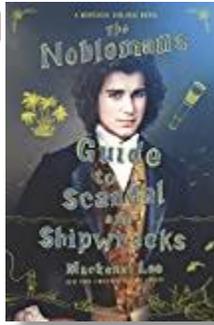


# Book Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Historical Fiction

## The Nobleman's Guide to Scandal and Shipwrecks

By Mackenzi Lee.



Nov. 2021. 464p. HarperCollins/  
Katherine Tegen, \$18.99  
([9780062916013](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780062916013)). Grades 9-12.  
[REVIEW](#). First published  
December 15, 2021 (*Booklist*).

Following his beloved mother's suicide, Adrian Montague—a Lord-to-be who suffers from acute anxiety—receives her personal affects. Focusing on the broken spyglass she carried with her every day, he is compelled to learn why she specifically left it behind the day she died. Adrian sets out to learn the truth about the spyglass' significance, and his search for expert assistance leads him to a merchant who turns out to be “Monty” Montague, the brother he never knew existed. The two set off on perilous adventures from London to Rabat, Porto, Amsterdam, and Iceland, searching for answers to the questions that plague Adrian, reuniting with Felicity along the way. They encounter wrathful pirates, shattered promises, tempests at sea, life-threatening injury, interminable days of darkness, and joyful days of light. Series fans can expect another wonderful round of exciting journeys, unique personalities, surprising historical details, beautiful romance, and scrutiny of social-justice issues here. Adrian emerges as the most complex of the siblings as he searches for control over his mental illness. Clever sarcasm and humor balance his darker scenes, mental melees add depth of character, and perceived magic and ancient myth reveal his self-disruptive mind. In this final entry of The Montague Siblings series, emotions run tantalizingly high, characters from the previous books reappear, and loose ends are gracefully tied up in a fulfilling denouement.

**HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Both *A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* and *A Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy* were best sellers. Odds are this will be, too.

— Jeanne Fredriksen



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