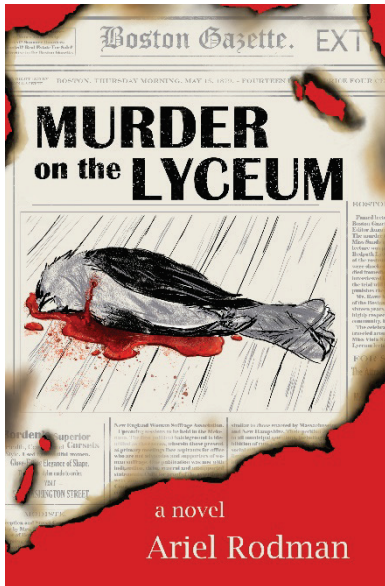


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# Murder on the Lyceum

a novel

Ariel Rodman

## The Story

In 1891, a young woman named Amelia Chesterfield, grief-stricken and mourning the loss of her mother, seeks to exonerate her late aunt, Viola Sands, in the murder of Viola's paramour, newspaper editor August Rowe.

Some two decades earlier, Viola Sands and Charlotte Wetherton push to the breaking point the boundaries of what society deems to be proper and acceptable ... both in public and in private.

Against the backdrop of the historical Redpath Lyceum speaking circuit, the twists and turns of this dual-timeline historical murder mystery take the reader on a pulse-pounding adventure that leads from the posh neighborhoods of blue-blooded Boston to the sun-drenched villas of Italy, from the shoreline of Newport to the arboretum paths of Mount Auburn Cemetery. With lush, rich writing that evokes the late 1800s, and drawn in large part from the lives and writings of real-life personalities of the time, *Murder on the Lyceum* is a meticulously researched period piece that will thrill everyone from the casual mystery reader all the way to the most demanding enthusiast of historical accuracy.

## The Author

**Ariel Rodman** is an educator and historian. *Murder on the Lyceum* is her debut novel and has its roots in research conducted for her master's thesis on the life and impact of orators/lecturers Anna Dickinson and Kate Field.

## The Highlights

- Story features strong, rebellious female protagonists in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Extraordinary level of historical accuracy, a product of both onsite and academic research.
- Includes aspects of Victorian-age spiritualism.
- Includes implied/non-graphic sexual situations.
- Comparable titles include Diane Setterfield's *The Thirteenth Tale*, A.S. Byant's *Possession*, and *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton.

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