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Edenbrooke is a proper romance novel that takes place in Bath, England in 1816. The main characters are Marianne Daventry and her twin sister Cecily. The sisters are complete opposites, Cecily is energetic and is anxious to marry, whereas Marianne is more quiet and wants to slowly settle down with someone who loves her for who she is. While Cecily is busy with exploring the big city of London, Marianne is stuck in Bath with her grumpy grandmother. Cecily has her eye set on a specific heir of Edenbrooke, so she invites her twin to come along with her to the estate. Marianne is elated to get out of the house and to the countryside, so she gladly accepts the offer. Their summer adventure has surprising twists and twirls.

I absolutely love this book, and I love the way that the author describes each of the characters' looks and feelings. There were also plenty of plot twists, balls, gossip, and twirls. I especially liked the ending of the book, and there were no parts that I disliked. It is fun to read this book to picture and imagine what proper etiquette and day to day life was like over 200 years ago. Most of the book takes place at the Edenbrooke estate which seems to be a beautiful English countryside, which I would love to visit some day.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good romance. And if you love an intriguing romantic plot, then this book is definitely for you. This book reminds me of another one of my favorite books, Blackmoore. Blackmoore is a proper romance, by the same author, Julianne Donaldson.