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### Editorial Review

#### From Publishers Weekly

After racking up a total of 57 titles in paperback, Hooper (*The Wizard of Seattle*) makes her hardcover debut with yet another sexy, engaging-and overwrought-read. Jesse Daulton, multimillionaire patriarch of one of the South's oldest families, is dying. His fortune and fabled plantation house, Glory, will be shared by Kate, the unmarried daughter he ignores, and his two grandsons, surly Sullivan (Sully) Lattimore, who runs Glory's legendary stables, and his brother, Reece, who works quietly in the family business. But then a young woman shows up claiming to be Jesse's long-missing granddaughter, Amanda, who'd disappeared 20 years before, taken from Glory one stormy night by her desperate mother. While other would-be Amandas have stepped forward only to be discredited through the efforts of Walker McLellan, the Daultons' handsome family lawyer, Jesse is certain that this Amanda is genuine, and invites her to stay at Glory. Walker, too, comes under Amanda's spell, falling in love with her despite his conviction that she's an imposter. After Jesse changes his will to include Amanda, however, ominous accidents, one of them fatal, begin to occur. Only when Amanda finally remembers what happened the night she left Glory is a murderer exposed and her own surprising true identity revealed. Hooper isn't the smoothest of writers, but she knows how to serve up a latter-day gothic that will hold readers in its brooding grip. Literary Guild and Doubleday Book Club alternate selections.

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#### From Library Journal

Just as Anna Anderson appeared on the Russian scene claiming to be Anastasia, the lost daughter of Russia's last czar, so does the mysterious Amanda arrive at Glory, the Daulton mansion in the North Carolina mountains, asserting her relationship to the fabulously wealthy family. There are other echoes of the fact-based Anastasia story in Hooper's romance novel, for it is the grandparents who want so desperately to believe that these young women are who they claim to be despite the hostility of other family members. Amanda is a likeable heroine who holds her own with the many suspicious men and women of Glory while trying to unravel her own private mystery. This fast-paced, sexy tale is recommended for large public libraries. [Literary Guild alternate.]?Marion Hanscom, SUNY at Binghamton Lib.

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"Don't miss a story that will keep your reading light on until well into the night."

--Catherine Coulter

"Amanda seethes and sizzles. A fast-paced, atmospheric tale that vibrates with tension, passion, and mystery. Readers will devour it."

--Jayne Ann Krentz

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