace is disrupted when a famous actor comes to stay to recuperate from illness. Before long he is bored by village life and when he meets Caroline, the rector's wife, he is instantly attracted to her. He agrees to direct and star in a play with the villagers as his supporting cast and Caroline as his leading lady...Before long, the villagers' lives are turned upside down: a marriage is wrecked, a proud man humbled and two people are brought closer together as gossip, scandal and jealousy mount...

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Donna Boulton says

Another great Turnham Malpas story. Quite a scandal brewing too! Very enjoyable.

Barbra says

This is the seventh of the Turnham Malpas series and, of course, I enjoyed it as much as the others. Lovely gentle books on village life.

Back Cover Blurb:

For the locals in the village of Turnham Malpas the rural peace is shattered when a visitor comes to stay. Hugo, an old friend of Jimbo and Harriet's at the local store, is a famous actor and has come to the village to recuperate from a serious illness.

But Hugo is soon bored with the day-to-day pattern of country life and when he meets Caroline, the rector's wife, he is instantly attracted to her. Soon he has agreed to direct and star in a play with the villagers as his supporting cast - and Caroline as his leading lady. And it seems that the attraction between her and Hugo goes well beyond the scenes on stage.

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Nancy Williams says

Very good. Have enjoyed this series.

Sehar Moughal says

A relaxing read.

Anne says

Not my favourite Rebecca Shaw novel mainly because the vicar and his wife are my least liked characters in the village. They are prissy and she is self righteous but my main bugbear is that their relationship is so so syrupy, sickly sweet and so unbelievable. Rebecca's depiction of the working class characters seem somehow much more true than say those of Peter and Caroline, Jimbo and his mother. However, an easy and mostly enjoyable read.

Ruth says

c1999. So, all I had to work with was ' *Highly recommended escapism for townies.*' this from Manchester Evening News. There I was thinking along the lines of Miss Read, James Herriot.....this is not like it at all. It is about the breakdown of a marriage...involving the Vicar...so, so not for me. Unable to recommend.

David says

I love these books. This one was no different, what a great story and new characters, marriages are in jeopardy with two of my favourite characters and it was hard to read and allow the female to fall for him... Also another few characters are prosecuted for theft, read when you get the chance these are gret little novels.

Charmaine Puzey says

Really great story. Super crappy ending.

June Louise says

Marriages are under attack in the village of Turnham Malpas in this rather steamy (in Turnham Malpas terms) book in the series. The arrival of famous actor Hugo Maude turns all the women to putty, but he seems to be more interested in one female in particular, and this female is married. The actions of this pair could lead to dramatic consequences - especially as their situation seems to be echoed in the play that the newly formed Turnham Malpas AmDram Society are putting on.

Things are also bumpy (literally) for Vera and Don, and as a result of a petty fight over who has been chosen to be "wardrobe mistress" for the play "Dark Rapture", Vera's life undergoes a drastic change. A cluster of villagers have Jeremy running scared, and gossips are about embellishing innocent tales until they are unrecognisable.

On finishing this book, I'm left wondering if things in Turnham Malpas will ever be the same again.....
