

## Horatia Nelson Ward

Horatia was a Pinner resident and one of her descendants Lily Style has written a comprehensive work about her.

Set in 1873, *Horatia's Secret* is the first historical novel to tell the life story of Horatia Nelson Ward, who was honoured as the illegitimate daughter of national hero Admiral Lord Nelson, while her mother Lady Hamilton was spurned as the epitome of evil.

Bound by respectability, which she maintains at terrible personal cost, a secret she has held since girlhood is tearing her apart, but releasing it would destroy all prospects for her children.

Horatia must revisit her past in order to free herself in the present. She is helped along the way by her lively granddaughters, a genteel yet mournful cousin, and an imperturbable friend who cajoles them to spend Christmas in the Devon seaside village of Budleigh Salterton. They too have secrets that are hard to confess.

Written by Horatia's third great-granddaughter Lily Style, the story of Horatia and her relatives is an interpretation of archive material the author has uncovered through genealogical research. Author Lily Style is the founder of Emma Hamilton Society and regular writer for Nelson-focused publications.

*Horatia's secret* is available as an e-book from Amazon Kindle (£2.42 to buy, free to borrow) and £13.95 as a print book. Links below. I am donating all initial royalties to The 1805 Club.

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