Kyle's "Road to harmony" (Book Review)
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On the surface this is a historical romance with a lot of emotional angst written into it which is what most readers of this genre are looking for. The author is much deeper than that, which is refreshing to see. It is about the road to harmony both geographically and emotionally. It is incredible how much disharmony and plots (including death, theft, and star crossed lovers) the author piles up in this one book. In the last quarter of the book, the disharmony is replaced by harmony. During this journey from disharmony to harmony, the reader can see that most of this disharmony is created not as much by outside forces but by the person themselves valuing what other think rather than following God or their heart. The backdrop is the early twentieth century. The characters are fictional but the historical and geographical details are accurate including the distance between the two principle towns. The author is known as an award winning Christian writer (Lime award and Gold Mom’s award). God and Jesus are more a part of the character’s life rather than a main theme of the book. If the academic library has a collection of popular contemporary Christian authors, than this would be a good choice. The author portrays the human condition so beautifully but I am not sure how many readers will look that deeply.

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