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A Duke. A Runner. An Earl.

Three men, each born into different circumstances.

Each fighting to overcome their own adversity.

All striving to change their past.

As much as Nathaniel Frederickson, bastard brother to the Duke of Wesbrook, loathes the status and consequence of his lowly birth, he has reinvented himself by becoming London's leading Bow Street Runner. But no matter his success or his charm, he never seems to be good enough.

Lady Annabel Baines, self-professed bluestocking, has one goal in life. To create a legacy for her deceased mother by ensuring the success of her school for young ladies. Even if it means being beholden to a man intent on ruining her life, forcing her to make impossible, heartrending choices.

Assigned to recovering stolen artifacts, Nate is thrust into Anna's privileged world. To make matters worse, he is forced to protect her from a mysterious threat she refuses to acknowledge. While fighting Anna's stubbornness—and his unwanted fascination with the spoiled chit—Nate becomes the renewed target of a blackmailer thought to be destroyed . . . while a killer sets his sights on Anna.

Will the well-born bluestocking ultimately save the bastard Runner?

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Sharon Eikenberry-Deary says

Bastard of a Duke to runner to baron

Nate and his men were on assignment on a rainy night in London. They had to catch the Viper before he killed anymore. Nate was sent to the country to help an Earl with stolen Egyptian artifacts. Who was stealing them and for what. Why was this man wanting them and wanting to kill Nate. Exciting and true love story

Miriam says

A good read to escape into while traveling. A Regency Romance with a small surprise here and there but rather predictable but still entertaining.

Jeanne Johnston says

This might have been a good book but the "heroine" (a woman so stupid she was stealing priceless artifacts from her father to pay off a loan shark, and was determined to keep it up) irritated the hell out of me. Nate's attraction to her was nonsensical, and her thievery was so easily glossed over in the end. The villains' connection was also improbable, as were so many smaller things. I can't say I hated it but I certainly didn't enjoy it like I wanted to.

Pamela says

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This was a great book I loved the characters and all the action ,excitement and suspense and lots of love.

Mrs E M W WILBAND says

A good read

A good read with a fairly credible story. It is easy to empathise with the lead characters . Looking forward to the next book in the series.

Mary Stockwell says

Entertaining

This is an entertaining and charmingly enjoyable book. Anna is in such a mess of her own doing. Nathaniel is trying to catch a thief in her father's home. He is also trying not to fall in love with her. Great plot.

Holly says

I genuinely loved the first book of this series and I was excited to see what would happen with the bastard-brother-of-an-earl-turned-Runner, but this book just never hooked me. The heroine was so one dimensional and (to be honest) dumb and selfish, that I just didn't even care about them as a couple or her as a person at all.

Aiga Al says

I would have liked if the book's pace had been faster.

Dawn Fox says

Disappointing

I can honestly say this is the most boring book I've ever read.
There are hardly any characters and far too much dialogue.
Also no action !

Juby says

Want to pull out my hair..

It is bloody irritating when the language is not appropriate for the time period of the story. Takes all the enjoyment away from reading.. I hope she uses better language in her next historical books, else I don't see much hope for them.. If I could give a negative star, I would give it..

Mari Valencia-barajas says

Furthermore, furthermore, furthermore. can I just say how much I dislike this word . It's like authors use it to make characters sound smart , important, someone who commands respect but it ends up doing the exact opposite. Just makes them look stupid IMO . I roll my eyes when I hear it in person .

ruth says

Page turner

Couldn't not put it down. Read it straight through can't wait to read about folklore and Emma next. Hoping it's soon

Monique says

Nathaniel Frederickson, a Bow Street Runner, is asked to investigate a series of thefts: artefacts belonging to the Earl of Brodford have been disappearing. Nate will be living at Lord Brodford's country estate, far away from the London society, which he purposefully eschews. Nate enjoys all the perks of the aristocracy, as he lives with his half-brother the Duke of Wesbrook, who knows nothing of his life as a Runner.

Nate will also have to double as a bodyguard for Brodford's niece, 21 year-old Lady Annabel Baines. Nate detests the aristocracy, being the neglected bastard son of a Duke, who ignored him. Nate's previous meetings with aristocrats have been unpleasant and reminded him too much of his father's behaviour, but Lord Brodford appears different. Annabel intends to continue running the school her late mother left her, however there are some problems that need taking care of, and Nate is in her way. Annabel does not like having a watchdog, she tries to lose him, even though she does find him very handsome, but it's pointless, Nate will not leave Annabel's side.

Nate is very judgemental, he is blinded by his father's attitude towards him, while Annabel is not; she dislikes people based on their actions, not their title, and Nate makes things very difficult. He even surprises himself at how defensive he's acting towards Annabel; she unsettles him, she's not acting the way he expects, and he also finds her quite appealing. Annabel is known as a wallflower, and she is rather proud of this state of affairs, but she's also ingenious, resourceful, and stubborn, but in an entirely believable way. Nate is a dedicated professional, but he is blinded by his dislike of the aristocracy, and it clouds his judgement when it comes to Annabel, among other things.

I loved the beginning of *THE RUNNER'S ENTICEMENT*; we are given a good idea of Nate's job as a Bow Street Runner, and of the man himself. I sometimes find this trope of enemies to lovers trying, however the confrontational banter between Nate and Annabel is very entertaining, because they are quite adept when it comes to using words as weapons. It was rather obvious where the whole thing was going, but Ms. Ryleigh's writing made all the difference. Both Annabel and Nate are intriguing characters, and their interactions were very interesting. *THE RUNNER'S ENTICEMENT* is very fast-paced at the beginning, but unfortunately after a while things begin to drag on quite a bit; the plot could have been tightened a tad. However the prose is clever and witty, and the dialogues are exceptionally well done, as are the sex scenes. Although it does make references to the first book, *THE RUNNER'S ENTICEMENT* can easily be read as a standalone. I hope we get to learn more about Nate's friend, the earl of Foxmoore, because he's quite fascinating.

I give 3 1/2 stars

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

The Book Junkie Reads . . . says

Come on all. What do you get when you put a bastard son of a duke with the current duke that is said bastard's half brother? You get a proud strong independent man that wants nothing to do with the aristocracy. He has a life outside of the relationship that he has with his half brother. That life calls on him to do things that, if born legitimate and respectable, he would not have been permitted to do.

Nate has his own views of the aristocracy and he holds those views close to his heart. He then meets Lady Annabel. She throws all that he expects of the aristocracy out the window with her views of the world around her. She looks at people based on their actions not on their birth, rank, or social standing. None of what she does meets with the expectations that Nate has while living in her uncle's home.

I found the interaction between Nate and Annabel to be entertaining and a bit predictable. I enjoyed their clash of wills and the strong nature of Annabel. She was more. While not making it seem all about her. There was a big pull in the beginning. I then felt like I was being dragged to the end. I would like to give this another try after reading the first book in the series. I want more information.

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Amy ~ Love At 1st Read says

Nathaniel Frederickson, Bow Street Runner, detests the ton. Who could blame him? Bastard brother to the Duke of Wesbrook, he and his mother were rejected by his father and left to fend for themselves. Used by a society lady who thought he was good for bedsport until she found a titled gentleman, he has always seen himself as "beneath" people of society. So when he is assigned a case recovering stolen artifacts, he's not pleased that his assignment also includes protecting the gentleman's daughter, Lady Annabel Baines. Lady Annabel has dedicated herself to continuing her late mother's legacy, a school for young ladies. But with low funds, she's had to go to impossible measures to keep the school afloat. Now she has to do so under the watchful eye of her handsome bodyguard.

At first Nate is certain Lady Annabel is like every other privileged woman but it doesn't take him long to realize she's different and he is fascinated with her.

While trying to solve the case of the stolen artifacts, Nate comes face to face with a threat from his past. And now this threat has also set his sights on Anna.

Addie Jo Ryleigh writes the perfect blend of mystery, intrigue, and romance. Indeed, it's a near perfect ratio of romance to suspense with neither suffering in service to the other. This story will get your heart racing and your brain whirring. I was quickly drawn into this story and the delightful characters of Nate and Anna. The love story between the 2 is the over-arching story line but the suspense elements really raise the stakes, placing obstacles in their paths before they can find their happiness. My only fault, and it's no fault of the author, is that I should have read #1 in this series first. Makes sense, right? Had I done so, I think I would have had a much easier time following some parts of the story. So I will definitely be going back and reading the first book. So excited to find a new author to follow!
