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Giles Goddard, Lord Norcourt is odd. Born with his life's cord wrapped around his neck and sent away to Ireland to be raised in an orphanage run by nuns, he's known nothing but the cold sting of being misunderstood and altogether unwanted. But that's all about to change...

Lucy Whitaker is a fallen woman who has done her best to build a life for her and her son. But when her son finds a battered gentleman left on the side of the road, her entire world is about to come crashing down as she once again finds herself caught between two brothers: an heir and a spare.

Will Lucy's dislike for nobility forever keep her from eternal happiness or can Giles convince her to follow her heart and take a chance on loving a baron?

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Jessica Grogan says

LOVED IT!! Definitely enjoyed this more than Secrets of a Viscount! It was all I could do to put this book down!

My favorite thing about Rose Gordon's books continues to be her heroes. I have read many, many historical romances and most authors give us the same hero time and time again; the reformed rake that we're expected to believe will suddenly be faithful to one woman he's known all of a week. I love that Gordon's heroes are inexperienced (many are even virgins, including Giles).

I thought Giles was such a sweet guy and that Lucy (of Liberty for Paul fame) was a perfect match for him. There was just enough action to keep the story moving without it getting tedious. Wonderful read!!

???s Xamante de los spoilersX says

Típico caso al que suelo llamar SÍNDROME SPECTRE (en referencia a la película del agente 007). Es cuando una película o libro en este caso comienza tan bien que estoy decidida a agregarla a mi lista de favoritos pero lamentablemente pasa algo en la mitad que hace Que deje de interesarme por la historia o algo Que me disguste tanto que me tiré TODA la historia a la basura.

En resumen este libro fue una completa decepción, tanta anticipación para nada, de la nada los protagonistas se casan y se dicen que se aman. REALLY?

Dawn says

++Spoilers++

Much better than the other book I read by this author (His Jilted Bride).

I loved hero Giles who is a bit odd but lovable. Born with the cord around his neck, his way of thinking is a little different. I like that he is not portrayed as being mentally challenged, but just a little slower in his thinking, responses and understanding of conversation. He really isn't that different from anyone else, just a little slower to responses.

The heroine is likable but falls a little flatter to me than the hero's character. I still liked her though.

My only complaint is that the whole family line thing with Giles was a little confusing to me, and needed some clarity. I also felt there could have been a little more information of the heroine's background, otherwise I have no complaints.

I previously wrote in a review "Jilted Bride" by the same author how I would not read more by this author. I have revised my opinion. This author seems to be one who does not write heroes as rakes, so therefore after

this read, I will try others of hers.

I would recommend this book to friends.

Safety

Hero-Virgin

Heroine-Experienced - one time

OW-No

Cheating-No

Adultery-No

Violence-No

Cursing-No

Sex- Yes very nice, slow and sweet but near the end of the book

Rape-Attempted, thwarted

Beth S says

In exchange for an honest review, Rose shared an ARC of Desires of a Baron with me. I expected to really like this story and it exceeded my expectations. I have read all of the Regency novels that Rose has written, I have re-read a number of them. I am honestly a fan of her work. I always enjoy the humor that pops up in her stories. I also like that her heroes and heroines are individuals who are not cookie cutter characters. Rose is also very good at not repeating her characters. Giles is her third Regency hero who is socially awkward, but he is very different from her prior heroes who might be described as odd. Giles especially is odd, but very self aware. He keeps trying and works to make his world right for him. Lucy was a minor character we first met in Liberty for Paul, actually we really got to know her son Seth. She has substantial struggles, but tries to face them all with determination and is likely as surprised as the rest of her world to have a happily ever after happen to her. Seth was a very young boy when we first met him, he is older now and has grown into a very interesting young man. I enjoy the interaction and relationship building that occurs during the book. I loved how Giles and Lucy grow into themselves, as a couple and also as a blended family. People may shy away from the label "nice", but it fits here - a collection of nice characters who are each struggling with some difficulty and how they grow together. I loved this "nice" story and I hope you will enjoy it as well. I definitely will read it again and despite having an ARC, I will support Rose and purchase a copy next week when the title is released.

Judy says

Desires of a Baron by Rose Gordon

Gentleman of Honor Series Book 2

Giles Goddard, Lord Norcourt sort of lives in his own little world. He'd be fine if most people left him alone there. Like his mother for instance. And all those senseless chattering young ladies that had been paraded in

front of him. When he meets Lucy and her son Seth, he finds that he can enjoy being around others.

Lucy Whitaker was at her wits end. Her eleven year old son thought he needed a father and was starting to take the matter into his own hands. He just didn't understand enough about life, or men. And he had no clue that being born out of wedlock as he was would make his whole life a lot tougher. One thing Lucy had learned and learned well, you cannot trust the aristocracy. If she repeated it enough she'd remember that Giles was one of them.

Giles is such a lovable character. I fell for him in Secrets of Viscount and have awaited his story, I was not disappointed. Giles may be on the slower side, but when people take time to know him, they find the treasure inside. Giles and Lucy may be have been born on opposite sides of the spectrum but their lives are more alike than they realize.

**Sexual content within marriage

<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Angi Neal says

Desires of a Baron is unlike any book I have read. I love the fact that Giles is a self described "simple man". When he finds Lucy she makes him want to be more. She guides him to bandage old wounds and to find answers about his past he never thought he could. He helps to make her into the respectable woman she felt she didn't deserve to be due to her past. I love the conversations between Giles and her son Seth. I literally laughed out loud more than once. These two are a perfect father son duo! I highly recommend this awesome book and can't wait for the next in the series. Poor Simon hopefully won't strike out!

Tracy Emro says

While this was not as steamy as I usually like, it was nearly perfect!

I loved, loved, loved Giles. He is such a sweet man. He kind of reminded me of Forrest Gump - without all the adventures :). He is slow, but not stupid. He knows how he feels about Lucy, but thinks she wants his brother.

Lucy is understandably wary of noblemen and can't believe she is falling for Giles.

Add in her son Seth and Giles mother as well as Simon, Sebastian and Belle and you have a great, sweet romance about forgiveness, acceptance and love.

I really like Ms Gordon's heroes - it is a very nice change to read about heroes who haven't slept their way through the ton - while it makes for a less steamy book, it makes me respect her heroes all the more! I am really looking forward to Simon's story!

Katy says

I don't really know what to make of this book. It wasn't terrible, but it wasn't good either. So basically, did I

like it? Meh.

Plot: Lucy is a fallen woman with an adorable son who is determined to find himself a father. When he sees a severely injured man in need of help, he runs off to find his mother so that she'll help him aaaaanddd...maybe set them up. The injured man's name is Simon and when he's well enough to leave, he sends for his brother Giles, Lord Norcourt. There is a weird dynamic between Simon and Giles because of questionable parentage but that gets into spoiler territory. Basically, the entire book is a giant love triangle between the three of them although we are supposed to be rooting for Giles, which I was. Giles was born with his cord around his neck and was, therefore, a little....different. It mostly manifested itself as social ineptitude and very literal thinking.

I can't decide whether this book should have been shorter or much longer, I'm leaning towards longer. In many ways, it read like a novella. We only ever really scratched the surface of any of the characters. We learn a lot about Giles but not nearly as much as I would have liked. We know that because he struggled when he was a child, he was sent away to a convent in Ireland. This is, of course, why he lacks any real social skills. He doesn't know how to talk to people and his way of thinking was shaped by horribly strict and cruel nuns. I had no problem with Giles, I thought he was a wonderful hero, he treated Lucy far better than most heroes of HR do, but something was missing. I think with a hero (or any character) that finds it difficult to connect with people, great care has to be taken so the reader doesn't have a problem connecting to that character. Does that make sense? I hope so.

I think the major thing that was missing here was actual romance. I found the sex a little odd and perfunctory and there really wasn't much chemistry between Lucy and Giles. It was lovely, don't get me wrong, but I had no sighing or fluttering or even the obligatory *awww*. It was more of a "Now isn't that sweet", which to me, isn't enough. I don't wish I had my time back or anything, but it really isn't anything I'd recommend.

Dawn says

Giles Goddard, Lord Northcut, is an odd man. He's simple and not very fussy. When he accidentally falls for his brother's latest love interest, he knows he is in trouble. Lucy Whittaker is a fallen woman. When she and her young son move to London, she begins spending more and more time with Lord Northcut and is unable to deny her attraction to him. But with so many obstacles between them, can they overcome them?

Ever since I discovered Rose Gordon's books by accident almost 2 years ago, I have read everything she's published as soon as it's out. Only not with this one. I couldn't get to this one for several months. It's not that I didn't want to, I just couldn't work it into my schedule. Until now.

While this one wasn't quite as humor-filled as some of her others, it was a quick read. I think that Giles is a cross between Alex and Sir Winston. I loved seeing him be so matter of fact. It was also nice to peek in on Sebastian and Isabelle again too. Since this is set during same time period as her other books other than her Officer Series, I really wished for some cameos by past characters. And while they were mentioned, they never actually showed up. And that was ok.

Still it was a very pleasant read.

Recommended to fans of historical romance.

I read this for the category O and cover in Scattergories.

Rating 4 stars

Sassy Beta Reading & Review says

I so loved this book!!! It had me on an emotional roller coaster from the first word. Well...not the first word...but close enough! You get my point :)

As you see, when I write a review, I won't tell you what is in the story, I will however tell you my thoughts and feelings about the book. If you want details and spoilers...read the synopsis...that's what it's there for :)

The characters were so well written. The story line was wonderful and the description of details were spot on and very easy to visualize. This book made me laugh, it made me cry and gave me what I call "heart twinges". I love a book that gives me a physical response as well as an emotional one and this one did not disappoint.

This story is also very thought provoking. Multi POV (which is the best kind in my opinion)

You will not go wrong with purchasing this book, so run, don't walk to amazon, b&n or where ever it is you purchase your ebooks and one click....what are you waiting for?!

AnnMarie says

Desires of a Baron by Rose Gordon and is the second book in the Gentlemen of Honour series.

This is the story of Lucy Whittaker, an unmarried mother of a young lad, Seth, who wants to help his mother find a husband. When he tells his mother that an injured man seriously needs her help she doesn't immediately believe him because he's often lied in order to get her to meet a man he would like her to marry. She realises she can't just assume Seth isn't telling the truth and she follows him to where the man is supposed to be, and indeed where he is. Yes he is injured, badly. She and Seth drag, walk him back to their cabin where Lucy tends to his wounds. When he is conscious enough Simon tells her to send for his brother. He is quite enjoying Lucy's ministrations and as he isn't close to his brother, he doesn't think he will come to get him.

Giles Goddard, Lord Norcourt is the brother in question. He is actually Simon's half brother and for reasons that will become clear when you read the book, Giles was sent away when he was just a boy and was brought up in an orphanage. It's only recently that he and Simon have been in contact with each other, and the relationship isn't a very good one. Giles isn't as astute as some, he has problems with communicating sometimes, and he has very little self confidence. When he was born the umbilical cord was wrapped around his neck, and the belief is that that is what caused his problems.

When Giles fetches Simon, yes, he is a nice guy and does fetch him, there is an instant attraction between

him and Lucy. Unfortunately she has been hurt by a member of the aristocracy before and although she fancies Giles, she doesn't want to ever become involved with him because of his title. Simon is the son of a commoner, and he makes it known that he is keen on Lucy, he's a charmer, but is much younger than her. Seth has taken a real shine to him though and keeps putting his mother in situations where she has to she has to spend time with him. Unknown to her though is that when she is with Simon, Seth is spending time with Giles and they are becoming firm friends.

An incident happens with Seth and Lucy that leads to Giles rescuing them and Lucy realises that she is falling for Giles. She doesn't know if she can trust him because of what happened in the past, but she has a feeling that Giles isn't like any other aristocrat she has known. He doesn't want to come between her and his brother, but he doesn't realise that it's Seth that has made more of romance between Simon and her than there actually is. Will Lucy be able to make Giles see that she is interested in him, and not his brother?

Apart from the love triangle aspect of the story there is also some intrigue going on regarding Giles and his late father's will. He isn't very clever when it comes to the huge amount of legal jargon in the documents, and he accepts his mother's husband's help to sort things out.

On the whole I did like this book, but I didn't find it exciting, there was nothing to hook me into wanting to finish it, apart from the fact that I am reviewing it. It was a pleasant read, and the characters are lovely, especially Giles. I personally like a story with a lot more going on.

I read this story as part of an anthology, *The Hero Least Likely*, which I was given a complimentary copy of in return for my honest review.

Krystal says

Warning: This book does include sex within marriage.

And I thought the first novel in this series (*Secrets of a Viscount*) was good. *Desires of a Baron* was everything the first novel was - and more!

Following the same timeline as the first novel (this one picks up after Simon and Sebastian leave the house party), *Desires of a Baron* is filled with action, heartache, raw emotion and choices.

That isn't to say this novel was without humor, oh no! I would have to say that two of my absolute favorite moments are the custard eating contest between Giles, Simon, Seth and Mr. Appleton, followed closely by the scene in which Seth explains to Giles why he is not allowed to paint anything even remotely resembling a cactus.

Another thing that really stuck out to me was the fact that when I first began reading, I was excited to see Paul Grimes mentioned (for those of you who haven't read Rose's other works, he was the main character in her novel *Liberty for Paul*), and then I was even more excited to realize that Seth and Lucy were both also first mentioned in that novel. That is one of the things I love about Rose, her ability to engage you in one story, and then months (or even years) later she can write a completely different story about characters that appeared in one novel, and give them their own story in a completely new one. It makes the entire experience feel more like you're living it, instead of just reading about it. I mean how often do you read a novel where you see a name and think, "Oh! I know him. He married so and so, or he was involved in this scandal?" Just

another thing that (in my opinion) sets Rose apart from the rest of the pack.

I do hope there will be more to Giles' story down the road, I would love to know what happens to him as he tries to reclaim his Barony (so that he would hold more than just the title).

DISCLAIMER: I was given a copy of this novel in exchange for my honest review. This has not changed my review in any way, all thoughts and opinions stated within are 100% my own.

Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says

Same old plot line..nothing really new :/

Patricia says

I actually waited for this book...that is to say, I read the book before it, and needed to read this book as a result. It was worth it. Giles is an unlikely hero, yet gets to rescue not only the fair maid, but also her son, and his own half brother. The underlying challenge of this character (to create him sympathetically, allow humor, even that results from unique features of Giles, yet not make fun of him) makes the book an even stronger story. I adored his strong, silent ability to deal with problems, even if he occasionally approached them from a very different angle. I also liked that he has strong friendships, and that, by the end, it is obvious that he will manage just fine.

Feminista says

Rating: 4.5 out of 5.
