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Editorial Review

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Bestselling author Jill Marie Landis continues her exploration of complex human relationships in *The Orchid Hunter*. Innocent beauty Joya Penn has spent her life on the idyllic jungle island of Matarenga, aiding her father in the search for rare orchids. When worldly Trevor Mandeville stumbles into the Penn's rainforest campsite, he is stunned by his first glimpse of Joya--she is the identical image of Trevor's adopted sister Janelle. Joya is thrilled to travel to London to meet the twin sister she has never known, but it is the dignified Trevor who captures Joya's interest. Her irrepressible nature and uninhibited sensuality are equally captivating to poor Trevor, who finds it difficult (impossible!) to maintain his distance. Their burgeoning desire for each other scandalizes the straight-laced British society, but Trevor cannot relinquish his beloved Joya, his own island orchid. --*Alison Trinkle*

From Publishers Weekly

In her newest historical romance, Landis leaves the 1820 U.S. frontier of *Blue Moon* for Victorian England with the story of Joya Penn, the daughter of a famous orchid hunter living on Matarenga, a Madagascar-esque island off the coast of Africa. Joya has always felt that some part of her was missing, and to compensate, she draws pictures of a girl she dreams about who looks just like her but lives in London. One day, Trevor Mandeville, an amateur orchid hunter, comes to offer Joya's father a deal with the Mandeville import company. He's awestruck when he casts eyes on Joya--not because she's wielding a machete and wearing much less clothing than a proper lady should, but because she looks exactly like his sister, Janelle. In order to learn more about her heritage, Joya accompanies Trevor back to England, where she tries but fails to acquire the ways of polite society. In a rehashed plot, Trevor marries Joya to save her reputation, but she flees back to Africa in the wake of her terminal gaucheness. Her husband follows her, at which point the lovers resolve to spend a month in a Matarengan marriage hut and then hunt orchids together. There are some good ideas here and a couple of good laughs among Landis's exotic set pieces, but the silly plot is beyond rescue. (Mar.)

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From Booklist

Although Joya Penn lives in a veritable paradise on an island off the coast of Africa, she senses that something is missing, and she discovers the source of her feeling of incompleteness when orchid hunter and importer Trevor Mandeville arrives. Trevor is shocked by Joya: she could be his adopted sister Janelle's identical twin. And indeed, he discovers that she is. Joya is ecstatic to learn of Janelle, and both confess to having dreams about each other that have influenced their lives. Mandeville takes Joya back to England, but she has trouble conforming to Victorian society. Outspoken and independent, she doesn't understand the decorum, or why she can't act on her desire for Trevor. Finally, the lovers are caught in a compromising position and must wed, but Trevor's devotion to his business and to society's rules threatens to tear the couple apart. With exotic locations and a feisty heroine, Landis has written another winning romance. *Patty Engelmann*

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