

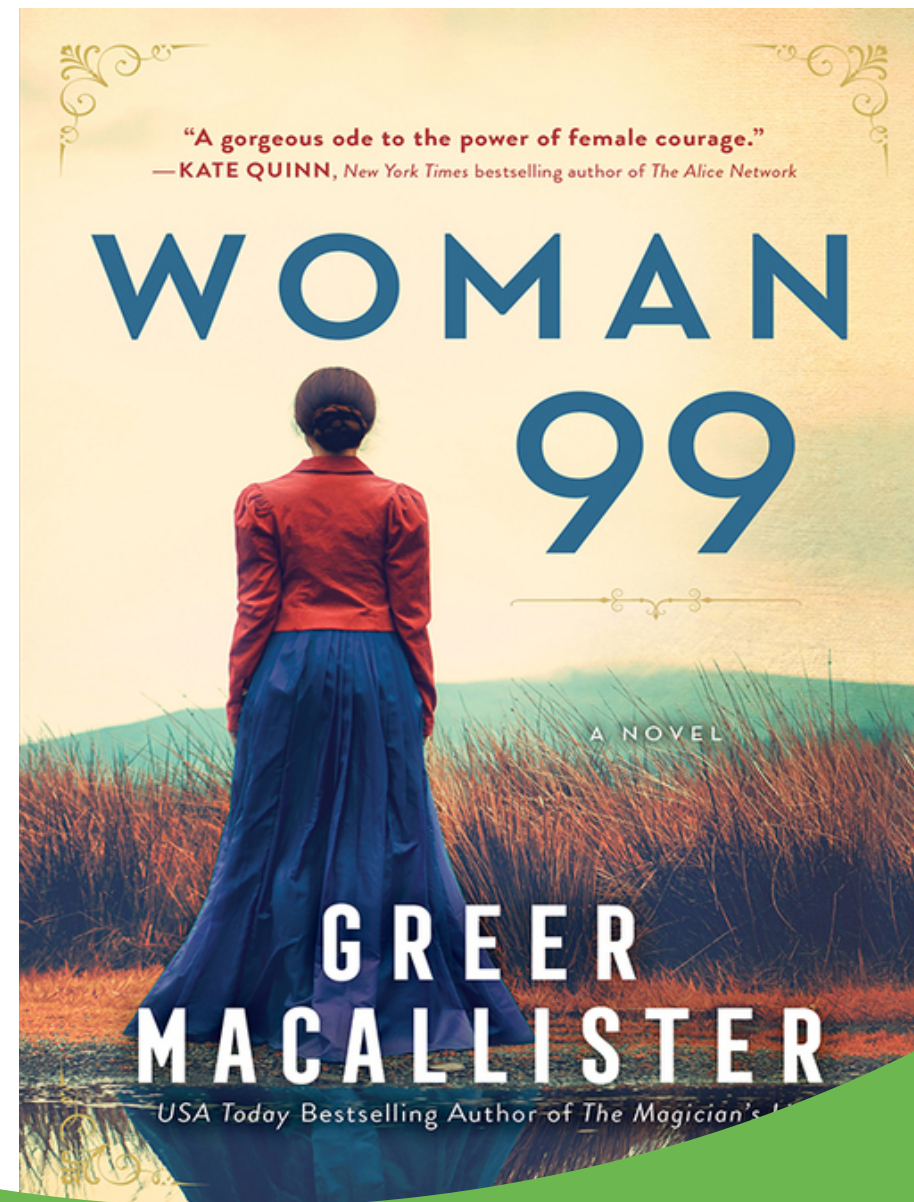
BOOK REVIEW



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# WOMAN 99

by **GREER  
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## Fiction (Historical), Adult

Charlotte Smith is determined to save her sister Phoebe. Their parents have committed Phoebe to Golden Grove, an insane asylum because of her manic-depressant episodes. Charlotte feels responsible, and she is determined to rescue Phoebe. She embarks on a daring plan to become an inmate to get into the asylum so she can bring her sister home. When Charlotte arrives at the asylum, she realizes her plan may not be as simple as she thought. Not all of the women at Golden Grove are insane, and it may not be easy to get back out into the real world. Many of the women were sent there because their families didn't want them. Others just do not fit the ideal Victorian woman model. Some have dangerous secrets that could damage powerful reputations if the information is exposed.

This novel kept me on the edge of my seat. The plot twists and turns kept me reading and wondering what would happen next to these poor women. At the beginning of the book Charlotte is an incredibly sheltered and naïve girl, but by the end she is strong competent women who know what she wants. She annoyed me at the beginning of the story and impressed me by the end. Some might argue that the author wraps all the lost ends up too nicely at end, but I was satisfied with conclusion.

Woman 99 is available as an eBook on Overdrive, eBook/eAudiobook on Hoopla, or you can place a print copy on hold for Curbside Pickup. If you want more historical fiction about asylums, you might also like Blue Asylum by Kathy Hepinstall. Borrow one today and escape into another era.

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