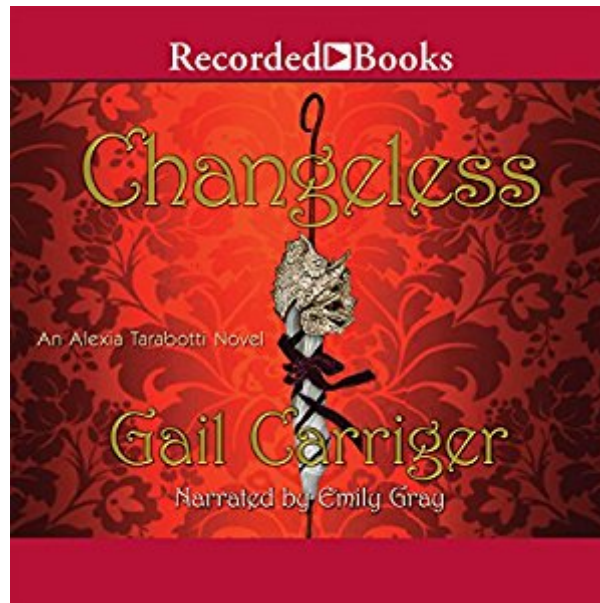




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Synopsis

Gail Carriger created a fascinating steampunk vision of Victorian England in her "intoxicatingly witty" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) debut novel *Soulless*—the first in the best-selling Parasol Protectorate series. *Changeless* is the second in the series and finds Alexia Tarabotti, now the Lady Woolsey, quite put out after her werewolf husband goes missing. So, armed with her trusty parasol, Alexia boards a dirigible and heads for Scotland to find him.

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Customer Reviews

*Contains Spoilers if you haven't read *Soulless*! My name is Larissa and I am a Spoilerholic! I love spoilers but sometimes my addiction comes and bites me in the butt. Right around the time *Changeless* came out I made the mistake of reading the blurb for *Blameless*. That was it, I could NOT read *Changeless* and deal with the wait for the the next book, so I just waited for the release of *Blameless* to get close before I read *Changeless*. I brought my copy of *Changeless* on my NY trip and devoured it in hours. My first trip to Barnes & Noble had me getting a copy of *Blameless*, but before I could do that I ended up buying the kindle version as well, since I didn't know when I was gonna be able to go to a bookstore. YES, that's how much I needed to read *Blameless*. What I learned from my experience is how amazing the Parasol Protectorate series is and that *Soulless* was NOT the work of a one hit wonder. Gail Carriger is an amazing writer that has been able to convey the Victorian era beautifully and at the same time add all my favorite elements in the paranormal genre to it. Alexia and Connall go through the ringer in *Changeless* and *Blameless*, I

laughed and I cried with them and mostly I just wanted to punch Connall until he came to his senses. Most of all, though, I felt a lot of different emotions while reading these books and in this day and age where you can find so many books and series in your favorite genres, that is the best you can ask for. A story and characters that make you feel strongly is what sets those books apart for me and Gail has delivered that in spades. I am a card carrying Gail Carriger fan now and I cannot wait for what she will come up with next and for Alexia and Connall's next adventures! If you haven't read this series yet, please do, I guarantee you will not be disappointed. Originally Posted at Welcome to Larissa's Bookish Life {[...]}

Overall Rating 4 Stars-Book Description: 5-Cover: 3-Plot: 4-Creativity: 4-Grammar: 5-Simile Use: 4 (minimal usage)-Description: 3 (at times overwhelming)-Show And Tell Balance: 3

Changless is the second book in the Parasol Protectorate series and has within its pages humor, mystery, intrigue and a whole lot of supernaturals. I'm not stranger to Ms. Carriger's style, being as I have read the entire Finishing School series and am following up with this series. Granted, it would seem I took to things a bit backward, as this series was written before the latter. That being said is probably the reason I enjoyed this book slightly less than Soulless. At this point, I'm very accustomed to the world that is within this series and the Finishing School series and found that some of the description became a bit overwrought and tedious. Carriger is good at description, but I do believe it could have been minimized and kept the novel to a more reasonable length. Further, in Changless, we begin to run into characters from the Finishing School series but the stories don't exactly line up. Several of the characters are far older than they ought to be in comparison, and facts don't align such as Sidheag and Naill becoming alpha. There were several of these points that stuck out to me, and having fully fallen in love with Naill during Finishing School, I was slightly devastated to find in this novel he's not present because of his demise. All things considered, Changless is an interesting addition to the Parasol Protectorate series, if not a bit more dry and lengthy than needed. The ending promises that Blameless will pick up speed and continue in a new far more interesting direction.

Something is happening to the paranormals; they seem to have lost their abilities and are now mortal. Her husband has taken off on a BUR assignment and so Alexia is off to solving the problem herself. She is not alone, however. Her dizzy best friend Ivy. her snobby sister, Felicity, and others make up her entourage. As always, one either likes or hates the various characters.

I'd like to muzzle Felicity and find a brin for Ivy. But they do add to comic relief and

provide the reader with life in stuffy Victorian England. More is learned of Connal's past and prior pack. Professor Lyall reveals why he is beta. Portions of the story seemed too technical with the explanation of certain mechanical devices. Ms. Carriger takes us deeper into what is Steampunk England. This book appears more as a who-dun-it English mystery cozy, but then I love cozies. I still enjoy the haughty British humor with which Ms. Carriger writes. The relationship between Connal and Alexia is as ever enjoyable. There is, however, a cliffhanger, which took me by surprise! I'll have to read book 3! 4 stars.

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