

# Creature Comforts



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Jessica Stirling is one of the premier historical novelists now writing. She is most famous for the Holly Beckman trilogy of novels set in the Scottish countryside. In *Creature Comforts*, she continues her sumptuous new trilogy--also set in Scotland--that was inaugurated by *Treasures on Earth*: a

colorful, deeply felt saga of the lives and loves of the indomitable Gaddy Patterson and her daughters, Elspeth and Anna.

By the year 1813 the good folk of the Scottish village of Balnesmoor are able to breathe freely, for it appears that Gaddy Patterson's wayward daughters are at last settled in marriage. Elspeth is wife to James Moodie, wealthy owner of a thriving woolen mill; Anna to Matt Sinclair, son of the respected governor of Ottershaw. But Elspeth's marriage is a loveless sham, clouded by an unthinkable secret known only to her husband; and Anna, selfish and impetuous, has no time for Matt and dreams only of the day when Randall Bontine will return from the war in Spain to lay claim to Ottershaw and to her.

For Elspeth the discovery of love and its consequences throws a shadow over the future by forcing James Moodie into a desperate

act of retributton.

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