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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Past demons threaten to resurface for Daphne Duvallon when her brother asks her to return to Natchez, Miss., to play the harp at his wedding. If Daphne agrees, she'll be fired from her position with the Oberlain Chamber Orchestra. Worse, she'll have to face her spiteful parents and confront the odious ex-fianc, she left at the altar just two years before. Events quickly spiral from bad to bizarre when Daphne moves into her elderly cousin Maddy's crumbling mansion and suffers disturbing visions about her female ancestors, gifted harpists also named Daphne, whose bad choices in men resulted in insanity. When Daphne is in the present, which is most of the time, she is charmed by nature photographer Simon Hopkins. Simon cheers Daphne on as she launches a new career as a jazz harpist and, in return, she helps him organize a fund-raiser to fight Able Petroleum's attempts to build a toxic dump next to a bird sanctuary. Ware (*Midnight on Julia Street*, etc.) pads this tale with clumps of guidebook-style narrative and shallow, truly unpleasant characters. Although readers who enjoy time-travel romances may leach some pleasure from the pre-Civil War Southern plantation setting of Daphne's visions, others will be hard pressed to finish this lengthy book.

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From [Booklist](#)

In this wonderful sequel to *Midnight on Julia Street* (1999), Daphne Duvallon leaves her native New Orleans for New York City after abandoning her philandering fiance at the altar in front of 500 guests. Now her brother, King, wants her to come back south for his wedding in Natchez. A talented Julliard-trained harpist, Daphne will do anything for her brother, even if it means losing her job with an up-and-coming orchestra, and the trip truly becomes a life-altering experience when she meets Sim Hopkins, a nature photographer who has the potential to be the right man in her life if she can learn to trust again. Both are cautious, and for good reason, as the distant past impacts their future, cued by the music of a mysterious harp. This ghostly instrument opens a gateway to a sequence of tragic events beginning in the late 1790s and ending, finally, with the death of a previous Daphne Duvallon. A thoroughly engaging romance in its own right. *Patty Engelmann*

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Review

"A compelling and mesmerizing tale... The magic of rich, emotionally charged music that Ciji Ware writes about pulls the reader into an-otherworldly-place that transcends time. She engages all the senses with descriptions that make the story come alive... *A Light on the Veranda*, with its well-researched history, 'so-real' characters, subtle humor, and meant-to-be love story is a book to be enjoyed more than once. 4.5 Stars" - *Long and Short Reviews*

"Full of breathtaking romance, loaded with historical and contemporary detail, sometimes light-hearted and at other times heart-wrenching, Ciji Ware's *A Light on the Veranda* is a winner." - *Linda Banche and Her Historical Hilarity*

"As far as fiction goes, however, *A Light on the Veranda* is so utterly enthralling readers will find themselves whisked into the author's world before they even know it." - *Romance Fiction Suite 101*

"Ciji Ware is one of my favorites. She is my benchmark for historical fiction. I was looking forward to

reading and reviewing this one from the moment I got it." - *Books Like Breathing*

"It's one of those books that does pass the test of time. If you haven't already read it, give it a shot, it's charming." - *Butterfly-o-Meter Books*

"Ciji Ware creates a seductive world" - *Historical Novels Review*

"Overall, *A Light on the Veranda* is a wonderful time-slip novel with riveting stories both in the present and the past and delightful characters." - *Laura's Reviews*

"A must read for anyone who enjoys historical romance, with a mix on contemporary, the heyday of Mississippi, old South, strong characters, and past meets present with a ghostly haunting." - *My Book Addiction Reviews*

"This is a great read and I highly recommend both books." - *Great Minds Think Aloud*

"Ciji Ware creates the entire experience for you from the food, to the gorgeous old mansions, to the music – and oh what wonderful music!" - *The Maiden's Court*

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