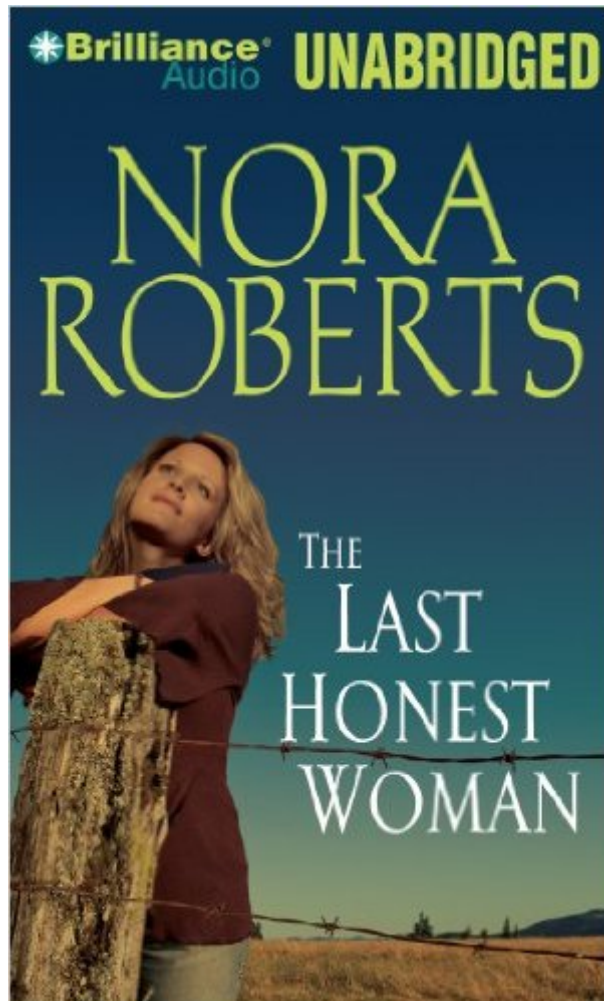


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The Last Honest Woman (The O'Hurleys Series)



Synopsis

Abigail O'Hurley Rockwell was a desperate woman. Journalist Dylan Crosby was going to start digging up her past for the book he was writing about her infamous late husband. It was just research to him, but to her it was a painful reality that had to be kept under lock and key for the sake of her children. Abby would do anything to keep their world safe no matter how compelling Dylan's promises might be.

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Customer Reviews

Please, I implore the publishers of these books to label them more clearly. "The Last Honest Woman" is book one of a 4-part series about the show-business O'Hurleys; unfortunately, not knowing that, I already read the other 3 parts. That said, it was fun to go back and revisit where this story began, and to see how and why Abby, the "middle" triplet, did not follow in the family business of entertaining others for a living. Dylan Crosby, the writer who comes to chronicle the life of Abby's late husband, is almost too good to be true -- he likes her kids, cooks, pitches in around the house ... and of course falls in love with Abby. This is a very light read but a sweet tale.

Journalist Dylan Crosby is dedicated to the truth and is on assignment, researching information for a biography on Chuck Rockwell, a notorious racecar driver who was killed in a crash during a race. Crosby is ready to "dish the dirt" on everyone, including Rockwell's widow. Dylan expects that is Abigale O'Hurley Rockwell (Abby to her friends) is as conniving and selfish as his ex-wife, and

anticipates that Abby will tell only lies for her own financial advantage. Little does he know that Abby is a strong, practical woman who has raised her two sons as a single mom for most of their lives, with little or no financial or emotional support, especially from her mother-in-law. (Since Abby lives in a rural area of Virginia, she has invited Dylan to stay in a guest room of her farmhouse while he conducts his in depth interviews with her.) Abby had led a sheltered life before she married at eighteen and realized early on in her marriage to Chuck, that she had only her own inner strength and innate practicality to rely upon, because Chuck just wasn't there for her or her children. Dylan can't believe that Abby is really as she appears. He knows that she is hiding something, but before he discovers information that is potentially harmful, he grows to appreciate Abby's sons Ben and Chris as well as Abby herself. He learns that sometimes the truth can be destructive if used irresponsibly, which is a whole new experience and realization for him. Dylan was considered to be "hard nosed" and compassionless before he met Abby. Both Dylan and Abby are healed by the truth that is uncovered and the love they share. Nora Roberts does it again. I used to believe that prolific writers in a genre could be stuck in a rut, writing the same story and characters repeatedly. I assumed Nora Roberts might be in that category, but after reading many of her novels, I am convinced otherwise. She is a fantastic storyteller.

I am an avid fan of Nora Roberts. This book is another entertainer in her inimitable style. The book chronicles the story of Abigail O'Hurley, the second of the irrepressible O'Hurley triplets. Abigail leads a secluded life after the death of her famous race-car-driver husband. Author Dylan Crossby comes to research the famous husband, and stays behind, caught in the love of Abby and her two engaging sons. Nora Roberts has captured the sensitivity of a woman torn by her loyalty to her dead husband's memory and her love for another man. The secrets she finally reveals are worth the wait ! Read it, you'll love this entertainer.

I've read this book many times over, and I've also collected the other three books in the series (Dance to the Piper, Skin Deep, and Without a Trace). Without a doubt I believe that Nora Roberts is one of the most talented romance writers out there. She consistently comes out with interesting, emotional books that are humorous and touching. Although her trilogies (or in this case, a quadralogy?) are sorta formulaic (calm sister, recently divorced; the beautiful, ambitious sister; and the happy medium) they are still great reads, and The Last Honest Woman (part of the O'Hurley's series) is wonderful also. The book is classic Roberts, with witty dialogue, a realistic heroine and a hunky, sensitive hero (if only in real life...). The kids are adorable and add to the charm of the story.

Well written and a good intro to the rest of the series.

Nora Roberts has created some characters that the readers absolutely love. This love is verified by the almost immediate bestseller status upon release of each book. One family that has readers coming in droves to the bookstores is the O'Hurleys, those dancing triplets and their brother, mother and dad. This story features Abigail O'Hurley Rockwell, the quieter of the triplets. Abby married a millionaire/race car driver several years before and had seemed happy to those around her, which proved how talented of an actress she could be. Prior to his death, she wasn't seen in public often, yet her husband made the headlines with his numerous affairs, drunken brawls, etc. Everyone thought that Abby had everything - wealth, fame, etc - but that wasn't what Dylan Crosby discovered when he found Abby on her ranch working hard to just keep the roof over her head. Dylan had come to write a book about her late husband and was expecting to see a jet setter, which only added more mystery surrounding this famous couple and Rockwell's untimely death. Dylan was determined to uncover the truth. This plot outline doesn't sound like much, but has the special charm that only can be found with an O'Hurley and it makes this book a great one! Roberts doesn't disappoint us and has the rest of the O'Hurley clan make an appearance, which brings smiles to those reading. Who can resist Frank O'Hurley and his charisma or any of his children? If you haven't read any of the books about the O'Hurleys, you'll be hooked after you read this one!

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