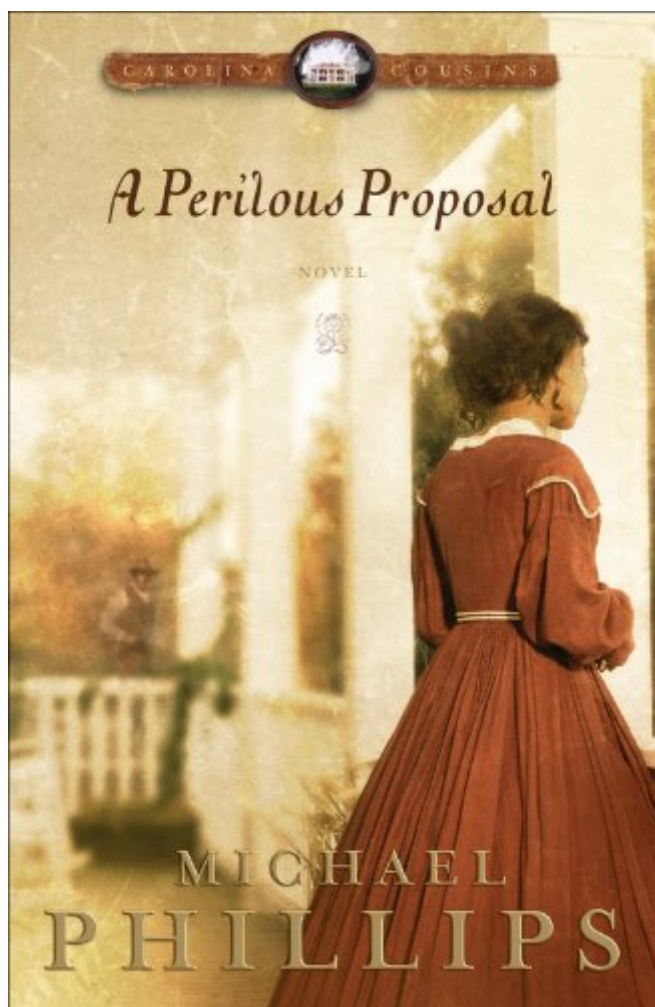


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Synopsis

Two years have passed since the conclusion of the Shenandoah Sisters series, and Katie and Mayme are young women with big dreams, running Rosewood with the help of their two uncles and their friends Emma, Josepha, Jeremiah, and Henry. Jeremiah proposes to Mayme, but she is hesitant to accept. She loves him but does not want to give up her life at Rosewood. Local whites are furious at the Daniels brothers for harboring blacks at Rosewood and treating them like equals. The newly rising KKK kidnaps Jeremiah and plans to hang him. Will the brothers rescue him in time? Or will Mayme live to regret not saying yes to Jeremiah when she had the chance? Carolina Cousins Book 1

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In A Perilous Proposal, Michael Phillips does the hard work to make it easy for the reader. The good storytelling and excellent writing make this a delight to read. There are few unnecessary words. The smooth flow effortlessly carries the reader along. Phillips can turn a phrase with the best of them. He writes, "It was a time of the year when the earth seemed fresh and alive and full of hope, and when you just couldn't help thinking that no matter what happened, somehow everything was going to turn

out all right."The realism gives a glimpse of life through the eyes of a runaway slave. The cruelty and hardships that Jake Patterson experience as a boy leave him with deep-seated anger and resentment. He blames his father for leaving when in reality his dad was deliberately sold to separate Jake's family. After his mother dies from an attack by a drunken white man, Jake flees out of fear that someone will find out about a terrible secret that he carries. It's one that haunts him on his journey to reconnect with his father and find himself. Jake begins to soften when he experiences the kindness of others. He learns that not all white people are oppressors. Along the way he meets two young women, one white and one black, who struggle to keep a plantation going. The black woman, a former slave, takes up the narrative half way through the book. This is a classic coming of age story in the post-Civil War south. It's also the first book in the Carolina Cousins series, which is related to the popular Shenandoah series. Occasional reflections are especially rewarding. One character offers an observation on an overlooked response to hardship. "Anger's not a pretty thing. It makes people miserable inside.

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