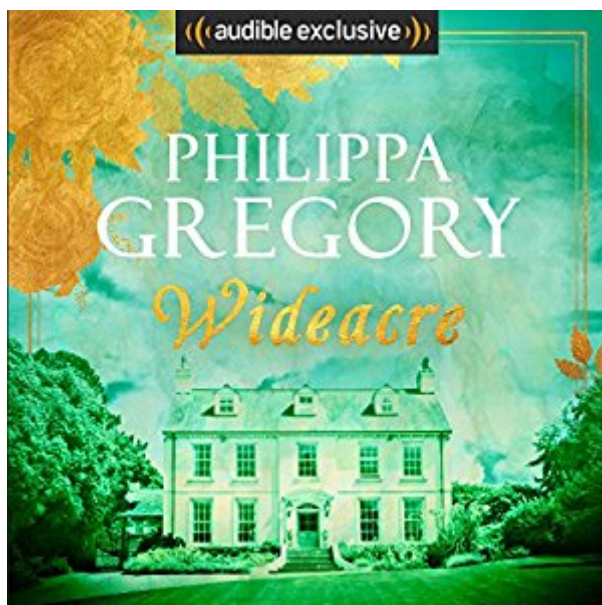


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# Wideacre: Wideacre, Book 1



## Synopsis

Featuring a foreword recorded exclusively for Audible by Philippa Gregory and an interview with the author. Philippa Gregory's first story in the best-selling Wideacre trilogy. A compelling tale of passion and intrigue set in the 18th century. From the author of *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Virgin's Lover*. Wideacre Hall, set in the heart of the English countryside, is the ancestral home that Beatrice Lacey loves. But as a woman of the 18th century, she has no right of inheritance. Corrupted by a world that mistreats women, she sets out to corrupt others. Sexual and willful, she believes that the only way to achieve control over Wideacre is through a series of horrible crimes, and no-one escapes the consequences of her need to possess the land.

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## Customer Reviews

I went and read some of the 1 star reviews just to see what was the problem. I guess I found this book riveting & describes how desperate people do desperate things. I got the feeling that Beatrice thought, "just this one terrible thing & then I am done." Kind of like a gambler that swears the next hit will pay off. But it was a tale of chasing what you don't have at the peril of what you do, & losing it all. Sorry I loved it & am starting the 2nd book. Rarely do I watch a movie or read a book & not have a sense of what will happen next. This book has so many twists and turns that I never saw some of it coming. I stumbled on to the White Queen & Tudor series & really enjoyed her historical fiction. I was a bit disappointed when I realized it was not based on any real life event. But wow in the end it didn't disappoint. It is a dark tale, with really damaged characters.

Next time I will read the reviews before buying a book! I'm a fan of Philippa Gregory's writing and loved her Henry VIII wives historical fiction...but I absolutely hated this! Ended up skimming the second half of the book after looking at the description of the second book and saw that Wideacre burns down --and wanting to read how Beatrice gets what she deserves...Even the ending was disappointing....She has no redeeming qualities, no moral center --and what a complete waste of time! Makes me never want to read another book by this author...very very disappointed...

After just finishing the wideacre trilogy I had to right a review. Wideacre is my favorite of the trilogy, followed by Meridon and finally the favored child. Personally, I loved this book. Beatrice is wicked to the core and I couldn't love to hate her more. There is nothing that she will not do to keep hold of her family's land. Its hard to write a review without spoilers so I'll just write how I felt while reading it. Mrs. Gregory is an amazing writer. I'm always impressed with every book I read from her. Wideacre is no exception. I do like her Tutor books better but I couldn't put wideacre down. I just had to know what disgusting, disturbing thing Beatrice would do next! And like all good villains she gets what she deserves in the end. I've noticed many people hated this book and wrote terrible reviews. Some didn't even finish the book before writing that they hated it. To them and others I'll say this. This book is not for the faint of heart. Beatrice is the bad guy and it is her story. You will not like her, you will wish she were dead. There is sex, dirty sex in the book and many other naughty things that will shock you.

Loved the entire series! Philippa Gregory has a way of bringing history to life. I read the whole series and loved every book.

Not for the faint of heart. Prepare to be shocked and appalled and completely in love with Beatrice Lacey. One woman weaves magic and terror into an exciting novel. Thank you Philippa Gregory! I would definitely recommend reading the entire series. I don't have to though, you won't be able to help yourself.

In fairness I should say that my sister LOVED the whole trilogy, starting with this book. Even said that when she finished, she "missed those people." I, on the other hand, didn't make it halfway through the first book and was bored. I wasn't captivated by the romantic and erotic scenes depicted and there was a good bit of that (as least as far as I read). Lots of abruptly (I thought)

changing motivations in the principal character seemed to be convenient to the next step in a predetermined plot rather than a complex, believable person. If you enjoy romance novels with a lot of twists and turns, you'll probably love this book and the two that follow. If your taste runs more to historical novels and aptly portrayed characters, try Philippa Gregory's Cousin's War series. Or MUCH better by far, Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel. As for Wideacre, it's like liver, you'll either love it or hate it.

When you've read a series three times through and still keep a special place on the bookshelves to view the bindings knowing that they're within reach, you know you've found a winner! Gregory's characterizations are flawless! You'll love, hate and sympathize right along with the adjoining characters living within the storyline. I don't know how she does it, but time and time again, Philippa proves herself a master at her craft! Sultry and seriously sinister, the main character will have your heart in her hands as if she was a living, breathing person. Have the 2nd book in the series ready to read, (once you've finished the first) or the withdrawals will haunt you until you have it gripped tightly within your page flipping hands! Historical Fiction at its finest.....

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