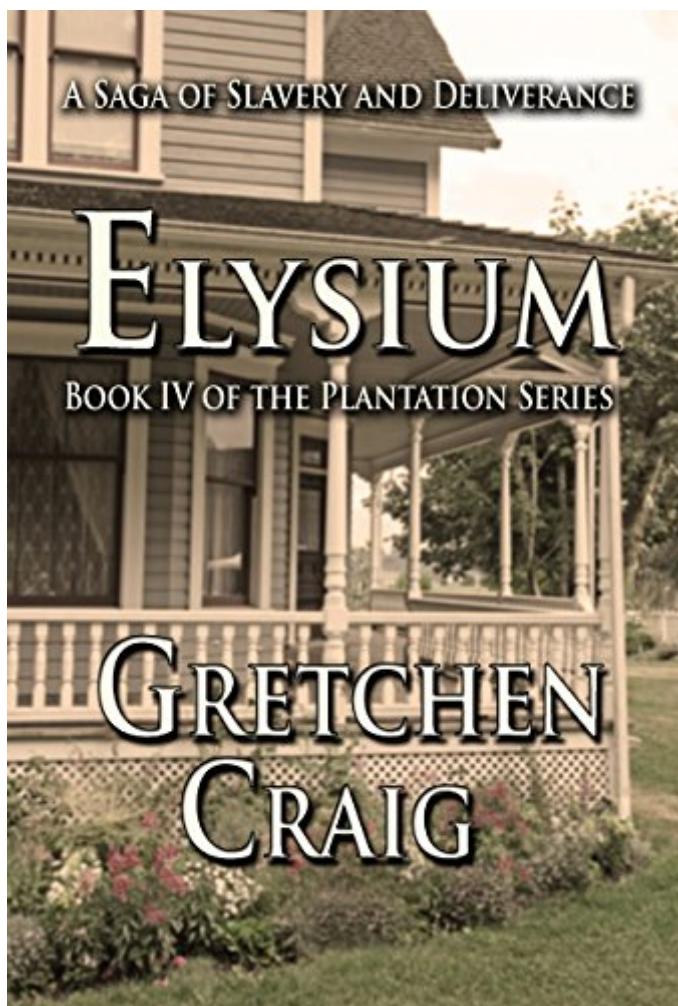


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# Elysium: The Plantation Series Book IV



## **Synopsis**

Gretchen Craig's best-selling saga continues in Elysium: Book IV of the Plantation Series. A woman with a secret, Lily Palmer flees with her six year old daughter to take refuge on her uncle's farm in Louisiana. Here she finds herself in a world struggling with the after effects of the Civil War. For the first time, Lily is confronted with her own careless assumptions about race as she learns to appreciate the humanity of everyone around her, white and black. Threatening the fragile peace she achieves, her futile love for Alistair Whiteaker collides with her own dark past, shattering all hope for a new life. Alistair Whiteaker returns from the war determined to make amends for having owned the men and women who toiled on his plantation. Sickened by his part in perpetuating slavery, he works to thwart the aims of white supremacists and violent racists. At the same time, he longs to make a family with Lily Palmer and her daughter. To do that, he must first eliminate the man who inflicts another kind of injustice on the woman he loves. Besieged by assaults from The Knights of the White Camellia, Thomas Bickell uses every ounce of his talent and courage to win suffrage for black men. An ex-slave himself, he knows Emancipation is not enough: To attain true and full citizenship, his people must have the vote. When Fanny Brown is assaulted by white supremacists whose true target is Thomas himself, he realizes his greatest challenge may be to reclaim the heart of his beloved

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If you enjoyed the previous books from The Plantation Series, this one will not disappoint! Continues with the previous books' cast with additional new characters. Touches on many of the same historical issues of that time period in personal, gut-wrenching clarity and engages the reader through empathy with the conflicts the characters experience.

I knew about the south during the civil war. I read anything I can find on the subject. The documentary films and books are great but heartbreaking. These books are much more personal in that you see everyday life effected by the war it's politics and civil rights.

Detailed descriptions of characters make this book a page turner. It was easy to become interested in the outcome of their lives. Set in Louisiana during the black reformation years, this title gives one pause to think what would have happened to civil rights if reformation continued under President Johnson. Perhaps the civil rights movement of the 60's would not have been necessary. The lives of whites and ex slaves are detailed as they try to live together in harmony and equality following the end of the Civil War. Although these political undertones are present throughout it doesn't detract from the page turning excitement; it offers a look into what it was like in the south during these years. For thought provoking reading as well as entertainment; this book offers both.

This book is a wonderful read. I couldn't put the book down as it is a page turner.

I have read all four of Gretchen Craig's Plantation Series, and loved them all! I would highly recommend to everyone!

I am so glad I ran into this writer. This series has been wonderful..great characters who leave you feeling you are actually living right there. Top notch author!

I didn't want this saga to end!!

This book was completed in three settings. I loved the flow of the story. The romance was tastefully done. This was the best of her books in this series. Hopefully, there will be a Book V.

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