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A Lady's Desperate Choice

When the loathsome Lord Bascomb tries to force her into marriage, Elizabeth Woolcot, against her will, must appeal to her influential guardian. Nicholas Warring, known as the Wicked Earl, is a darkly handsome charismatic figure--with the power to save her but a past that could put her reputation dangerously at risk. A ruthless womanizer, he has also been convicted of murder--and barely escaped hanging.

A rogue's tainted honor

Elizabeth can't help her attraction to the man who haunts her dreams--nor his hunger for her. But she knows it can never be. For Nicholas is a married man. Then a heinous crime shatters their lives--and Nick is the natural suspect. Elizabeth wants to believe in his innocence more than life and love itself--but can she trust a man who has killed before?

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Ren says

Loved the hero and heroine in this book. They would do anything for each other and I loved that they didn't fall into the conventional mold most heros and heroines fall into. We have a tortured hero that loves the heroine and expresses this to her from start, even though it is hard for him to admit love. The heroine loves the hero with her whole heart and would do anything or face anything to be with him.

Oda says

This sucked so hard it's going in the bin - without reading the second Kat Martin book in the maxi paperback. Never again!

marion frazier says

Great historical read

Kat Martin's historical novels are always a good read and this one was no exception. Great characters and plot i highly recommend

Cristina says

Lo he disfrutado mucho, aunque las primeras 100 páginas fueron demasiado rápidas y la historia parecía desestructurada. Pero a partir de ahí lo compensa con creces. Preciosa historia de amor con un protagonista fuerte y valiente que no se calla nada

bell says

Two star's because I was only able to finish it by skipping lots of chapters. The hero was married , which turned me off from the beginning. Oddly enough, I don't mind forced seduction, violence etc, but for some reason a married hero lusting after the heroine, totally turns me off from a book. The hero and heroine basically hook up throughout the book while he is still married (though the wife and him have been apart for years).

So in all fairness, my 2 star really has nothing to do with the writing style or the plot, it is mainly due to my own preferences. Some may categorize this as a bodice ripper, but I wouldn't place this story in the same category.

Heat level- pretty steamy

Violence- Rape- and abuse of a courtesan

Missy says

Really, really enjoyed this book - just could not put it down! A wonderful love story packed full of: jealousy; deceit; betrayal; obsession; greed; sin; redemption; murder; and true love. Nicholas and his sister Maggie are tainted by a past scandal & murder; believing he deserves no forgiveness Nicholas descends into a life of excess until a light enters his life in the form of Elizabeth, his ward. Elizabeth sees the good in him and he starts to see the errors of his ways and realizes he needs her. But his marriage and an obsessed suitor for Elizabeth's hand stand in their way. In the meantime Maggie realizes the convent life is not for her and paying 9 years for her sins is enough; it is time to live. They all decide to enter the London season hoping for happiness but whispers of the past scandal and Nicholas' wickedness follow them until a powerful friend steps in to help. Unable to get divorce Nicholas decides to find a husband for Elizabeth so she will be safe from him and the obsessed suitor. So much in love with Nicholas; Elizabeth realizes that he deserves to be happy too and agrees to be his mistress. This enrages the obsessed suitor into committing some evil crimes all in the name of having Elizabeth.....mayhem & murder follow.

Sharon says

Easy to read story involving the much used Guardian seduces his Ward theme. (I don't read the type often but I always enjoy it when written well).

Elizabeth Woolcot, (h/ward), is a very likeable leading lady. She isn't too happy about ending up as the ward of the notorious, convicted murderer, Nicholas Warring aka the Wicked Earl.

Likewise, when Nicholas' solicitor brings Elizabeth to his estate and presents Nicholas (H/guardian) with the news of his new responsibility, nobody is really happy about this turn affecting everyone's lives.

Nicholas accepts, eventually, after learning of circumstances in Elizabeth's life which has led to to this pass. He is determined being her guardian is not going to alter his decadent lifestyle and informs her of that fact. Since Elizabeth has no other alternative, she agrees and so the story begins.

It's a fun romp with the Wicked Earl continuing on with his drunken debauched partying and Elizabeth sneaking down the stairs to see what is going on. She and her aged Aunt are consigned to their part of the estate during these events by Nicholas, but Elizabeth isn't the type to reign in her curiosity so of course she gets caught time and again.

The attraction between the two builds, and Nicholas is quite the virile kinda guy. He is hiding his nature, but Elizabeth gets glimpses behind his facade which naturally intrigues her.

It's a light story that is written well. The only things that bothered me were the fatalistic attitude Nicholas holds as well as his irritating overblown sense of guilt. That guilt trip became so damn tedious and weakened his virile dominate alpha appeal spoiling how much more he could have been.

Time: 1803

Regency England

Manuela says

Un romanzo completo, intenso e coinvolgente, in cui praticamente non manca nulla.

Nicholas Warring è un eroe da urlo, tratteggiato splendidamente dalla Martin; in maniera accurata ci delinea un personaggio ricco di chiaro scuri, profondo, mai banale e con sentimenti umani.

E poi finalmente un'eroina che sa quello che vuole! Dolce e innocente all'inizio, ma che una volta innamorata è capace di tutto per il suo amore, anche di andare contro le regole della buona società e le sue stesse regole morali, e per questo risulta simpatica e vera.

L'unica pecca, se così vogliamo chiamarla, è la parte finale, in cui architettano l'evasione dal carcere, forse un po' superficiale e semplicistica, ma è davvero un piccolissimo dettaglio in un romanzo che merita di essere letto.

Dianna says

Oh so good

Deliciously wicked and oh so good! New author for me and really loved her writing. Im definitely buying next book

Alixendra says

2.5 to 3 stars

Wicked Promise ended up getting better towards the end, however, I felt "meh" every time I read it. I love the characters, but the storyline was paced oddly as well as not being as good as her other works I've read. I'm hoping the next book featuring Rand Clayton will be a bit better.

1. Oliver Hampton (the creep who wants to basically kidnap and rape Elizabeth, as well as any girl he lays eyes on and deems "his") is not as well developed as the villain as he probably could be. I would have liked to hear more about the "Wicked Earl" Nicholas and Hampton's son Stephen background a bit more in depth. Not that it was presented too early or too late, but it just wasn't very climatic. It dropped obvious as to what happened, but nevertheless, this was one of the development issues I had.
2. There could've been more problems that involved Nicholas' wife Rachel. Not that anybody likes lots of problems in a story, however the lacking in this one particular made it all a bit...bland. It's as if the overall writing style was affected by the lack of roller coaster rides up and down. It was more like a really fast straight way ride that had like one loop in it and after it's over you're thinking, "that's it??"
3. Elizabeth and Nicholas were far more of a cliché romance novel couple than any of her other works I've read. Yes, yes the others are quite a cliché at times, but for some reason, their story was particularly annoying.

Madison says

I think of this book as an action-romance. With attempted kidnappings and prison breaks it had definite moments where it grabbed your attention by the collar and didn't let it go. It also countered this with some serious lulls and a love story that I found a bit forced.

Splage says

3 1/2 - 4 stars. Good read that kept my interest, lots of things going on in this story, a lot of minor conflicts throughout that kept it moving. Guardian/ward story with some good sexual scenes, also there were other women and men for the H&h in the picture which did create some jealousy- which I loved. The hero was very tortured soul and a little bit of a downer- he said "I am sorry" too much, but it was a good love story.

Primadonna says

I feel dissatisfied because the extreme villain ends up like that. He should have suffered more.

Mo says

For a time back in the 80's & 90's, my reading material of choice was frequently bodice rippers, historical fiction, and regency romances with a few contemporary best sellers thrown in for good measure. Most of them were pretty steamy (blush) &/or overly romantic, but I read them during a time in my life when I found myself as a single parent, and these books fit the bill. I found them to be highly entertaining.

I recently donated a slew of them, but I wanted to catalog them all the same. So if there is no rating here from me, it means that I don't remember anything about the book other than I obviously read it. If there is a rating, it must have been in some way memorable for me.

I only wish that GoodReads had been around years ago so that I had some idea of the many books I have read – there were thousands! I did own a copy of this book, but most others came from the library because back then I could never have afforded the 100+ books I generally read in any given year.

And by the way, I still read bodice rippers – just not quite so many as I used to!

Velvet Fen says

LOVE,LOVE, LOVE this book. I read it for a second time as soon as I finished it the first time. Beautiful love story.

