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# Loving Rose: The Redemption Of Malcolm Sinclair (Casebook Of Barnaby Adair Series, Book 3)



## **Synopsis**

[Read by Napoleon Ryan] #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns with another mysterious tale of the London underworld from the 'Casebook of Barnaby Adair'. - - In this third installment of the 'Case Book of Barnaby Adair', following *Where the Heart Leads* and *The Masterful Mr. Montague*, Barnaby and Penelope help another couple solve a dangerous mystery and find their passionate, redeeming love.

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## **Customer Reviews**

New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens began writing as an escape from the dry world of professional science, a hobby that quickly became a career. Her novels set in Regency England have captivated readers around the globe, making her one of the romance world's most beloved and popular authors. *Loving Rose* is her fifty-fourth book. All of her previous works remain in print and readily available.

**LOVING ROSE: THE REDEMPTION OF MALCOLM SINCLAIR** is the third book in the Barnaby Adair series which deals with the investigations of Barnaby Adair and his wife Penelope. They have been joined by several friends who now investigate as a team. While placed in this series, this book is actually a sequel to the Cynster series book, *THE TASTE OF INNOCENCE*. In that book, the villain Malcolm Sinclair falls to his apparent death at the end of the book. In *LOVING ROSE* Sinclair has barely survived and comes through the five years of recuperation a changed man. He has taken

up his alter ego Thomas Glendower and goes out to discover what penance he must satisfy for his prior misdeeds. When Thomas arrives at his home, he discovers that a widow and her two children. Rose is his new housekeeper but Thomas soon realizes that she has some dark secret that she is hiding. That secret brings the two together, brings them to London and to the attention of Adair and his investigative group and ultimately requires Thomas to confront his past. I loved this story of Malcolm Sinclair's redemption. The story does not rush the transformation of Malcolm into Thomas. It also clearly demonstrates that Thomas feels remorse for his past. I believe this book works better after reading *THE TASTE OF INNOCENCE* because in truth the transformation begins in that book. In this book Thomas is really the star. While Rose has a plant character, she is really more of a catalyst for Thomas and I felt the real drama of the book was Thomas's journey. Rose's secret provides the mystery that Adair and his cohorts investigate. While it was nice to see these characters again, once again, they seemed to really serve to demonstrate the transformation of Thomas. I was much more interested in that than the mystery. For fans of Laurens this book is a great treat. Malcolm Sinclair had been present in several novels and it was satisfying to have the loose ends of Malcolm Sinclair's life so well resolved. I'd rate this one a 4.25 on the strength of the redemption story.

Thomas is such an interesting character. He evolves into such a wonderful man. He becomes the kind of man any woman would want...and Rose sees that immediately in him. After he confesses his past, she is strong enough to see that he is a changed man. I just found this story to be excellent. Thomas was willing to give up everything - including his life - because he loved...I'm not going to say much more other than I really found Thomas and Rose's story to be compelling. Loved every page, and in the end, wanted to know more and more about their lives.

This may be one of my very favorite Lauren's novels, it finishes a part of a 20+ year old story, overcomes physical injuries and obstacles, and truly shows how Malcolm/Thomas evolved into a redeemed man and the love story with Rose and her siblings and, indeed with himself. And I believe Aunt Edith would be proud of the man he has become.

This is my favorite so far in the Casebook of Barnaby Adair!!! Ms. Laurens did a fantastic job combining the old and the new with this one. Thomas Glendower aka. Malcolm Sinclair is an old character, but with a new lease on life. If you've read the Cynster series and the Bastion Club series, then you'll remember him... and honestly, I wasn't sure that it was going to be possible to

make him a redeemable character, but by the end of it I was proud of him. This book harkens back to the Cynster series in a lot of ways - not because it includes a lot of Cynster characters (other than the Adair characters of course), but in how it's written. Rather than jumping right into the case, we get to see Thomas Glendower making himself into a new man and then taking his first steps back out into the world where he meets Rose. The little hints and revelations that not all is right with his new housekeeper come slowly, and (as much as I tried) I couldn't figure out what they added up to. Unlike the other Casebooks, this one focuses more on the relationship between the lovers than on the mystery. And Thomas and Rose are wonderful. There's a lot less focus on the Adairs and Stokes, and more on Malcolm and Rose - and with several of the sumptuous love scenes that Ms. Laurens is well known for. While Malcolm might not be a sexy alpha tyrant on level with Devil Cynster, it's still a pleasure to read about his and Rose's burgeoning relationship. The mystery itself was incredibly well handled. I was kept guessing all throughout the book. It was nice to have the characters sharing my confusion. I thought this was the perfect blend of the old books that I loved from the Cynster series and the new, exciting mysteries from the Casebooks. Definitely recommend!

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