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# The Lyon's Roar (Lyon Saga)



## Synopsis

First is a series of five books of historical fiction called, The Lyon Saga. Told from the point of view of a 14-year-old girl, Jessabel Archarde, this little-known time period in American history comes vividly alive. The Lyon Saga books cover the years 1587 to 1613, and deal with the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island and what may have happened to them. The Lyon's Roar, the first book, tells of the Atlantic crossing, the establishment of the colony on Roanoke Island in North Carolina, and their efforts to survive.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Every now and then, a book comes along that touches the heart of the dedicated historian and teacher of children. This first of a series of books based on the unsuccessful attempt of Sir Walter Raleigh to colonize the new-found Americas is just one such book. The refreshing thing is that M. L. Stainer has incorporated the true history of John White's and Simon Fernandes' battles which had the utmost effect on the ultimate fate of this - "The Lost Colony." The interaction between the colonists and the Native-Americans are just as reported in the official records of that period. We eagerly await her future books on the fate of her leading character Jessabel Archard and her struggles in a new land as a youthful 14 year old girl/woman. In all probability, the ultimate fate of the colony will be a refreshing theory to the old presentation of Paul Green's -- Harry L. Thompson, Curator, Port o' Plymouth/Roanoke River MuseumIt is historical fiction but a perfect complement to

the study of early colonial history.... -- Kliatt Reviews This book is a must-read! -- Rebecca 492 This excellent work of historical fiction captivates its readers almost instantly with a likeable character, Jessabel Archarde, who makes the history of the ill-fated colony come to life. You must read this book -- Casey Nissa

The Lyon's Roar is a thoroughly researched book presented as fiction. It deals with the 400-year-old mystery of what happened to the Lost Colony of Roanoke. Historians to this day have no idea as to what caused their disappearance. After three years, there was no trace of them left except an enigmatic carving "CRO" on a tree. Very few people realize that these colonists, abandoned on Roanoke Island, were in the New World 33 years before the Pilgrims ever landed at Plymouth, MA. Ages ten and up.

My daughter read this book to go along with our history.. here is her review:~ Jessabell Archarde, a fourteen-year-old girl and her family, are passengers aboard The Lyon, a ship heading towards American lands all the way from England. They have been sent there by order of Queen Elizabeth I to get there before the Spanish do. The Lyon's original destination was Chesapeake Bay, but when an argument between Captain John White and the ship's pilot arises, the passengers are left on Roanoke Island to fend for themselves. With savages all about, Jess must struggle to remain true as she survives and witnesses death, danger, love, and sickness. The Lyon's Roar was a captivating, extraordinarily-written book. I was hanging on until the very last page, Jess's spells of love, terror, and confusion gripping me until the very last word. I highly recommend this, especially if you're learning about the Lost Colony. ~

Although the author was clearly writing for an audience in their teens, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is a quick read for an adult. The text is large and the sentence structure simple. The plot is easy to follow. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the story of Roanoke Island and the mystery of the vanishing villagers who made friends with the Croatoan Indians off the Outer Banks. I would not, however, assume that this author is a historical expert on the subject. Nor would I assume that her perspective is necessarily the only possible explanation for the disappearance of these settlers. The book is an excellent tale! I recommend it highly!

Highly palatable presentation of a reasonable explanation for the disappearance of the first colonists in America, on Roanoke Island off Virginia. They were stranded there in 1587 (a year

before the Spanish Armada distracted Queen Elizabeth's attention from exploration and colonization of the New World). Related in the first person by 14-year-old Jess, this book reads swiftly, thanks to many short chapters and extensive dialogue. The author includes non-judgmental references to native religion and medicine, while offering a viable alternative to the theory that the entire colony was brutally wiped out by hostile Indians. But this is no boring history book; rather it is more a coming-of-age tale with some gentle romance. Jess confides her dreams and fears, her doubts and plans, as her family emigrates to the Chesapeake Bay--to found a city called Raleigh. We suffer with her on the ghastly ocean voyage; we observe life in that island colony which has since disappeared into the misty myth of time. Jess shares the gradual dawning of her womanhood--both physical and emotional--as she writes in her diary. This young protagonist is torn between George, her first crush, and the allure of the forbidden "savage"--the son of one of the camp's two native guides. Being blond was something special even back then, as this daring girl matures from selfish child to compassionate young woman, pursuing her private quest for love, while remaining steadfast in her family loyalty. Excellent for middle school, particularly girls; it will stimulate discussion about the fate of the Roanoke colonists. Well-researched, the LYON Saga will entertain and hold the interest young readers. History made Human!

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"I will take care of you," he says quietly. 'This..I promise...For does not the Great Spirit love us both?' It's then that I know I'll be safe....for surely I believe, in my heart of hearts, that what he has spoken is true." Or as so the Lyon's Roar says. This excellent work of historical fiction captivates its readers almost instantly with a likeable character Jessabel Archade. Jess, a 14 year old girl makes the history of the ill-fated colony come to life. Jess witnesses some of the horrible grieves, such as the lost of the only other girl child in the colony, besides little baby Virginia Dare. She witnesses

other historic moments. You must read this book. I can't wait to read the other books that will complete the saga. As I said READ IT!

I've read all of the books so far except for the last one which I can't wait to read. I can assure myself that it will be great and it's better since I know the illustrator's daughter in my school and I tell u I couldn't wait to get the fourth one I searched everywhere every library I could go to and when I got it I was amazed once more my friends like them to but this book was stuck in my mind for weeks until I found the fourth one but before then I couldn't get it out of my mind I was just so hooked on the book it's like my life depended on the book I definitely think this book deserves a 5 stars I advise all kids to read this book I'll definitely look for more of Miss Steiners books, they're just the best. If I knew when the final one was coming out it would be great(...)

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