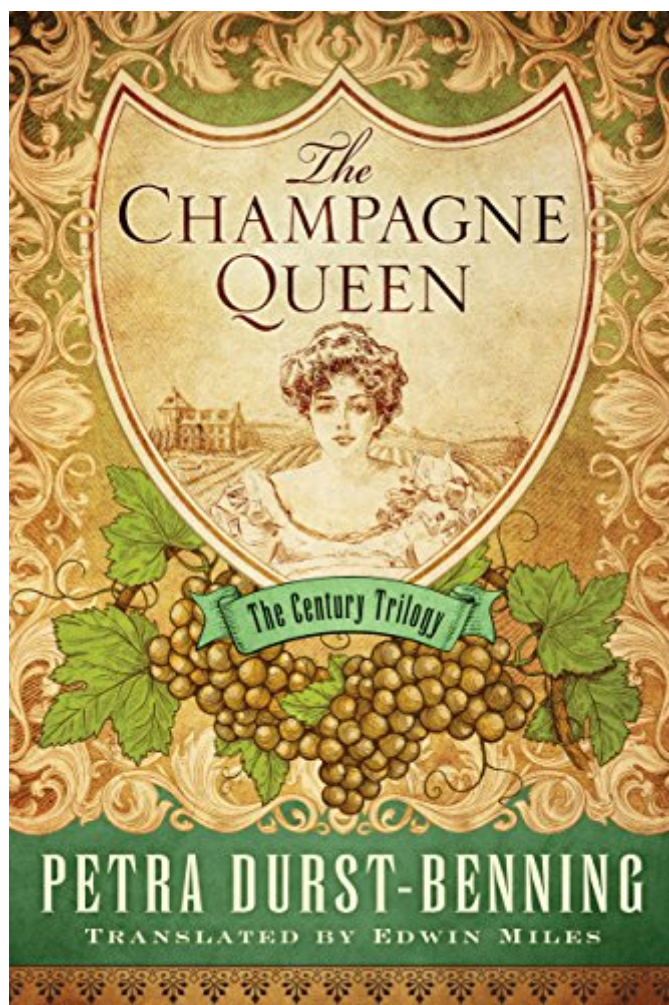


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Synopsis

When Isabelle took a chance and eloped with Leon Feininger, her true love, she hadn't stopped to consider what would happen next. Winter on his family's isolated vineyard proves tougher than she expected, and Isabelle finds herself daydreaming, envisioning the wines she and Leon will make when they have their own land. An unexpected inheritance opens a door for the newlyweds. Leon's uncle has left them a vineyard, and in champagne country no less! But all is not as it seems. The decrepit estate has very little staff to help, and Isabelle cannot focus her husband's efforts on the farm. She soon decides to seize the opportunity to run the vineyard herself. Like her friends Clara and Josephine, she can learn anything she needs to face a new challenge. And with their help, she will even take on the fierce local competition, with generations of wine-making history tying them to the land she's just learning to toil. Can Isabelle's passion and perseverance bring Feininger champagne to the world? Will life with Leon become the happily ever after she's always dreamed of?

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Customer Reviews

This was the second in the trilogy by Petra Dunst-Benning. This book focused on Isabel, one of the three friends that grew up together they being Clara and Josephine. I believe Isabel eventually sees the importance of being close with people who want to be close to her and not just thinking about herself. Although there are other interesting facets to this book, that stood out the most to me. Friendship is sometimes hard to come by and easy to lose if you don't keep contact. The only negative about this book is that it ends so abruptly. I really wanted more.

Loved the book - the first of the triologi When the world is asleep - was actually a bit boring and too much detailed about the cycling - but no 2 here was very interesting and much happened - the caracters were lovable - so conciliation you have to read the first one also to get the caracters to follow. It's worth it very entertaining. Looking forward to no 3!

The three novels in The Century Trilogy may be read in any order. This was my favorite. Not only does Petra Durst-Benning tell an intriguing story, but her research about how champagne is produced is educational. The strength of women at the turn of the century before woman's suffrage was astounding. Women who forged their own paths against all odds. As a retired teacher, I enjoyed the theme of this story - Isabelle's curiosity and reading aided her in becoming a success. When Isabelle's husband Leon inherits a vineyard in Champagne country, she rises to the challenge. Through reading books, journals, and asking lots of questions, she becomes the Champagne Queen. Life long learning.

I loved this book even more than the first book in the series. I cannot wait for the third!

Okay, so I still gave this book 3 stars for the author's serious talent and ability to craft an immersive world in this book. I loved Isabelle and Leon but this is not a romance! It is categorized under 20th century romance but it is not. I'm heartily disappointed because the very reason I chose this book ended up being false. I stopped reading halfway when I realized I had been dooped. I enjoyed the first half of the story immensely and was looking for a happier ending. To the publisher or whomever categorized this book: ROMANCES HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS. Please know that before giving readers a false sense of hope!

Well written story, however I was disappointed in the ending. Everything was left in the air. There was no conclusion to any of the sub-plots. I recognise the the author has a third book in her trilogy

that will be coming out soon, but to leave everything in the air to conclude her second book is unfair to the readers.

Petra's books are so wonderfully descriptive with the people, scenery and atmosphere that you are drawn into the story as if you were actually there. There is one downside though, once you start reading it is very hard to put down. Excellent books, highly recommended!!! These books are the kind of stories that would make great movies!!

This was a very interesting book and a good story too. The information about Champagne was part of the story, done so well I didn't feel like I was in a classroom. I felt I was just reading the story. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

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