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If you love Downton Abbey and Jane Austen you'll love The Marriage Wager! This is book #3 in the Sweet Deception series. Jena Christie had been kidnapped by a group of drunken gentlemen, married and deserted on her wedding night. Now her new husband, Lord Havenhurst was refusing to acknowledge their marriage! Convinced his new bride couldn't hold her own among the ton, Dev proposed a wager that Jena dared not refuse. Neither had planned on a wild card called LOVE!

The Marriage Wager Details

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Deb Diem says

Karla Darcy's book, The Marriage Wager is an enjoyable read. This was my first book by Ms Darcy and I was impressed with her writing style. The Marriage Wager is a well written book with lovable characters, humor, drama, and action. Dev and Jena's story was a pleasure to read and I look forward to reading more from this author in the future. The Marriage Wager is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger.

InD'tale Magazine says

3.5/5.0

This is a sweet story about two people unwillingly succumbing to love!

Full review in March 2013 issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Jess Swann says

Que dire ? C'est une romance... C'est joli, cousu de fil blanc, mais ça se suit sans déplaisir. Les personnages ne sont pas d'une folle originalité, cependant, j'ai apprécié ma lecture et tous les trucs que Jenna a trouvé pour gagner... Donc oui, c'était pas mal... Malheureusement, ça n'a rien d'original et j'ai l'impression d'avoir déjà lu ça cent fois...

Le style de l'auteure n'est pas désagréable, les dialogues sont bien écrits, les personnages raisonnablement creusés. Que dire d'autre ? Qu'il me paraît étonnant que le mariage ne soit plus rapidement consommé. Ensuite, je trouve que Dev s'y fait peut-être un peu trop rapidement et j'aurais apprécié en lire plus sur le couple de ses parents

Cependant, c'est râler pour râler... Au final, c'est plaisant mais je n'ai pas grand chose à en dire ...

Ce que j'aime : les échanges Jenna/Dev

Ce que j'aime moins : pas la moindre surprise

En bref : Une honnête romance historique qui est dépourvue d'originalité mais qui est servie par un bon style

Ma note

Stephanie says

Really enjoyed this sweet story.

Kathy says

Really like the added comic relief of the motley crew of newly hired servants. Yes, this was a standard plot of a romance novel, but liked the laughter the couple shared over the antics of the crazy butler.

Sheila says

A fun, lighthearted romance set in Regency England, *The Marriage Wager*, by Karla Darcy, propels its protagonist from riches to poverty and back again. Swift point of view changes make for a slightly jumpy read, appropriately disorienting as Jena, upset from her favored days of good fortune, struggles to cope with a life of hardship without compromising her moral standards. When Dev sees her, he's convinced she's a fallen woman. But he'll never marry anyway, since ladies and actresses – both ends of the social spectrum – can surely only be interested in money. With Dev unwilling, and Jena unable to marry, the stage is set for romance.

Jena's father turns out not to be the only one partial to a good wager as this tale progresses. And Jena's good nature combines with good humor and generous wisdom to offer the promise of improvement to her former employees. There may even be the hope of love for this tale's jaded antagonist, if he can just learn to listen to his heart. Meanwhile readers can enjoy some great characters and fun historical details in a tale of pleasing romance.

Disclosure: I found a free ecopy. I can't remember how, but I enjoyed it.

Jane says

3.00 stars - rated pg13/heavy pg13??

I'm very slowly going through all my bookshelves and trying to catalogue books bought and read in years gone by. Stars and ratings are mere guesses at this point. I'm assuming I enjoyed the book at some point in my life?

Carolyn says

This is the first book that I've ready by this author and I really enjoyed it and would recommend it to those who like a quick weekend read that involves laughter, love, comic relief of the servant staff, friends that are quirky and just a sweet regency based story of falling in love when you don't want it.

KVP says

Good ole boy club

One of the "good ole boys" gets caught in him own trap. Humor throughout as the characters get to know each other and fall in love.

Isabelle says

Light historical romance with a bit of humor

Patricia says

It's fine. The romance between the two characters seems more like you have to imagine it happening rather than read what happens, but it's fine.

Kim Power says

A delightful romp

Jena and Dev are a typical Regency pairing in the best sense. Great banter, confused emotions, before love triumphant. But be aware that these well written stories are more novellas. This novel could have borne expansion in the mid section where a huge chalk of time is completely unaccounted for. The engaging characters like Lamb, Nanny and Martine could have been given a bigger role, as could Dv's cronies.

Nellie says

Fun, easy read.

Gianna Thomas says

I have read 'The Marriage Wager' several times and enjoyed every reading. This is my favorite of all that Ms. Darcy has written. But you will have to read it yourself to find out about 'Lamb.'

Have enjoyed all her books. Wish there were more.
