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Woo a young lady with a fishing rod and a bucket of worms? Oh-so dashing - but untitled - Everett Markham seeks a bride, and he has charged the field of Miss Sabrina Douglas, a woman who prefers trout to truffles. But, sometimes, even when both hearts are engaged, happily ever after isn't so smooth a journey.

Unabashed and unapologetic, Sabrina sets her cap for a second son, one who will smile patiently when he comes home to find she's misplaced their children. But marriage changes her in ways she could never have imagined, as the awkward debutante surrenders to a very real, very womanly, all-consuming love.

An irresistibly handsome English rogue, Everett plots his future with ruthless detail, but his future wife is anything but predictable, resulting in the zaniest courtship London society has ever seen. When a family tragedy upends his life, on his wedding day, no less, he must chart a slippery course with his most unlikely lady - as the new Earl and Countess of Woverton.

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Nicole Laverdure says

So captivating!

The Most Unlikely Lady, is such a good book! I loved Barbara Devlin's 3rd story in her Brethren Of the Coast series. The characters Everett and Sabrina are lovable. This author has done it again! She never disappoints me! This story is romantic, refreshing and fun to read! Another amazing story to devour!

Anna says

2.5 stars. So far, this is my least favorite book in the series. There were way too many misunderstandings between Everett and Sabrina, which became frustrating to read, and lacked the emotional scenes that occurred in the first 2 books. Hoping the next 2 books in the series will improve.

Tracy Emro says

I am going to go with 3 stars for this book - I liked the concept of the book and had no issue with the writing, but some of the twists in the story were just too unbelievable for me to love the book.

Sabrina Douglas has set her cap for Lord Everett Markham (this was the first thing in the book that grated on my nerves - he is the second son of a Marquess - he should be addressed as Lord Everett NOT Lord Markham - this seems to be a constant error in these books where the characters are addressed with their honorific title of Lord/Lady and instead of using their given name with the title as is correct, the author is using their surname).

Everett is charmed by Sabrina and begins to court her - he is pleased that she is interested in him and is not looking for a title. Sabrina is not your conventional lady, she is more of a tomboy and is glad that Everett has not title, as she believes that she would embarrass him.

Things proceed with Everett and Sabrina and they marry - almost as soon as they exchange vows, Everett's parent arrive to inform him that his older brother has died and he is now the heir and his now the earl of Woverton. OK - first unbelievable twist - his mother wants him to marry the girl that his brother was going to marry and says they tried to arrive in time to stop his wedding to Sabrina - but since they didn't, No Problem - she just happens to have annulment papers with her. WTF? You didn't have time to send a messenger that his brother died - but you had time to have annulment papers drawn up?

Everett and Sabrina travel to the family seat to learn their new roles. Sabrina tries very hard to transition from a mere "Miss" to a countess, but Everett's mother is slowly wearing her down and to make matters worse, Lady Celia, the oh so perfect lady that his mother wants him to marry is also in attendance. Lady Celia actually is a very nice person and she befriends Sabrina. The "lessons" between these two are very amusing and well done.

Sabrina and Everett start to drift apart - Everett has decided to wait to consummate their marriage until they are in their own home - but fails to inform Sabrina. Sabrina convinces herself that Everett is ashamed of her and that is why he hasn't touched her. So begins the misunderstandings...

Finally Everett has had enough and tells Sabrina that they will be leaving and going to their own home. Once they arrive, things seem like they are going to work for these two - they finally consummate their marriage and settle into their roles of earl and countess.

Trouble shows up on their doorstep in the form of his parents. His mother goes out of her way to insult and berate Sabrina at every turn. Here is where we get another unbelievable plot twist - she confronts Everett and produces divorce papers - all he has to do is sign them. Please! Divorce in 1812 was not that easy and it lead to social ruin - there is NO WAY this would have happened. I would have found it more believable that his mother hired a hitman to off Sabrina rather than have the family name ruined by divorce.

Everett tells his mother in no uncertain terms that he is married and will stay married to Sabrina and shoves the papers in his desk. Things take a turn with his mother when Sabrina saves her and Lady Celia. All of sudden, his mother is Sabrina's biggest fan???

Sabrina realizes that she is pregnant and can't wait to share her news with Everett, that is until she finds the divorce papers. Instead of confronting him, she decides to sign them and leave him. She waits until he leaves on business and then she bolts.

This is yet another unbelievable plot twist - she actually thinks that she can run away and keep her child - even in the EXTREMELY unlikely event that they are granted a divorce, she would have no rights - NONE. Everett would be given the child and Sabrina would have no say whatsoever.

Everett returns home ready to declare his undying love only to find his wife has left. He is frantic and can't believe that she left him. He goes to London and seeks out his friend Trevor hoping that his wife knows where to find Sabrina.

When he finally tracks down his wayward wife, I wasn't sure they were going to get a HEA. But thankfully these two FINALLY talk and their fears and insecurities are finally aired and they declare their love. It was very sweet :)

As I said, I thought the writing was great, the love scenes were spicy and while this story lacks the action/drama of the previous books, it is not without it's own charm. I liked the book, but I just didn't love it and I don't think I would read it again.

Mari Valencia-barajas says

Dear Everette,

You are a POS son of a bi***** that doesn't even begin to deserve Sabrina.

-pissed of reader

WTF did i just read ? The way this MF spoke to Sabrina in front of everyone,demanding she apologies to his witch of a mother was bad enough but then sending her to her room as if she was a f***** child im beyond words . And Caroline ? Fu***n Caroline is supposed to be her friend but she actually defends his actions ? What the actual F**k ?

Everett's apologies were half ass at best . I kept expecting him to realize what an ass he was , did that happen ? Nope he was too self absorbed to see the damage he was doing to his wife.

When Sabrina Finally leaves his good for nothing ass she in-lists the help of her friend Caroline (up until this book i liked her character) does she get help ? Yes but 5 minuets insto questioning from THE POS she tells him all .

The ending was wrapped up without getting any real apologies , nor did the hero (i use the term loosely) have to work to get his love back .

THE POS , in my humble opinion never did anything worthy of Sabrina (my favorite character in the three books I've read so far).

THIS MF !!!

So fu**N pissed ?

Synergy Quest says

4 stars

I really enjoyed this read. I love the fact that the heroine is such a spitfire. The only thing I find fault with in this story is the gross lack of the main characters to communicate. This is a common thread in historical romances, but with such a strong heroine it isn't believable.

Risha Crider says

Utterly amazing!

what an incredible story of love and life. I loved all the fun banter in this story but as it progressed I became the habitual "water pot". I felt every heartache, every joyous moment and cried every tear with Sabrina and Everett. With each book in the series they just keep getting better. Thank you Barbara for a wonderful book, please keep up the fabulous work...(although I could do without the black eyes from running mascara).

Jessica Parsons says

Another great read, i loved Sabrina's character and Everett's courtship did not start well at all. I had some good laughs and felt the love between family and friends. Sabrina is unlike the ladies Everett knows she is very straight forward and stands on toes and can swear but she is a unique character for her time and i really enjoyed learning about her

Heather says

Lord Everette Markham was a second son, a forgotten second son who never thought he could never have a happy life since everyone saw him a just the second untitled son of a nobleman even though he was rich . That is until he overheard Miss Douglass talking to herself after catching him in the dark with another miss.

Sabrina Douglass decided she didn't want a titled husband and would settle with a second son. She had set her cap on Lord Markham, and is heartbroken thinking he has no feelings for her, who would want clumsy and plain Miss Douglass . Few circumstances change and they both wed each other or her father the admiral might have to harm Lord Markham if they don't wed . Then Lord Markham parent came and tried to ruin their marriage or I should say his mother did they find love with one another or will the unseen changes ruin their chance at happiness?

thank you to my friend Amanda whom I learned of this author from . I will be looking to more from this author I will be getting the other books to the series since I started with this one which is book three in the series

Michele A. Blank says

OMG! I love Brie.

This third installment is absolutely the best yet! How can you get better than book one and two? For Ms. Devlin the answer is to totally change to acts and move from drama to some of the most hilarious dialogue I've ever read. I laughed so hard I woke my husband which is nigh on impossible. He even laughed following my reading of a couple passages to him, even though he did not know the characters background.

While I loved books one and two this far surpassed any expectations I had. I can't wait to move to book four.

Bonnie says

I loved this book just as I loved the other Brethren books! I am all too excited to share these books with my friends and family and read them time and time again!

Ash Mccoy says

This book was weaker to me than the rest of the series thus far. The first book had kidnapping and pirates. The second had spies and torture. And this one just had courting and annoying in laws. I loved Sabrina but felt that her self doubt was a little over done and didn't match her personality. But still an ok read.

Connie Huddleston says

I didn't like this one as much as the first in the series but will continue to read more from this author. The plot is good but a bit unbelievable.

Amber says

This is such a great series! For the most part, these books are stand alones and can be read out of order as each one focuses on a different descendant of the Brethren. However, I felt that the first book had a wealth of information regarding the brethren so if that is important for you, then definitely read the first book before reading the others. Like I said, I loved this book. The characters set it up to be a great romantic comedy and couldn't have asked for anything better. Sabrina is not your average lady; in fact, she is the biggest tomboy around. She does not swoon over flowers but will give you her heart if you take her fishing. She is clumsy and has a sharp tongue and Everett would not have her any other way. As a second son, Everett is without a title and is amazed that Sabrina considers him as husband material. I really like Everett's character, although at times I wanted to slap him upside the head for not thinking even though he had good intentions. This is a great series and look forward to reading the others!

Ann Gonzalez says

I was not disappointed. Sabrina and Everett's story is a amusing an heartfelt as the first two books in the series. Both are filled with self doubt and feel that they are lacking. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Jayne dArcy says

Sabrina and Everett really need to talk to each other. They are a mass of assumptions until Sabrina leaves her husband under a misunderstanding.

I do have to reveal that when Everett stood up for his mother in public against his wife (social standings were involved) I wanted to tear my hair out. My own marriage had a point where my husband had to choose between his wife or his mother. Had he chosen his mother I would no longer be married to him.

It was very hard for me to understand the situation from the mores and strictures of the day, and that no matter how right Sabrina was she was wrong in what she did, and she embarrassed her husband with her

behaviour.

Still, I liked Sabrina. She is an unconventional woman of the day who prefers fishing to dressing up for the Season. She speaks her mind, she has a great right hook, and she loves to slide down bannisters.

Everett Markham has fallen for this unconventional woman because she makes him laugh. Sabrina makes him feel wanted, worthy, and himself unconventional. That all gets tragically thrown out the window on his wedding day which leads to the morass of assumptions between husband and wife.

This was a more mundane story in that it was a courtship, and then a marriage. There really were no real outside influences that hung about to menace either hero or heroine throughout the story.
