

The Marigold Chain By Stella Riley **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** Immediately we know that Alex Deveril's feelings have undergone a colossal change simply by Alex Wyndham's alteration in inflection while still retaining the recognisable 'voice' he has adopted for Alex Deveril. **Book The Marigold chain rule** The Marigold Chain is one of Stella Riley's earliest published works and as it's a long-time favourite of mine I've been waiting not-at-all patiently for it to make an appearance in audiobook format. **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** A brilliant gorgeous sharp-tongued hero enters into a marriage of convenience with a practical quick-witted heroine who doesn't take any of his crap; set that against the backdrop of the politics and intrigue-laden Restoration court of Charles II and you've got another winner from a writer who really knows how to put the historical into historical romance while at the same time creating a tender sensual love story. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** With the exceptionally talented Alex Wyndham once more at the microphone there's no question The Marigold Chain is a fabulous audio experience - so just sink into your favourite chair lock the door take the phone off the hook and let the world look after itself for a few hours while you get stuck in! You can read the rest of this review at AudioGals. **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** But it disappeared from my collection several years ago - I don't know if I lent it to someone and didn't get it back or inadvertently donated it to a local charity shop - but I've been looking to get another copy ever since. **Book The Marigold chain link** It's been out of print along with Stella Riley's other titles and second hand copies are few and far between and ridiculously expensive - so I was doing a happy dance when I discovered that this title had finally been reissued in e-book form. **The Marigold Chain book review** Charles II has been restored to the throne London has survived the Plague but there is more tragedy to come and amongst all this we meet the dashing Alexander Deveril and his friends and Chloe Herveaux a young woman of anglo-French descent who resides with her wastrel brother. **Book The Marigold chain rule** Alex Deveril while in the midst of an almighty bender following rejection by the woman he (thinks he) loves is on a winning streak at the gambling tables and when his opponent runs out of money he puts up his sister's hand in marriage as the stake. **EBook The Marigold chain of memories** In anger he pushes people away making hurtful comments as though he wants to see just how far he can push his friends before they admit he's worthless and give up on him for good. **The Marigold Chain epub's air** He's a fascinating contradiction and in the hands of a less-skilled writer he could have been easy to dislike; but Ms Riley keeps to the right side of the fine line and balances Alex's sometimes cruel side with his sense of goodness and honour. **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** He's gorgeous well-read a consummate swordsman and horseman and bereft of employment somewhat dangerous as in order to alleviate the boredom of inaction he embroils himself in all sorts of high-jinks and pranks. **Book The Marigold chain link** I love the scene at the ridiculously over-the-top banquet when they are so in tune with each other; and later following a tragedy the way they can be quietly supportive of each other. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** The romance unfolds beautifully and while it is the main focus of the story it is woven in with the other elements; Alex's search for the traitor who is aiding the Dutch in their war against the English; the Great Fire of London; the tragic death of a dear friend. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** Even though his appearances in the novel are brief he's painted as more than just the "Merry Monarch"; he's clearly very shrewd and has an excellent sense of humour - and despite the fact that he did actually flaunt his mistresses before his wife he's a difficult character to dislike. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** Prince Rupert is shown to be an exceptional military mind who inspires great loyalty in those - like Alex - who follow him; and there are appearances by other well-known figures of the court such as Lady Castlemaine and James Duke of York (later James II) and other significant figures such as Samuel Pepys and Christopher Wren. **PDF The Marigold chain of memories** Some historical novels set in London don't really make much use of it as a location but in The Marigold Chain the author uses her clearly extensive knowledge of the City as it was in Restoration times. **The Marigold Chain book review** Her eye for historical detail is faultless and while there is a fair amount of detail about the war with the Dutch and a number of Naval actions we're never bogged down in a history lesson at the expense of the story. **Book The Marigold chain pdf** The scenes that

deal with the Great Fire are fast-moving and exciting and those that deal with its aftermath don't shy away from just how devastating it was and the profound effect it had on the City. **The Marigold Chain book review** I really hope that the re-emergence of The Marigold Chain means that her other novels will appear shortly too - and if we're incredibly lucky perhaps she will even write some more novels. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain pdf** 08 in the UK - a small price to pay for such a great read! Review revised 16 June 2012 Hardcover The Marigold Chain was my very first book by Stella Riley and I loved it from beginning to end consequently it has a special place in my heart and on my keeper shelf. **The Marigold Chain ebook free** Set during Restoration England The Marigold Chain follows eight months in the lives of Alex Deveril and Chloe Hervaux - a man and woman thrown together by unusual and unorthodox circumstances. **The Marigold Chain epub download** The fabulous cast of historical figures are so cleverly interwoven with fictitious characters that it is difficult to know for sure who lived and who is a figment of the author's fertile imagination. **Book The Marigold chained echoes** Whilst involved in a card party at the home of Chloe's step-brother she is offered as the stake in a game gone too far when her odious brother runs out of funds to pay his debts. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** To be fair to Chloe she does try to refuse but her step-brother (no blood relative) is vile and has become a nuisance with his unwanted and some might say incestuous advances towards her and she is desperate to leave his house and her life of drudgery behind. **The Marigold Chain booklet** Still drunk beyond reason Alex convinces Chloe to leave with him in the dead of night and insists on rousing a clergyman even going as far as shimmying up a drainpipe in order to persuade him into marrying them. **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** While Alex sleeps off his excesses Chloe has a long night of contemplation and faces up to the realisation that she may have taken unfair advantage of Alex in her haste to escape her brother. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** Alex's inner group of friends who remember him as he used to be - charming witty and reckless - are generally willing to overlook his biting tongue and tolerate his much-changed demeanour. **Book The Marigold chain link** However an inner awareness tells her that her feelings must be kept hidden not only to avoid his derision but also because a strong sense of justice tells her that Alex must never feel trapped into staying married to her. **Book The Marigold chain of command** She often risks his displeasure and bad humour by intervening in his plans - for his own good - such as when she realises he is about to embark on something he will later regret. **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** Often her intervention is done with the collusion of his friends all of whom have fallen under her guileless spell and also realise fairly soon after the marriage that Chloe could be Alex's salvation. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** Their relationship develops through various phases; first as strangers continuing onto friendship and confidantes and finally to the inevitable and in true Stella Riley fashion love which grows slowly and sweetly. **The Marigold Chain book summary** I love the classy and unusual titles this author chooses for her books but of all of them The Marigold Chain is my favourite given the special significance of this particular title. **EBook The Marigold chained echoes** Highly intelligent and a man of unequivocal integrity his previously proven military prowess has earned him the trust and respect of Prince Rupert cousin to King Charles II and Commander of the Naval Fleet. **The Marigold Chain Historical fiction** Stella Riley covers so much in this story; a snapshot of warfare death and injury on board his Majesty's ships during wartime; the Great Fire of London where we see the cramped wooden buildings in their narrow lanes the fire eating its way relentlessly through London and the despair of her inhabitants as they fight fruitlessly to save their homes and then the final devastating toppling of St. **Book The Marigold chained** The licentious gluttonous fashion obsessed court of the womanising but shrewd and enigmatic Charles II and the despair of his Queen as he flaunts his mistresses are all brought vibrantly to life by this talented author whose love and knowledge of her subject is obvious. **EBook The Marigold chain link** Riley sets out the facts clearly and precisely and in a way that makes the reader/listener desirous to learn more and filling in the gaps with intelligent probabilities and a delicious romance to boot. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** Alex Wyndham captures him to perfection showing along the way with his intuitive interpretation of the author's writing that here is a decent and honourable young man

who has had a raw deal and only needs that certain someone in his life to redeem him. **Book The Marigold chain link** Alex Wyndham consummate actor that he is has to deal with all of this – an Alex Deveril who does not suffer fools gladly and thinks he neither wants nor needs anyone but who then undergoes a lightbulb moment of such epic proportions that he is left reeling from the shock and how to deal with it. **The Marigold Chain book pdf** Wyndham’s tone of voice undergoes a subtle change so seamless that we are aware we are still listening to Alex Deveril an angry young man for the most part of the story who has on the turn of a sixpence I’m ashamed to say I knew little about The English Civil War and the Restoration. **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** I strongly recommend the uninitiated to listen to The Marigold Chain and A Splendid Defiance and to read her Roundheads & Cavaliers series beginning with The Black Madonna which by the way is stupendous. **EPub The Marigold chainsaw man** Superbly researched history compelling and intriguing characters (fictitious and historical) a fast paced and exciting mystery all coupled with a bone melting romance - what’s not to love in THE MARIGOLD CHAIN. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** Note: since originally writing this review some years ago Stella Riley has had the majority of her Roundheads and Cavaliers series recorded by Alex Wyndham so if you’re an audio book lover I recommend you listen to them because they’re all tremendous. **The Marigold Chain ebooks free** Hardcover I’ve had time to digest this lovely novel and was finally able to put my finger on why exactly it needed “digesting” in the first place as I’d mentioned Basically because it’s a sweet love story and from a talented writer yet the same thing that might be its greatest appeal for others is the very thing that I needed to mull over to sort out mixed feelings. **Book The Marigold chain of command** Perhaps I’ve read and reread that series so many times that I feel I know Dunnett’s hero too well for my own enjoyment’s sake and I will be the first to admit that is too lofty a bar. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** It poses the same problems the other novel by this author Lucifer’s Champion had: that it was a clone to Georgette Heyer’s These Old Shades that reads like a newcomer’s attempts at writing by imitating beloved heroes and plotlines far too obviously and far too closely without the necessary skills or proper contextualisation. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** Some would even call it fanfiction less kindly but I prefer not to make use of that term as it’s used in a derogatory manner and I understand the motivation authors have to achieve something similar to the stories they adore or just pay a humble homage. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** She wasn’t at the ideal stage where she could create a Monseigneur or a Comte de Sevigny and the results are obvious: Lyndhurst and Deveril are near-caricatures of the originals in the sense that they “wear” a mishmash of outside characteristics like someone wears a shirt. **Book The Marigold chained** No I am not saying that authors should never ever in this life or the next copy be inspired by pay homage to or subvert those scenes characters and plots that made an impression on them and that they consider wonderful literature. **EBook The Marigold chained echoes** One of my most favourite authors has the habit of paying homage to seemingly everything he’s ever read under the sun! My point and I must stress on it is: In reply to a query on whether she’d ever consider writing a novel with the same period setting and characters of a famous HF classic by Anya Seton Sharon Kay Penman—whom I greatly admire—commented along the lines that who’s going to want to be compared and measured against such a classic? And that’s the crux of the matter in my view: if you’re going to emulate copy or be inspired by a classic or very highly regarded book be dammed sure you know how to do it and do it well. **The Marigold Chain book** Some are charming like the book’s title which might come from Lymond calling Will “Marigold” or Alex opening the door to his friend with a sword ready and fit in well enough in this new narrative. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** To illustrate my point let’s take this encounter between Alex and Lady Gresham his mistress: She looked searchingly at him in sudden doubt but before she could speak he went on pleasantly contemptuous ‘So. **Book The Marigold chained** ‘This is a direct and almost verbatim insert from Lymond’s “I prefer my whores honest” epic putdown of Margaret Countess of Lennox that made me burst out in surprised laughter in Dunnett’s original but that in this version was worth a grimace and that was the start of my questioning whether this author really understood Francis or was just taking the shiniest and prettiest bits she liked for her hero. **The Marigold**

**Chain Historical fiction** Why? Because in Dunnett's scene that had a reason to exist: up to that point we didn't know Lady Lennox was the bitch she turned out to be; the scene had build-up to mislead the reader into thinking she and Lymond were . **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** And there are many more examples of that kind that I could cite; the transition from "Mr Deveril" to "Alex" doesn't work as smoothly as the one from "Mr Crawford" to "Francis" the "too late too late" moment for Alex lacks the same punch-right-in-the-feels quality of Lymond's et cetera. **EPub The Marigold chainsaw man** I content myself with the one I had the biggest issue with: Alexander Deveril's constant quoting! See this is the deal: Lymond's quoting and singing has again a reason to exist that is plot-relevant and cannot be ignored. **The Marigold Chain ebook free download** He uses language like any other tool of his trade to mislead to confuse to provoke to cover his intentions to pull the wool over everyone and their dog's eyes and so on. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** Not every character that can recite and sing is a Lymond! There were heroes doing that rhymin' & singin' before sweet Francis was created (Hi Cyrano!) and there are and will be others after him that aren't remotely like him and it works for them because it's done as part of their characterisation or as a plot necessity. **Book The Marigold chain of command** At one point the heroine asks him why he talks like that and he replies nonchalantly that because reading is one of the few things to do for a soldier aside drinking fighting and whoring. **Kindle The Marigold chainsaw** In other words he does it to show off that he has brains and the quoting is there just because the author loves Lymond's most recognisable trait one that even casual readers will remember. **EPub The Marigold chain link** She was beginning as a novelist back then when she wrote this and the Heyer homage (I am seeing from the publication date this one is her first novel) and was perhaps still experimenting round with her style and going with imitation; that's how illustrators and painters learn to draw and polish their technique for example by copying. **Book The Marigold chain pdf** The heroine claimed to be in love with the hero from their first stolen kiss as strangers however it was more a case of a young and sheltered girl being infatuated with an experienced and enigmatic man. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** When he finally started to man up and get over his self-pity and infantile behaviour the story got a bit more interesting although it's more courtesy of the secondary characters his friends who provided the emotional intensity of the book. **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** I was frustrated by their passionless interactions for the vast majority of the book and the poor insight into Alex's mind so that when he realised his love for Chloe this realisation just seemed to come from nowhere because there were no hints given along the way. **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** Hardcover This was my second Stella Riley and while I loved the Black Madonna (my first) in the end the beginning was so heavily historical with so many characters I am not sure I could have done it without the buddy read. **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** We did get to know and see so many nuances in the characters it ultimately didn't matter but I was left feeling this was heavily historical fiction (and great at that) with a side of romance. **Book The Marigold chain summary** This all reinforces that while I believe Riley is a complete force-such a strong storyteller- I have to be ready to read her and for the pacing to be heavily grounded in real life and not fantastical romance. **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** She realizes her love for Alex is unrequited and likely to remain so in one of my favorite parts of the book and rather than wallow she accepts it and moves on ultimately this strength and matter-of-fact manner make her a lovely smart and grounded match for Alex. **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** Alexander Deveril long-time soldier and Cavalier dispossessed of his ancestral home by a scheming cousin while off fighting for his king finds that his lady love intends to wed another more affluent man. **EBook The Marigold chained** Determined to eventually annul the marriage they nevertheless remain together and head to London where Chloe dabbles in becoming a shipping merchant and Alex becomes caught up in an assignment to track down the traitor and spy sabotaging England's naval campaigns against the Dutch. **Book The Marigold chain link** Originally published in 1983 and recently revised and rereleased The Marigold Chain is the fifth novel I have read from British author Stella Riley and the second after A Splendid Defiance that was more historical adventure with romance than romance novel per se. **Book The Marigold chain of command** Perhaps one of the reasons their story didn't

speak to me as strongly as that of Justin and Abigail in A Splendid Defiance is that there is very little of Alex's perspective until the very end of the book. **The Marigold Chain kindle app** I suspect that this was done to build tension as Chloe's feelings are disclosed to the reader early on but it left me with the feeling that there was something missing here. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** Apparently Riley's story here owes much to Dorothy Dunnett's Lymond Chronicles but being unfamiliar with those books I cannot comment save to say that perhaps I should track them down.

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Suddenly found himself again after a very long time in the wilderness. **Kindle The Marigold chain book** I was so taken by Alex Wyndham's performance that I listened to this same part a few times just to enjoy his expertise. **The Marigold Chain kindle paperwhite** There are a couple of places where he has to deal with Stella Riley at her emotional best - real tear jerkers - I promise - but no spoilers, **Book The Marigold chain of command** All I'll say is that listeners will not be disappointed by Stella Riley's words and Alex Wyndham's interpretation of them - but have your tissues ready. **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** Oh...and he sings in a couple of places AND quotes poetry - I could go on and on - just sit back and enjoy. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** Before reading The Marigold Chain.

### **EPub The Marigold chaine**

Stella Riley lives in Kent England, **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** Her award winning 7 book Rockliffe series (recommended in The Times!) is available in audio narrated by Alex Wyndham. **The Marigold Chain epub reader** She is also the author of 6 books set in the 17th century: The Marigold Chain A Splendid Defiance The Black Madonna Garland of Straw The Kings Falcon and Lords of Misrule: **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain pdf** All titles are available from Kobo Barnes Noble and Apple: **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** Rockliffe Book 6 Cadenza is the 2019 Readers Favourite gold medallist for Historical Romance and also the 2021 Book Excellence Awards winner in the Romance category. **EPub The Marigold chainsaw** Her award winning 7 book Rockliffe series (recommended in The Times!) is available in audio narrated by Alex Wyndham. **EBook The Marigold chain of memories** She is also the author of 6 books set in the 17th century: The Marigold Chain A Splendid Defiance The Black Madonna Garland of Straw The King's Falcon and Lords of Misrule: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** All titles are available from Kobo Barnes Noble and Apple: **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** Rockliffe Book 6 Cadenza is the 2019 Readers' Favourite gold medallist for Historical Romance and also the 2021 Book Excellence Awards winner in the Romance category. **Book The Marigold chain of command** I first read it in the mid-1980s and loved it; for me it ticks all the boxes, **The Marigold Chain kindle fire** Hardcover I had a copy of this book in the early 1980s and remember it was one of my "go-to" reads. **Book The Marigold chain of command** Of course Alex wins and still magnificently drunk insists they get married right away. **EPub The Marigold chainsaw** Chloe continues to reside with Alex and forms firm friendships with his friends and with his old retainer Matt: **Book The Marigold chain pdf** Alex is splendidly witty charming and clever but he has a tongue that can wound at twenty paces and frequently uses it to that effect: **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** But at other times he knows exactly the right thing to say in order to ease a difficult situation or alleviate someone's grief. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** The author writes the relationships between Alex and his friends Giles Beckwith and Daniel Fawsley very well indeed and in fact all the secondary characters are very well fleshed-out: **EPub The Marigold chain of memories** She is able to match him when it comes to their verbal sparring although she doesn't have the same propensity to cruelty when things don't go her way, **Book The Marigold chain summary** Several historical figures feature in the story most notably Charles II to whom Alex and Chloe have to apply for the solution to a particularly pressing problem. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** Her

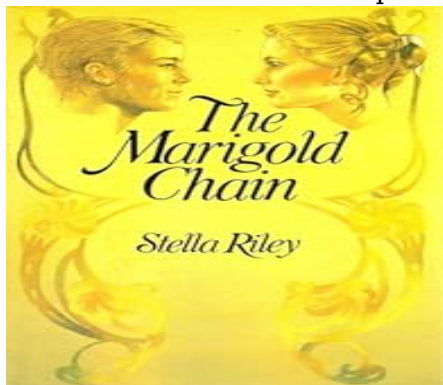
descriptions of the narrow streets lined with crammed-in buildings of the bridges and the river are very evocative and her locations are very precisely detailed. **The Marigold Chain book review** I really don't know why Stella Riley's books haven't become "classics" in the genre because her writing is so good, **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** As far as I know she only published a handful of titles including A Splendid Defiance which is set during the English Civil War and Black Madonna, **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** After my first reading more than two years ago its characters both main and secondary remain with me as clearly as if I'd just put the book down: **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** I couldn't have been happier when I heard a whisper that the supremely talented Alex Wyndham was to record it and waited with much anticipation for its release: **The Marigold Chain ebook reader** The real events unfolding around their seemingly ordinary lives adding to the thrill of this wonderfully rich story in which our couple become well and truly embroiled. **Book The Marigold chain summary** One night Alex Deveril is out on a drinking spree to end all drinking sprees having been rejected by the woman he believes he loves. **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** Alex is outrageous and unconventional at the best of times but this time he outdoes even himself, **Book The Marigold chain pdf** Never one to turn down a challenge Alex accepts and wins. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** Drunk or not Alex knows what is right and the wedding takes place. **EPub The Marigold chains** She should have refused his drunken proposal no matter how gorgeous he is or how enticing the prospect of being his wife might be. **Book The Marigold chains** After discussing the matter they decide that eventually they will pursue an annulment although neither is in a hurry to be free each for reasons of their own: **EPub The Marigold chains** So for the time being their marriage-in-name-only will remain just that: **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** The year is 1666 and the country is still struggling and in debt after years of civil war followed by a horrendous loss of life as a result of the plague, **Book The Marigold chain pdf** Now to add to her problems England is at war with the Dutch and France is about to join in, **The Marigold Chain Historical fiction** Alex has recently returned from soldiering after fifteen years of fighting both as man and boy to discover that his birth right has been stolen during his absence: **Book The Marigold chain pdf** Always fiercely loyal to the crown like his father before him Alex cannot dispel the unfairness of it and as a result has become an embittered and acerbic young man: **PDF The Marigold chainsaw man** And yet he retains the respect and affection of his peers who fought with him and know his loyalty and friendship are worth having: **Book The Marigold chain of memories** For his part Alex does his best to push his friends away but they refuse to abandon him although there are moments when they wonder why, **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** Then his occasional flashes of breath-taking charm ever ready wit and obvious intelligence remind them that the Alex they knew still exists: **Kindle The Marigold chain link** Chloe is no different to his friends; she was besotted with Alex from the moment she met him and still is. **The Marigold Chain ebook free download** Chloe's character and person are beautifully drawn - a compelling young woman with an understated beauty and gentle innocence. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** However she is no pushover and knows how to run and care for a household on a limited budget after suffering under her step-brother's roof as an unpaid housekeeper. **The Marigold Chain kindle app** Alex may not realise it but he has met his match... and his love. **Book The Marigold chain link** Chloe tolerates his moods but only up to a point and then quietly but firmly puts him in his place, **Book The Marigold chain of command** At first Alex accepts his wife's company as just another person around him to be tolerated and often ignored until without him realising it she becomes necessary to him, **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** He nicknames her Marigold from the beginning and at one point on her first visit to court with him he presents her with a pretty necklace The Marigold Chain: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** Alex has obviously chosen it with care although he is very blasé about the giving of it to her: **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** Its colour (matching her hair) and simplistic understated beauty is Chloe to a tee and she cherishes it: **The Marigold Chain epub.pub** While Alex is well aware of his own flaws he is unrepentant. **Book The Marigold chain of command** Together with his friend Giles Beckwith Alex is contracted into covertly

searching for a possible traitor in their midst, **Book The Marigold chain of memories** There is no actual proof that a traitor exists just a few unexplained 'accidents' which have cost the English Navy ships and lives, **Book The Marigold chainsaw** The ensuing events are fast moving exciting and exactly what an adrenalin junkie like Alex Deveril needs to shake him out of the doldrums. **The Marigold Chain book** We are not overwhelmed with extraneous historical detail but rather Ms, **The Marigold Chain booking** Alex Wyndham has quite a job on his hands as he handles with great aplomb the sarcastic cynical Alex Deveril, **EBook The Marigold chain pdf** It would be all too easy to dislike this young man but personally I loved his complex character: **EBook The Marigold chained** Alex's reckless disregard for his own safety sees him hurtling towards his own ruin and his friends understanding the reasons do their best to mitigate his behaviour. **Book The Marigold chained** A lesser actor could not have pulled off the transformation so effectively and believably - Mr: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** It was a war which split families apart and ravaged our country for the best part of ten years and saw an anointed King beheaded. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** How could I not have been interested? However this has all changed now because I have become totally immersed in Stella Riley's world of Cavaliers and Roundheads. **Book The Marigold chains** And let's not forget the exceptionally talented Alex Wyndham who adds that extra spark of brilliance. **The Marigold Chain book review** Thanks ladies! Great historical detail compelling characters but the romance was very slo-mo and ultimately underwhelming, **The marigold chain pdf free download** I did enjoy the story but wouldn't pick it up for romance aspect: **Book The Marigold chain summary** Because this is at the core a Francis Crawford of Lymond and Seigny homage that to me wasn't done so well as it could've been, **EBook The Marigold chain link** But at the same time I cannot but believe that it's more than that in this case it was simply flawed in its execution: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** Riley went for a Lymondesque hero with an eagerness that side-lined the context that mattered in the original: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** Neither want I to even remotely suggest that authors shouldn't strive to emulate literary giants they like or aspire to be better than them to surpass their creation, **The Marigold Chain Historical fiction** I know better than to even think of it and have plenty of admired writers who resort to doing this. **Kindle The Marigold chain book** Due to the very fact that those books are great literature and that measuring rod will be used on what you've produced thenceforth, **Book The Marigold chain summary** In Riley's novel the homages and such are abundant and all over the place, **Book The Marigold chainsaw** Others are hilarious inclusions like Lord Gresham having a speech defect ("Pwince Wupert of the Whine") that harkth back to Lord Grey'th thpeech difficultieth: **EPub The Marigold chainsaw man** But after a while such abundance starts to weary the reader more so when those that don't fit or weren't adapted optimally begin to pile up: **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** I don't qualify as a husband but you're willing to retain me as your lover; and Marsden having no appeal for you apart from his money is to be given horns, **The Marigold Chain book 2** It's a charming notion my dear and no doubt I should be flattered - but unfortunately I'm not. **Mystery the marigold chain meaning** In fact the only certainty it arouses in me is the knowledge that you are a bigger whore than I thought, **Book The Marigold chain link** Not that I've anything against whores - quite the opposite! But as a general rule I prefer them honest: **Book The Marigold chain summary** romantic had a seductive aura they chat and kiss passionately and then . **The Marigold Chain book review** plop! The illusion is shattered with a slap to the reader's face. **Kindle The Marigold chainsaw man** And in Riley's? It's a parting lovers's spat like many other spats. **The Marigold Chain epubor** Dunnnett didn't give him that characteristic just so he could show off how cool he is (although he is of course) or how cultured (which he is too), **EPub The Marigold chained** And because of that it's never enough that the aspiring hero should just quote and quote till he drops dead. **The Marigold Chain book series** But here? Why does Alex recite poetry exactly? What plot purpose does it serve? This lack of a solid motive was unfortunate. **The Marigold Chain kindle store** In sum the problem was that I wanted someone that resembled Crawford not one that was trying too hard to be him, **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** All that aside the novel is enjoyable and for the

two thirds the writing is good. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** The opening scene is memorable and the second meeting of the hero and heroine is hilarious and one of the sexiest scenes I've read. **Book The Marigold chain summary** But after the pair settle down into everyday life the plot takes a dive downwards. **Kindle The Marigold chains** By the end of the book a twist is included that I found terribly unnecessary and the epilogue—if it is one I wasn't sure—could've been edited out with no harm done. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** One sees the need of either an editor or a kind bunch of chums to tell her "Hey Stella, **The Marigold Chain kindle fire** " Constructive critique might have been scarce back then I'd imagine. **The Marigold Chain book pdf** Stella Riley is by no means the only one that took from Dunnett's hero for hers others have too (one even more atrociously so), **The Marigold Chain kindle store** But I respect her and want to read more of her books which is why I'm focusing on this topic specifically. **The Marigold Chain book review** She's at her best creating her own characters with or without inspiration from others instead of trying to make lightning strike twice with clones: **EBook The Marigold chain of command** She's the one that created Justin Ambrose after all! Now that's the kind of characters I want to see her creating which she does well and has the talent for, **Book The Marigold chainsaw** So three and a half stars it is! Hardcover SHE WAS THE MOST AMAZING PRIZE, **Kindle The Marigold chain book** Rather than pass another night in her dissolute brother's household Chloe Ashton accepted the stranger who had won her at cards. **Book The Marigold chain of command** But marriage to the charming Alex Deveril had more than its share of problems, **Book The Marigold chain link** Caught up in a dangerous political intrigue still suffering from rejected love Alex had little time to spare his unknown bride: **The Marigold Chain book series** But Chloe was no demure miss to sit meekly at home over her embroidery. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** Stung by her husband's indifference she determined to make her own fortune -- and regain her lost independence. **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** All in all it was anything but a marriage of convenience: **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** 5 STARSAs usual Stella Riley spins an exciting story and Alex Wyndham brings it to life with luscious vigor. **Book The Marigold chain of memories** Although I didn't find that the romance in this one was up to her usual standards: **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** I'm not quite sure what was missing but I didn't connect with the characters. **Book The Marigold chainsaw** The historical aspect was quite interesting I think I just wanted a little more from the hero, **Kindle The Marigold chain link** I find myself curiously uninspired as I sit down to write my review for this book which I think says something about the book itself. **Marigold chinese restaurant menu** As a historical fiction it is well written and well researched which I have come to expect from this author: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** The romance was very slow to develop and any hint of any romantic feelings was one-sided for about 2/3 of the book. **The Marigold Chain book review** For the first half of the book they barely interacted even though they shared a house as husband and wife albeit in name only, **Book The Marigold chain of command** Alex had a serious case of the sulks in the first 1/3 of the book behaving like a boy who didn't get his lollipop. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** Chloe was a nice enough girl but lacked a bit of personality. **The Marigold Chain book** As a result his supposed epiphany just appeared quite unconvincing to me: **EBook The Marigold chainsaw** Thank you to Sam and Joanna for buddy-reading this with me making this a more enjoyable experience. **Book The Marigold chain link** For this I decided to change course and use a narrator and read along or just listen: **PDF The Marigold chain book** I also buddy read this one but fell in love with Alex (according to my buddies maybe this is unusual) immediately. **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** In fact the way the storyline and romance was paced I absolutely adored, **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** The more accessible nature of this novel however left me appreciating Riley's gorgeous writing and her subtlety in building characters: **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** The romance is indeed built in moments and precious few at that but the characters are all so lovely it doesn't matter, **EPub The Marigold chain of memories** Despite all this the romance is built in moments and through characters which I love with the heaviest bits backloaded. **EPub The Marigold chainsaw man** the last 6% holding the majority of it



and the last 15% nearly all of it. **Epub The Marigold chain of command** In the end I haven't discussed that I adored Alex and Chloë and the secondary characters as well or why: **The Marigold Chain mystery 101** He also has a sense of responsibility isn't a hedonist and is ultimately kind-hearted and moral. **Historical Fiction The Marigold chain summary** In Chloë he met a woman who was witty yet innocent demanding yet forgiving and who also did not rest or give in to indulgent self-wallowing, **Kindle The Marigold chainsaw man** The narration is excellent and I'll gladly pick up another Wyndham, **The Marigold Chain book review** Alex and Chloë were not my favorite characters; I never really connected with them. **Book The Marigold chains** Giles on the other hand would be a hero I'd love to see a book written for: **Book The Marigold chained** The monarchy has been restored and the English Civil Wars have come to an end: **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** In a state of drunken rage he wins the hand of half-French Chloe Herveaux in a card game with her brother and the two find themselves unexpectedly married: **The Marigold Chain epubublishing** Their growing attachment to each other plays out against the backdrop of dramatic historical events culminating in the Great Fire of London: **The Marigold Chain epub download** I didn't love it quite as much as *A Splendid Defiance* but I did find it very enjoyable, **Book The Marigold chain summary** Alex is a mercurial character sometimes appealing sometimes obnoxious and Riley captures him in all his ambiguous glory: **Book The Marigold chainsaw man** Chloe is also an interesting character falling in love with her husband almost from the start but remaining interested in her widening circle of friends and in her own activities. **Kindle The Marigold chainsaw man** As for this I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys historical fiction and/or historical romance. She enjoys theatre travel and playing the harpsichord. Stella Riley lives in Kent England. She enjoys theatre travel and playing the harpsichord. {site\_link} Straight 'A's at AudioGals. The action is set in London in 1666. Next morning they agree to seek an annulment. The characterisation in this book is superb. Chloe is clearly Alex's ideal partner. The Kindle edition is priced at £3. And oh my but it was well worth the wait. Paul's cathedral. Highly recommended. Hardcover 3.5 Stars This was a buddy read with Jultri and Sam. Far from that. It doesn't work. . . The key element isn't there. But that sort of listing would make my review interminable. He doesn't speak like that just because. See this thing here? It won't do at all scrap that. *The Marigold Chain*



3. The writing was stellar. This was an audiobook. Alex Wyndham was exceptional as usual. Hardcover 3.5/5. As a historical romance it certainly disappoints. I was also engaged in the book immediately. until about 75%. Then I got a little impatient. Alex is an impertinent self-aware difficult jackass. Of course this means I love him. Throw in her unassuming manner and she's just a delight. Or Riley/Wyndham. Because it's a great combination. Hardcover 3.5 stars for the story. 5 stars for Alex Wyndham's narration which is no surprise. ☐☐ Hardcover The year is 1666 the setting Oxford. Hardcover.