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story of the founders of Edilean, Virginia.

I came to write *Days of Gold* because I was curious. In the early pages of *Lavender Morning*, I'd written a few sentences about the founding of the little town I'd created, Edilean, Virginia. They briefly told the story of a young man kidnapping a rich man's daughter, along with a wagon full of gold, and taking her to America. All through the writing of *Lavender Morning*, I wondered about that story. Had the young woman been taken away forcibly, or had she run off of her own free will? By the time I finished the book, I knew I had to find out the answers to my questions. I decided to write my first historical in eight years, the

I very much enjoyed writing the book. It was fun to again visualize kilts and horses, and a huge sailing ship headed for the newly formed American colonies. I loved the attempts of my hero, Angus, to be noble and Edilean, my heroine, as she got angry at him when he made decisions without consulting her. My favorite scene in the books is when Edilean nearly shoots Angus. By that time, he deserved being shot!

I also fell in love with the people around them. I felt so sorry for Prudence, the wife of the awful man, James, that I knew I had to give her a good ending. I truly loved her and Shamus! By the time I finished *Days of Gold*, I had a better idea of how Edilean started, and about all the people of Edilean. When I wrote my next contemporary novel, *Scarlet Nights*, I could see where people had come from, and had an idea of where they were going.

--Jude Deveraux

From Publishers Weekly

The inevitable prequel to *Lavender Morning* places Deveraux on familiar historical romance ground as she traces the journey to America of the namesake of the fictional town of Edilean, Va. English-born Edilean Talbot is very out of place when she arrives in 1766 Scotland to live with her uncle. A pressing problem presents itself when her uncle plans to marry off the rich, beautiful and well-educated Edilean to one of his unsavory friends the moment she turns 18. Reluctantly, Angus McTern, the highland hunk who laughs at Edilean even as he falls for her, helps her escape and accompanies her on a transatlantic voyage acting the role of husband. Once in Boston, they go their separate ways, later reuniting when old friends help Edilean dispense with an enemy. After dozens of novels, Deveraux has a sure hand evoking plucky heroines, dastardly villains and irresistible heroes, as well as a well-rounded supporting cast. If the plot seems familiar and occasionally contrived (how convenient laudanum is available when someone needs to be knocked out), the pace moves quickly and the romance sparks with enough voltage to keep readers turning pages. (*Dec.*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Edilean Talbot had a plan, and that plan had nothing to do with Angus McTern. In order to avoid being married off to one of her uncle Neville Lawler's odious friends (and having her dowry stolen from her by the very same greedy Neville), Edilean planned on taking her dowry; meeting her fiancé, James Harcourt, in Glasgow; and then running off to America, where they would live happily ever after. The only problem with

Edilean's plan is that Angus, the annoying leader of the clan McTern, turns out to be the one driving Edilean and her money to Glasgow. With the second installment in her Edilean saga, Deveraux returns to her historical-romance roots with another tale of a beautiful, strong-willed woman matching wits with a tall, dark, and equally stubborn man. While the plot occasionally pushes the reader's willing sense of disbelief to the brink and back, the novel's colorful characters and lively writing ensure that Days of Gold is classic Deveraux. --John Charles

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