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Young Evelyn Rutherford, a New York society beauty, is sent to spend the summer with her aunt. When her aunt falls ill, Evelyn resigns herself to spending a boring summer with a neighboring family.

But the Greys are a family of faith, goodness, and quiet happiness--things Evelyn has never known. Suddenly the social life she longed for no longer holds interest. Instead, a new and powerful dream begins to stir within her--a dream that thrills the Greys' handsome son, Maurice.

But will Evelyn discover an all-important truth about herself--and about God--before Maurice is gone from her life forever?

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Franny says

This wonderful Christian romance takes place in the years surrounding the Boxer Rebellion in China. It starts out with a wealthy young socialite being made to stay at her aunt's house in a small quaint village while her father is away on business. She absolutely does not want to be there, and makes every effort to go soewhere else, but nothing works. Finally the elder brother comes home, and things look up for Evelyn Rutherford. It's an absolutely great story, gaining an interest in the missions of downtown New York, the Bowery, and in watching the change in the development of Miss Rutherford's character, as well as gaining a knowledge of how the upper crust lives and acts. I also loved the encouragement and inspiration it gave me for my own walk with Christ.

Susan says

A very old book (1902)with noticeable "non-politically correct" aspersions cast on Asians, and other "heathens" not yet civilized by becoming Christians. A bit sappy, but I think that comes with the age of the book.

Lisa says

Heartbreaking

You will witness a young, hard heart break and re-mend. A lovely story of loss and repair within 2 families.

Nancy A says

I can't say how many times I have read this book. I often pull out a Grace Livingston Hill book for a quick read when I don't have a lot of time. This isn't my favorite of her books, but I like it better than some of her others. I am always reminded to control my temper and my tongue, and to try to love others like Jesus does while I'm reading this book!

Duane says

Grace Livingston Hill's name and her books are probably unknown to most young readers today. She was a prolific writer of over 100 novels in the early 20th century, most with a Christian theme, most involving young women with their struggles and loves through life. Some of her books are more "preachy" than others, this being one of them, but they are all positive and always provide a lesson worth learning. Very much along the lines of Lucy Maud Montgomery and Louisa May Alcott, just not as well known. Many of her novels are free on Amazon Kindle and are worth discovering.

Sarah says

"Fluffy" as her books are, I must admit that I like G.L.H.'s books. They're all simply written, fairly wholesome, just kind of "light" reading.

I don't like that in many, many of her books the couple is composed of one believer and one non-believer with the non-believer being led to Christ by their lover at the end of the book. Of course this happens sometimes in real life, but I don't think it's a good idea for a young woman to be reading book after book in which this is presented as normal and expected.

Hanna says

Any historical fiction romance that includes prayer as the main connection automatically is great. Add that to two couples comprised of the sweetest people you could ever imagine, and it deserves five stars! That doesn't mean they were perfect- far from it. Allison almost bugged me in the beginning, and I certainly didn't like Evelyn's attitude. But, that all changed, and very sweetly at that. Maurice's consistent prayers for Evelyn were awesome, quite frankly. From the way G. L. Hill wrote about his thoughts, it was clear that he prayed for her because he cared about her soul, not particularly that he wanted to marry her. <3

Conversely, I loved the way Allison didn't really want to pray for Evelyn or Dick, but she did anyway, because her brother asked her too. That sibling relationship was amazing. <3 (Almost as good as the romance! I just wished there was more of it)

This book has to be the cleanest romance I've ever read. There were probably two or three *mentions* of kisses throughout the entire book, not detailed at all. That was partly because the main couple were separated for most of the book. Cue prayers and worry, but no inappropriate thoughts at all. The most inappropriate thing that occurred was a man holding the girl's hand for about an hour. Allison was so mortified, and it made the scene hilarious.

This is the best G. L. Hill book I've read so far, and along with the five stars I shall give it five hearts:
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Kathleen Vincenz says

I thought An Unwilling Guest by Grace Livingston Hill would be preachy, and it was, but it was so subtle in how it built the faith of the protagonist, the unwilling guest, that it was believable and inspiring. While I was reading it, I felt certain that someone could change for the better--go from an unwilling house guest to a missionary. And perhaps God willing, we can.

Another interesting aspect was how it melded romance with religion. Very appealing to have handsome young men woo you as you become more saintly. Makes the medicine go down in a most delightful way.
