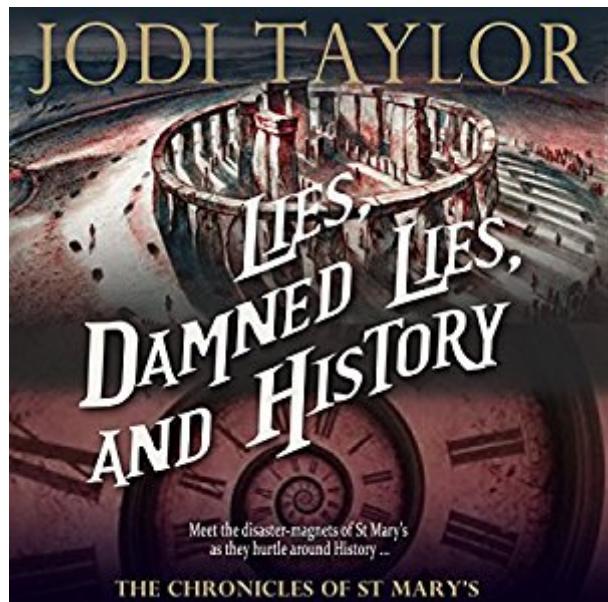


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# Lies, Damned Lies And History: The Chronicles Of St. Mary's, Book 7



## Synopsis

I've done some stupid things in my time. I've been reckless. I've broken a few rules. But never before have I ruined so many lives or left such a trail of destruction behind me. As Max would be the first to admit, she's never been one for rules. They tend to happen to other people. But this time she's gone too far, and everyone is paying the price. Grounded until the end of time, how can she ever put things right?

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## Customer Reviews

First, if it is by Jodi Taylor, read it. Second, this book is part of the St. Mary's Chronicles series and I would recommend reading the series, including the short stories, in order. As a stand alone, you'll enjoy it, but for the real depth and richness of the story read them all. Jodi Taylor always brings a wide range of experiences, emotions, and characters into her stories. Sometimes you laugh, sometimes you cry, sometimes you feel like cheering the amazing group of character on as they experience history first hand. There is sweetness, villainy, hair raising danger, comedic relief, suspense, surprises, and a band of time explorers you will come to love. Dr. Maxwell, better known as Max, is the narrator and we see the story as she experienced it. In this book Max is pregnant, then very pregnant. She tries to keep out of trouble...well, she always thinks she is trying. Being pregnant, she is undertaking only the missions with a very low likelihood of any sort of trouble. So why doesn't it ever work out that way? I find it impossible to read any of these books slowly. I found myself racing through this book to find out what happened next. Except, of course, when I had to

stop to wipe the laugh tears from my eyes (several times) while trying to read the adventure of the corpse on the car top! At other times the suspense was so intense I had to hurry to find out how Max and Co. got out of the fix they were in. And just when it looks like things are nicely settled and Max is heading for her maternity leave as the baby's arrival is imminent, things get really hairy. . . . And I loved the last page. No, no, don't peek. It will be so much better if you read it as it comes! I am now listening to the Audible version to let it all soak in.

Lies, Damned Lies, and History by Jodi Taylor is just the latest in a series of books that are like potato chips. If you read one, you have to read more. I am envious of those who are just beginning this journey. Max had a really rough start in life. Her childhood was not gentle. When she struck out on her own, difficulties continued. Then St. Mary's came calling, and her life has been one of rollicking adventure, crazy risk and tight bonds with other Historians. Now, these historians don't sit at their desks, surrounded by dust motes and moldy papers, they travel in time. St. Mary's doesn't like to call it that, of course. They are historians, studying history live and in person. They travel in pods and in small groups and record the events that we view as history. Oh, and they drink tea. Gallons of tea. This one may have had more close calls and harrowing moments than most, specially for the very pregnant Max. Her husband is a technician at St Mary's and so he understands. Mostly. I won't say anymore, in order to avoid spoiling it for you, but the ending is a doozy!

I have snaffled up every one of this series (bar the short stories. I can never get into those). As usual this one did not disappoint. The interesting history bits are always the icing on the cake. The only reason I have rated this 4 instead of 5 is the appearance of magic in the first part of the book with the shaman/protector. I love stories involving magic but it just doesn't work in this series. It also looks like this book is the end of the series :( Such a damn shame!

Love the series and this is a great addition! It's so much fun and so fast paced. I keep my computer handy and have learned so much when I look up the historical events mentioned in the stories Ms. Taylor writes. Have to say though, at around 90% done, I was afraid to finish because things weren't looking good for Max..... But, glad I plunged ahead. Another very entertaining story and can't wait for the next one.

Book 7 and still a great read. I love Max and her wonky crew. Now that she is pregnant and ought to

be slowing down, well let's just say she isn't slowing down much. How Leon can put up with her is sometimes beyond me but he knew what he was getting when he married Max. She has always been alone and Leon understands her, from the beginning he 'got her' so now he knows what she needs. This is just one WTF episode after another but the last jump is what grabs you. Read it from the beginning and go slow. Ha! As if going slow is even possible with these books. Be prepared to want to start over immediately. There is always risk in every jump but these seem more risky than earlier ones, especially her last jump. Be ready to laugh, want to slap her, and then want to hug her. Jodi Taylor has created a great female lead with Max.

The latest iteration of the St. Mary's cast and crew. Before you buy this, PLEASE do yourself a favor and buy the rest of the series to read through it, if you haven't already! I guarantee, you'll make it back here in short order. I had this on pre-order, as soon as I knew it was a possibility. There is SO much going on in the world of St. Mary's, I didn't want to miss a beat! And there's just so much going on in this book alone, I almost wondered if I'd missed a book! Once again, Jodi Taylor lives up to her own history as a masterful storyteller. And while this could've easily been the novel to end the series, I think Ms. Taylor has left PLENTY of room for continuation - and I'm so grateful for it. The poor souls at St. Mary's have been through so much, and yet there's so much more to go through.

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