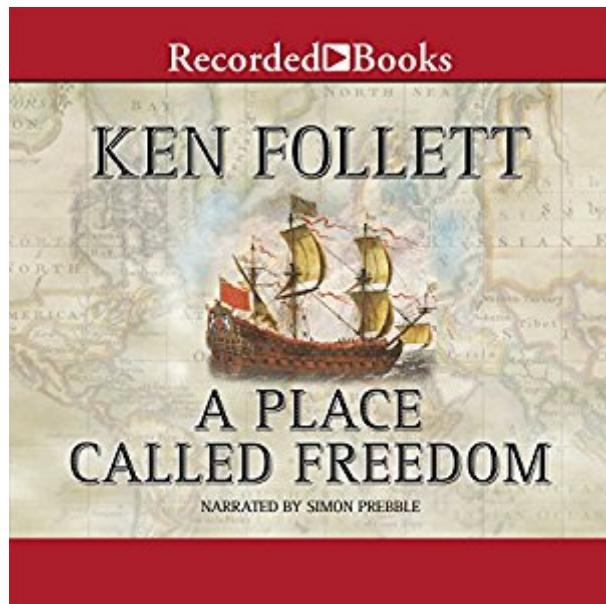


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# A Place Called Freedom



## **Synopsis**

Larger-than-life characters and an epic plot brimming with the energy of his internationally acclaimed thrillers make Ken Follett's *A Place Called Freedom* an experience not to be missed. This lush novel, set in 1766 England and America, evokes an era ripe with riot and revolution, from the teeming streets of London to the sprawling grounds of a Virginia plantation. Mack McAsh burns with the desire to escape his life of slavery in Scottish coal mines while Lizzie Hallim is desperate to shed a life of sheltered subjugation to her spineless husband. United in America, their only chance for freedom lies beyond the Western frontier - if they're brave enough to take it. Spanning two continents and bringing together an unforgettable cast of heroes, villains, and rebels, *A Place Called Freedom* is a magnificent epic of love, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Narrator Simon Prebble's masterful use of voice and pacing captures a vivid cast of characters and the powerful destiny that shapes their lives.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Ken Follett 's *Place Called Freedom*. The author reminds us so vividly through each of the characters the struggles , hardships, and sacrifices that our ancestors must have encountered to obtain freedom from oppression of individuals who think because of their station in life they have the right to deny another individual the right of freedom to become whatever their talents and skills deem them to be. Mack LIZZIE AND Peg made some poor choices but ultimately their determination, tenacity, and of course the power of passion and love endured and

they achieved freedom to become self sufficient and to love passionately.

I have only read Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett; a book I enjoyed for it's pace and historical interest. A Place Called Freedom didn't 'do' it for me. A rather tame historical romance with an improbable plot and poorly defined characters I would pass on this one if you are a mature reader who likes a bit of depth to your stories. There is a big market for such as this so I'm sure Follett didn't lose in the market place but it just wasn't for me!

Even if they get improbable at times, they are all page turners and loads of fun. In addition to a great read, Follett usually documents injustices raising awareness of the evil men can do without laws or morals. Love his politics and, of course, his highly entertaining writing.

From the Old World to the New, never a dull moment. Not a typical FOLLETT novel, this is historical reality from a different time and place. Plenty of excitement mingled with the tragic facts of bondage and class separation. Sex, love, hate, cruelty and dynamic characters keep the reader interested from start to finish.

Follett is one of my favorite authors, and has been since I read the century trilogy. He certainly didn't disappoint with a Place Called Freedom. As a young man escaping the coal mines in Scotland, and eventually arriving in the USA, there is never a dull moment in this book.

I loved this book! The characters will stay with me for a while, they were brought to life in this adventurous tale to freedom. Another Ken Follett tale well told!

Good mix of fiction and history. Easy reading with plenty of surprising situations. Once again Mr Follett demonstrates his mastery writing books.

I have read a lot of Ken Follett books. I started more than 30 years ago with Lie Down with Lions. I loved that book, loved The Eye of the Needle, Night Over Water, etc. Most recently I read Pillars of the Earth and World Without End. I loved ALL of these stories. A Place Called Freedom just didn't measure up to those other Follett books I have loved. The main character is Mack, he works in a coal mine in Scotland. The people there believe they are property of mine owners; in essence they are enslaved. Mack tries to help the people and it's disastrous for him personally. He ends up in

London where he again is tied to the coal industry and tries to help the workers. Again, it is disastrous for him personally. He can't seem to escape from being under the thumb of the people he has been under his entire life. Even when he is thousands of miles from his birthplace, he is still under the thumb of these same people. It seems highly improbable. The good points of the book: The strong willed female protagonist. Liked her sense of justice and integrity. Got glimpses into the way coal was mined 150 years ago. Very enlightening. Learned the meaning of cowpenned.

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