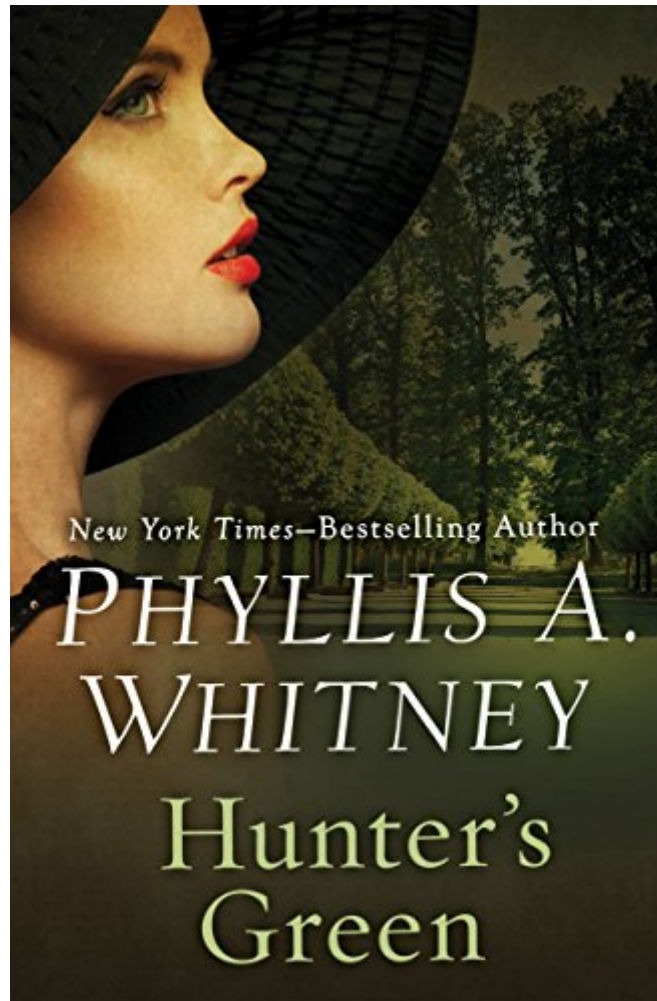




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Synopsis

An American psychologist accepts an invitation to her estranged husband's isolated English estate in this suspenseful tale by an Edgar Award-winning author. When Eve North returns to Athmore after three years' estrangement from her husband, Justin, she finds the great and sprawling English estate and Justin himself considerably changed. But Eve has changed as well. She knows the mistakes she made in her marriage, is prepared to admit culpability in their separation, and now dares to win back his love. But for all Eve knows, for all she remembers, and for all she's ready to face, she still enters Athmore dangerously unaware of what awaits her. Athmore has its secrets and those who protect them, including Justin; his brother, Marc, who once preyed on Eve's emotions; and Justin's new fiancée, a cool manipulator who now has everything she wants. Eve's only ally appears to be the old family gardener who has carved from the green-black yew a topiary garden in the form of a magnificent chessboard as both a masterpiece and a warning. Hunter's Green is an involving suspense novel from Phyllis A. Whitney, "the Queen of the American gothics" and recipient of an Agatha Award for lifetime achievement (The New York Times). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Phyllis A. Whitney including rare images from the author's estate.

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Customer Reviews

This book is an outstanding example of a gothic romance novel. The plot is sound and the characters are well developed. There are plenty of twists and turns to keep the reader interested. Be aware that the blurb for the book portrays Eve as an American psychologist. This needs to be changed because psychology is not her profession. This error does not detract from the book. Phyllis Whitney was a superb writer!

I love Phyllis Whitney books....for some reason this one seemed slow. Still, it is a pretty decent read.

Gothic mystery at its best! A classic worth reading!!

I have read Hunters Green 5 times and it is as good the 5th time as it was the 1st! I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a mystery/romance. Superb writing by a true artist of the written word!

Phyllis Whitney at her best. Easy read. Entertaining.

I loved reading this book. It wasn't until the end that I realized this book is very similar to Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier. Rebecca is probably my very favorite movie so it goes right along with my liking this story so well. The story line is different but the characters are very similar and there are some similarities, but no one can duplicate Rebecca. In Rebecca you have Max DeWinter who just happens to have a bit of a temper and can be moody, stoic, glowering and silent at times. In Hunters Green you have Justin North who is moody, stoic, glowering and has that bit of a temper. Both of these gentlemen are English born and English proper bred. They are heirs to family fortunes, and historical family estates; Max DeWinter owns Manderlay with a whole household of servants. Justin North owns Athmore and it is a historic estate with a few servants. The leading lady in Rebecca is a timid mousy invisible little person who is a lady's maid, secretary, and an assistant to a stuck up society lady. Her name is never given, but her parents both died leaving her alone in the world. In Hunters Green Eve is a confused, mixed up individual whose parents also died, but she is self

employed as a psychologist. These leading characters in both book/movie, Eve and Mrs. DeWinter (she isn't named) remind me of the character in another of my favorite novels by Dorothy Gilman, *Tightrope Walker*. Both of these timid young women find themselves in the company of these rich, aristocratic young men of class, culture & wealth, and end up marrying them in a whirlwind marriage. In *Rebecca* you have the ever overshadowing of the beautiful and glamorous Rebecca DeWinter. In *Hunters Green* you have Alicia who is also incredibly beautiful, an old girlfriend of Justin North's. One scene in *Hunters Green* takes place in the gambling casino that Alicia owns. The movie/novel of *Rebecca* takes place at Monte Carlo.. famous for gambling casino's. I don't want to give away the ending but at one point Eve remembers a dream she had about Athmore burning.. In *Rebecca*, Manderlay does burn to the ground ..I found a good many similarities between the two books *Rebecca* and *Hunters Green* and I wonder if Phyllis Whitney loved *Rebecca* too and took some of her ideas from *Rebecca*.. The story is all her own, but the characters are somewhat similar. I loved *Hunters Green*, and didn't want it to end. And the villain.. the murderer.. really took me by surprise. I never suspected. It's a very good book. Enchanting. Just like *Rebecca* and *Manderlay*. Will definitely keep this one to read again and again like I keep several copies of *Rebecca* that I love to watch again and again.

Although I had come across several of Phyllis Whitney's books in second-hand stores and purchased them, this is one of the first that I read. The well-travelled author always did a great job of creating atmosphere and location in her books, which are set in different parts of the world. A young American woman named Eve is mysteriously summoned back to the English estate Athmore. It is not a happy return as her marriage to Justin North had ended on a decidedly negative note two years earlier but when she receives a letter from his cousin Julia she feels implored to return. Unfortunately, there may be an ulterior motive behind it, a deadly motive. Although Eve has no real hope of rekindling her relationship with Justin, and he appears to be seeing another woman, Eve finds she can't turn off her feelings for him, and the sinister intentions of someone on the property casts the shadow of fear and suspicion. Like every other gothic and/or romantic suspense story, there are other characters who could easily have their own reasons for setting such a deadly trap and some red herrings, and our heroine must try to keep herself safe as well as to solve the mystery, before it's too late. For the most part, I enjoyed the book, although I suspect some readers will find Justin's attitude toward Eve and his treatment of her appalling at times and tiresome. The most aggravating part is that he doesn't seem to even consider her side of the story, and it's hard to understand what Eve sees in him at times. An enjoyable read that may prompt you to check out

other books from this author.

This is definitely the best of the Phyllis Whitney mystery books. It is set on contemporary England, and represents the best of updated gothic romances.

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