



Patience & Esther: An Edwardian Romance

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Age Range: 18+ (provided by publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Patience is a kindhearted country girl, eking out a living in Edwardian England as tremors of social change rock the world around her. When she starts her employment in formal service on the grounds of an opulent country manor, she has no idea that her own personal revolution is about to begin.

Selfless, dutiful, and just a touch naive, she takes to both her place as a parlor maid and to her new roommate, the bookish and progressive lady's maid, Esther. In another time, the two women would have kept one another's company forever in their little attic bedroom, living out their days in the employ of a Lord. But it's now the dawn of a new age. The expanding empire has brought with it not only plundered wealth, but worldliness and new ideas. Suffragists agitate in the street, idle-rich bohemians challenge sexual mores, and Patience and Esther slowly come to realize the world is wider and full of more adventure and opportunity than they ever imagined . . . so long as they find the will to seize it.

Sensual, sweet, and beautifully illustrated, PATIENCE & ESTHER is a steamy period romance and an inspirational erotic journey across the epic sweep of history, from the end of a gilded age to the start of an uncharted future.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"This charmer serves scorching heat in a sugar coating." – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"An engrossing and delightful read." – NEWSARAMA

"A tender, nuanced, and sensual adult graphic novel." – FRESH FICTION

"Searle's work revolves around relationships, often but not always romantic ones. What's more, these relationships are frequently non-normative, in that they include queer women, people of color, sexual women, diverse body types and -- get this -- real, complex emotions." – HUFFINGTON POST

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Silver Comic Art Award of Australia winner
- ALA Over the Rainbow Committee's top 10 books of 2022

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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