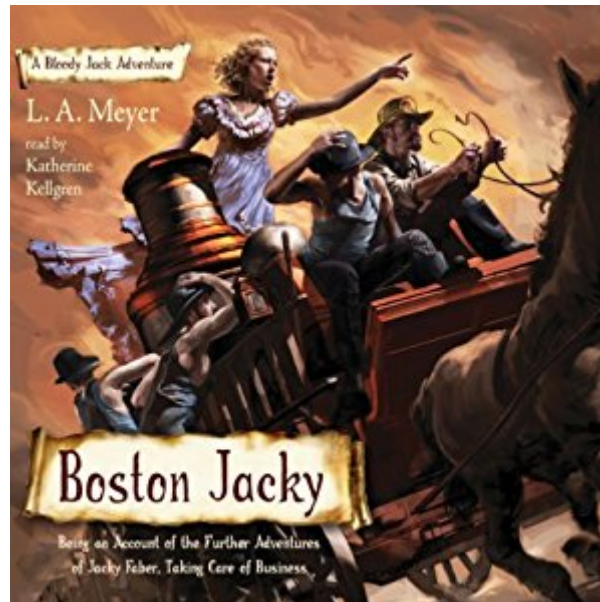




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Synopsis

Jacky Faber makes waves, even when docked in her adopted city of Boston to attend to the business of Faber Shipping Worldwide. With big dreams and perhaps too much exuberance for the Puritan populace, she quickly finds herself at odds with the Women's Temperance Union and a town roiling over the arrival of hundreds of Irish laborers, brought in on Jacky's Lorelei Lee. Thwarted at every turn by her enemies, Jacky is forced to acknowledge her shortcomings and possibly lose her beloved Jaimy Fletcher. L. A. Meyer received a master of arts from Boston University, and is currently the curator and exhibitor at the Clair de Loon Gallery in Bar Harbor, Maine. He lives in Corea, Maine. Katherine Kellgren has recorded over 100 audiobooks including the Bloody Jack series, which has been the winner of multiple Audie Awards, Publishers Weekly awards, Odyssey Honor awards, and ForeWord Magazine's Audiobook of the Year awards. She is a graduate of The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

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Customer Reviews

In this, the eleventh installment of the Jacky Faber books, Miss Faber returns to Boston where she faces her usual trials with a cast of largely familiar characters. While it is true these adventures have been going on for quite some time (this is the eleventh in the series after all) I'm so grateful to Mr. Meyer for his continued writings on the doings of Jacky Faber. I have been loving these books since I was twelve. Now I am seventeen and I anxiously await each one as it comes out. Jacky manages to make her way around the world during a very historically exciting time. In "Boston Jacky" the

reader gets a picture of the reluctance early America had in accepting Irish immigrants due to their willingness to work rough jobs for low wages. The early American temperance and suffrage movement is also examined and I personally enjoyed reading about the conservative nature of the women hoping to gain the right to vote. (In my history classes, it's been taught that women deserved the right to vote and they got that right in 1912 but we often don't address their political stands so it was interesting to read through Jacky's perspective.) I am unbelievably frustrated with romantic aspects of these books but I understand that it is the style of series and were everyone happy and settled down with their one true love it would be a rather uninteresting story. For those feeling "tired" or "worn out" from years of these adventures I want to remind you that these are adventure books and the structure is like that of many old adventure series be them movies, TV shows, radio shows, or other books. There is a hero or in our case a heroine (Jacky) seeking love (Jaimy) and hopefully some adventure and riches which often results in mishaps. I encourage readers who are unsure whether to continue reading these books to think of it as a wonderful time with characters you know and enjoy reading about. These books are a joy to read and have gotten me through the start of many school years. I would absolutely recommend this book and I can honestly say I enjoyed every minute of it and I could not put it down!! I look forward to your next adventure Jacky!

Have you ever had a friend, a good friend with tons of funny stories and having a meal with this person is the best thing ever? And then the person moves away, so you don't see them as much. Out of the blue they call, say they're in town and would really love to have dinner. When you get to the restaurant, expecting a nicer establishment, it's sort of a glorified diner, your friend is there, is distracted and in a complete hurry. Your friend then proceeds to tell you stories you've already heard at a rapid pace, leaves early and sticks you with the check. Have you ever had something like this happen to you? That's the sort of thing I experienced with the latest Jacky Faber installment "Boston Jacky". What there was of the story seemed rushed. There were no new significant characters to speak of. Jacky is also growing older, but perhaps no wiser. I keep waiting for her exuberance at life and her generosity towards her (alleged) friends to be tempered with some maturity and growth after some of the extreme experiences she's had already. I also find myself thinking Mr. Fletcher, despite his viewed superior up-bringing, to be just not good enough for Ms. Faber. He is more and more judgmental like his mother than Jamie, Jacky, or the author cares to admit. I expect there will be another installment after this one. I plan to read it, although I hope the author takes the time the story needs, rather than getting it to print quickly.

In the eleventh installment of the Bloody Jack series by L.A. Meyer, the reader dives right into the action-packed novel with Jacky and friends returning to Boston to find the infamous, Pig and Whistle Inn, in dire needs of a new owner and makeover. Jacky, along with the assistance of some of her ex-classmates, reopens the Pig and in result, makes some new enemies in the great city of Boston. Mooooo...The on-and-off again relationship with Jacky and Jamey continues as well, but with a twist. Jamey arrives shortly after Jacky in Boston, by ways of Chopstick Charlie, but decides to disguise himself as a lonely hunchback and to simply spy on Jacky from a short distance away. Will the two lovers finally connect? My favorite character of the series, Ravi, also returns with Jacky to Boston, but with so many people now out to get Jacky, Ravi is not safe alone on the streets. I recommend this novel, along with the entire series, to anyone who loves a good adventure. Jacky's lovable sense of humor, along with her impeccable courage, leads the reader through this novel, never wanting to put the book down. My sleep at night suffers every time a new Bloody Jack book is released. Well done, Mr. Meyer. Please keep them coming.

The keeping Jackey and Jamey apart has gotten way, WAY old. While Jamey has given up a lot because of his love for Jackey, this book confirmed he doesn't really want to marry her because he believes once they are married suddenly she will be all wifey. While he is within his rights to expect she will no longer kiss anybody else, to expect her to stop being flirty and love performing and being the center of attention and adventurous just isn't going to happen. I hated Jamey in this book, I hated his self-pity, his hiding who he was, and his cowardice in sending a note instead of a face-to-face confrontation. And while I agree Amy had every right to be upset with Jackey, being ok with what happened to her doesn't mesh with her character. I was so excited Jackey was going to be back in Boston, and really didn't like what happened there.

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