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To her surprise, Lady Mallory Byron finds herself walking down the aisle with the last man she ever expected to ask for her hand ...

Everyone knows the Byron brothers are "mad, bad and dangerous." Now their sister shockingly discovers she's the newest talk of the Ton when she marries the scandalous Earl of Gresham. Faced with a tragic loss, she'd sought comfort from him as a family friend. But soon consolation turned to passion, scandal—and a wedding! In the bridal bed, she finds pleasure beyond her wildest dreams. But can nights of wicked delight change friendship into true love?

Charming rakehell Adam, Earl of Gresham, has secretly loved Mallory for years. He lost her once to another man, but now he has a second chance to win her love—and plans to do so by any means necessary. Will Mallory's heart give him what he so dearly desires? Or is the past too much to overcome?

## **Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed Details**

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## From Reader Review Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed for online ebook

### Michelle Connolly says

The hero in *Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed*, Adam, is just perfect! He is everything a girl could want in a lover: protective, loving, kind, sexy and passionate. And his love for Mallory had me turning the pages. This is just the kind of plot and pining hero I enjoy.

It took me a while to finish it, but not because it was boring or slowpaced; I've just been very busy.

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### Rachel says

England, 1812

Adam is 32 and Mallory is 22. They make a great pair. It's so sweet how Adam has loved Mallory for so long. And she loved him to, but didn't know he loved her. Typical setting, lol. I was very happy with the whole book except for the love scene in which Adam wants her to "Say my name". If that's not a modern day sex thing, then I don't know what is. That ruined the whole scene for me. I didn't care for his attitude that whole scene. I know he was trying to stake a claim on her because of Michael.

(view spoiler)

It was great reading about the other Byrons as always. Of course they never have anything good to say except of the ladies are knocked up again. I am disappointed that the Duke has yet to have a son.

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### ♥The Kat's Meow♥ says

What if some twist of fate gave you the chance to achieve your heart's desire? Would you do everything in your power to achieve it?

Wicked Delights is my favorite book in the series. I know I mentioned it before: I'm madly in-love with the hero, Adam. \*sigh\* While I might have guessed what happened, it didn't diminish my enjoyment of the story, or diminish my passion for Adam Gresham

*Did I skim?* Not!

*Will I re-read?* Most definitely

*Did I enjoy the supporting cast?* Each and every one.

*News Flash!* Lord Drake's story coming in 2010!

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## **Ally72 says**

I am going to come back and write more about this book when I have a little more time. I will just say right now that I loved it and found myself smiling more than once as I was reading it. Adam is the kind of hero that is so fun to read about in books...he is protective, kind, loving, sensual, possessive, and all around the very ALPHA male. This book reminded me at times of Julia Quinn's novel When He Was Wicked and that is definitely meant as a compliment. Mallory was such a sweet heroine and I was so happy to see her get a HEA with Adam. This was a great addition to the Bryon series and I cannot wait to read the others. Woo-hoo!!!

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## **sparklyunikorn says**

**This is an honest and highly subjective review. It contains spoilers as well. You have been warned.**

There is nothing much happened in this book and all I had are these things like how much Adam loved Mallory, Mallory still grief of his dead fiancé, Adam's determination to get Mallory happy once more, Mallory's assumption that Adam and she just friends, and same things repeated all over.

The romance though was flat. I was surprised it felt like it but when these two made appearances in previous book, they actually gave a great chemistry between them. However, the funny thing is the chemistry was great between Mallory and her supposed dead fiancé when it was none in previous book.

What I hated the most about this book is as I mentioned above the supposed dead returned from the dead. Hence, drama created. Therefore, it ruined everything. I almost abandoned the book because I couldn't stand the stupidity of the unnecessary scene and idiocy of the characters involved.

I can't believe the book came from the same author when I immensely enjoyed her previous books but this one. Overall, it was torturous to finish that it was such a relief to finally get rid of it. Good riddance, indeed.

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## **Anja says**

The pacing was slow. There were a lot of words but nothing was happening. The plot was thin and stretched to transparency.

There are 8 siblings, 3 wives (all fertile bunnies), 1 mother, 1 cousin, and a few friends among others in the cast. That is way too many people without relevance to the plot for me to remember before 25% of the book is even over.

There was no chemistry between Mallory and Adam. There was no emotion in the writing.

When Mallory and Adam face adversity at the 75% mark, they both react in a childish manner that lasts the remainder of the book.

I was extremely bored and frustrated while reading this book.

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## Shawna says

4 ½ stars – Historical Romance

This is a really good ‘friends to marriage/lovers’ romance, but what makes it somewhat unique and refreshing is that in this, it’s the *hero* who’s been madly in love with the heroine, his best friend’s younger sister, in secret for years, instead of the other way around, like is so typically the case in many romances.

Adam, Earl of Gresham has been a close friend of the Byron family for years, and he’s been in love with Lady Mallory since she was a precocious girl of sixteen. But circumstances, including the fact that she was the younger sister of his best friend, Jack, their age difference, and his family’s financial ruin, kept him from claiming Mallory for his own. So he stood back and watched in agony as another man courted and became engaged to his one and only love.

Now Adam has a second chance to earn Mallory’s hand in marriage, and he won’t let anything stand in his way from winning her for himself this time, thoroughly and forever. Their friendship leads to a passionate romance and “wicked delights” in the bedroom that Mallory never imagined possible. But can Mallory give Adam the one thing he craves most of all...her heart? And when obstacles from the past resurface, will their love survive?

Adam and Mallory are great characters with realistic, complex insecurities, emotions, and human failings, and I loved them together. The close friendship, tender affection, and intense passion they shared were heartfelt and touching, and their love scenes were sensual and seriously steamy. One scene in particular that demonstrated Adam’s *skills*, commitment to Mallory’s pleasure, and possessive streak was yowza hot and had me fanning myself!

Adam was such a sexy, devoted alpha hero, and it was clear that he loved Mallory deeply and irrevocably. He might have been jealous, stubborn, demanding, and uncompromising at times, but it was because he adored her so desperately and was terrified of losing her.

**Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed** is a passionate romance with powerful emotion and a wonderful H/H whose HEA I was really invested in and rooted strongly for. 4 ½ stars!

Here’s my casting choice for Adam. (Please note that Eric Bana’s deliciously yummy chocolate brown eyes are a perfect fit for Adam’s. \*grin\*)

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## Katie(babs) says

There’s something to be said about unrequited love. Tracey Anne Warren shows that this type of love can grow on a larger scale where it simmers below the surface, waiting to pop. *Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed*

is the fourth book in the Byrons of Braebourne series. This is the first book I've picked up in the series. Based on the synopsis, it says that the charming, rakehell hero has secretly loved the heroine for years. I'm a sucker for romances where the hero is so far gone over the heroine. And even though I haven't read the other Byron siblings' books before this one, I wasn't lost or confused. Tracy really has a great way of bringing a reader into the story with the dialogue, action and hot love scenes.

Mallory Byron is finally coming out of mourning after the loss of her beloved fiancé, Major Michael Hargreaves, who was killed in battle. Mallory loved Michael dearly and can barely leave her room or interact with her family and friends. She feels she shouldn't be happy because of Michael's death. But she knows she must move on with her life. As long as she keeps Michael's memory alive, she will try to find the will to live again.

Adam, the Earl of Gresham, was once an improvised lord due to his deceased wastrel father who he blames for the death of his sister. Adam has been friends with the Byrons since his youth. He has always cared for Mallory, but never courted her because he felt that he would be branded a fortune hunter. Two years ago, he made some good investments that has given him a nice fortune. But since he waited too long for Mallory, Hargreaves came along and swept her off her feet. Adam has watched from the sidelines, but no longer. His first step is to make Mallory enjoy life again and then when she has become her old self and can stop mourning Michael, he will court her and make her his wife.

Mallory has no clue that Adam loves her desperately. She did have a girlish crush on him when she was sixteen, but since he only treated her like a sister, she pushed those feelings aside. Adam is the only one who won't let her run and hide. Soon she is taking morning rides with him, having picnics and even allowing him to give her kisses. She thinks nothing of it because they are just good friends, but then one night when her nightmares and memories of Michael comes crashing over her, Adam comforts her in her bedroom. One thing leads to another and both are caught. With the promise of a duel from Mallory's brother for compromising her, Mallory accepts Adam's marriage proposal. Adam wants to jump up and cheer. He finally has Mallory as his. Mallory, on the other hand, thinks Adam is marrying her because of the unfortunate circumstances they have found themselves in. But there is no other man she'd rather marry and is pleased that her wonderful friend will become her husband.

Mallory is in for quite the surprise when Adam admits he doesn't just want a marriage of friendship but of passion. He does his best to show Mallory the delights of the bedroom, and soon she is swept away by his expertise where she wants more. Slowly her love for Michael has lessened, although Adam worries that she will never love him the way he loves her. He will do whatever he can to erase the feelings she had for Michael until he is the only man she will ever want.

Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bedroom is delightful friends turned to lovers romance. Adam and Mallory have incredible chemistry together. They have a mutual respect for one another and want to bring joy into each other's lives. Adam's devotion for Mallory is swoon worthy. He is possessive, but still respectful of her needs. He doesn't grow too alpha in claiming his mate, except in the bedroom where Tracy has written some hot and smoldering love scenes. Mallory is open to learning everything Adam can teach her about pleasure, and he doesn't mind showing her.

There is some tension in their marriage because someone comes along and tries to ruin Mallory and Adam's happiness. Adam is so scared he will lose Mallory and does some things that makes her question his actions. But when a man like Adam is backed into a corner and may lose the most precious thing in his life, he will do whatever he can to stop that from happening. It's not all that shocking, but shakes things up a bit before he and Mallory can have their HEA.

Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed hits all the high points for me when reading a romance. You have a hero who worships the heroine and wants nothing more than to make her find joy in his arms.

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### **Sher♥ The Fabulous BookLover says**

5 Stars!!

LOVED this book!! Warren knows how to write a historical romance! I could not put this down...the chemistry in this book is undeniable. It was worth my time and worth reading.

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### **Naima says**

This was a fairly enjoyable read, mostly because I like the theme of the hero secretly in love with the heroine for years. All the anguish, pain and yearning is rather appealing. Sadly it came up short because while the first half was wonderful the second half was something else.

I plod along through this book at a pleasant, enjoyable pace until \*SPOILER\* Mallory and Adam got back from the honeymoon and I realized the only conflict that could occur would be for her former fiance to be found alive. So when it happened, what surprised me was not the resurrection of Mallory's nearly dearly beloved but that Adam would go berserk with rage. He seemed like such a nice, reasonable guy who could do profound things like TALK about his feelings and concerns and sadnesses with Mallory. Then suddenly he's interrupting her sentences because he doesn't want Michael's name spoken and he's burning a letter that Michael sent. By the time the two swains came to blows over Mallory I have to confess that I was secretly hoping she's get clipped in the midst of the contretemps and then two men would feel so childish and cliched regarding their situation that they'd sweep Mallory off to the land of HEA menages. Or at least they'd see how unappealing they were being. But alas that didn't happen...

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### **Elaine says**

A really entertaining read. Loved it!

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### **Nhi Nguy?n says**

I think I may have found my new favorite historical romance author! Yay!

This book is the fourth book in the series about the Byrons of Braebourne. Because Goodreads recommended it to me first, I decided to read it first before reading the other books in the series. This book is about the love story and marriage between Mallory - the only girl in the Byron family who had her own story - and Adam

Gresham, an Earl who was a friend with the Byrons, especially Mallory.

The novel starts with the fact that Mallory was still mourning the death of her fiancé - a major of the English army who lost his life fighting against Napoleon's French army. Mallory had lost herself completely in mourning for over a year, and that was about to stop when Adam visited her house in Braebourne. A long time ago, Mallory had a secret crush on Adam - her brothers' dear friend, not knowing that Adam also returned her feeling with a deep and passionate love- a burning flame that he continued to nurture for 6 long years. He didn't try to seduce and marry Mallory at the time he realized he loved her, not mainly because she was too young to be married (she was 16 at that time), or because of the huge age gap between them (he was 10 years her senior). The real reason he deemed himself unworthy of her was because he was poor. His son-of-a-bitch dad gambled and indulged in debauchery too much that there had hardly been anything left in Gresham's property. But now, after his father had died and he had tried so very hard to make money from his own hands, returning the Gresham name to its appreciated nobility, he decided to return and pursue Mallory, since now she was free from any marital commitment.

It had always been fate between those two people when Adam - not Mallory's family - was the one who she trusted with her secrets, her deepest fears, her nightmares. He made her feel comfortable and alive again after such tragic loss. And in his arms, she felt the first glimpse of pleasures and true bliss between a man and a woman. This finding led to the scene of Adam in her bed, so, they had to be married to retain their dignity and status in the Society. It was weird at first for Mallory to be married to the one she considered her best friend, but this marriage was what Adam had been dreaming for in a long time. And in the marriage bed, she found exquisite and satisfying carnal pleasures that made her life vibrant (my God, their lovemaking scenes were AMAZING! They even tried 36 or 37 postures of sex, OMG :D). And from those pleasures, Mallory realized something that she hadn't been paying attention to before: she was in love with her husband.

But that's not all when the unexpected person suddenly returned, threatening to destroy their happy marriage. Adam showed his jealousy at this particular person from Mallory's past, and I must admit it was his absurd jealousy and control over Mallory's life that made me sometimes cringe and not able to give this book a 5-star rating. But in the end, Mallory let Adam know who she really loved with these words that made me swoon, and there we have the happy ending we all wait for:

*“I know you think you have reason to mistrust me, but you don’t,” she said. “I know you’ve been jealous of Michael, but I understand now why that is. You believe I was forced into our marriage, that I didn’t choose you with a free and open heart. But you’re wrong, Adam. I did want to marry you.”*

*“You were compromised and even then you needed convincing,” he said, only then fully realizing how much doubt he’d been harboring because of the circumstances of their union .*

*“Only because I was scared, frightened of losing my heart again after so much grief. I loved Michael, but I think deep down I knew I loved you more. That I’ve always loved you, since I was a girl.”*

*His brows drew low. “What do you mean?”*

*“I loved you when I was a girl, but you made it clear you didn’t want me, and so I put you aside, locked my love for you in a little corner of my heart that was never to be touched again. I settled for friendship, and I told myself it was enough. I let myself love Michael, and I did truly love him. But I’ve come to understand that I loved you first. I love you best, and even if we were not already wed, I would want to be your wife and no one else’s. I would want to spend the rest of my life loving you and being by your side.*

*“Adam, I’m so sorry,” she said, crossing the last bit of space between them. “I know now that I should never have left. I should have stayed and fought for our marriage. Please forgive me. Please tell me you’ll take me back.”*

*His lips parted, his heart kicking so hard it was painful. “Take you back? Of course I’ll take you back. And if anyone needs forgiveness, it’s me,” he said, his voice breaking. “I should never have let you go.”*

I can't wait to read the other books in this series! Thank God I found Tracy Anne Warren! :))

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### **Jenny says**

Adam loves Mallory his best friend since forever. When her solider fiance dies Adam vows to win her heart. When they are found in the same bed her family forces them to get married. For Mallory it is a marriage of convenience but for Adam this marriage is a dream come true. He loves Mallory so deeply and for so many years but will she ever get over her dead fiance and returns Adam's love or she will always love him as a friend? When it is revealed her fiance is not dead after all Adam is afraid he will lose Mallory forever.

I'm not a fan of love triangles but I loved this book cause Adam broke my heart. He loved Mallory so hopelessly, I was dying for him to get the girl. He was a swoon-worthy hero. Sex scenes were passionate and steamy. Adam was so damn sexy! Mallory is one lucky heroine! I only wish there was a cute epilogue.

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### **Vins says**

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**Fun, loving and overall a enjoyable read.**

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**M/F-M/M-M/M/F-etc:** M/F

**HEA/HFN/etc Ending:** HEA

**Contains Cheating:** NO!

**Multi-Luv'n:** No

**Contains Children:** No

**Contains Flashbacks:** No

**Jealy/Possy/OTT Rating:** 3

**Angst Level Rating:** 3

**Feel-Good Level Rating:** 4

**Steam Factor Rating:** 4

**Kink Level Rating:** 3

**Amount of Sex In The Book:** Quite a lot.

**Overall Smex Rating:** 4

**HERO:Hero Description:** An Earl

**Hero Likability Rating:** 4

**HEROINE:**

**Heroine Description:** Nice Lady.

**Heroine Likability Rating:** 4

**2nd CHARACTER(S):**

**2nd Char. Description:** Family Members

**2nd Character(s) Likability Rating:** 4

**Buildup Instant/Just Right/Too Long:** Just Right

**Any H/h Separations:** Few days breakup towards the end of the book.

**Amount of Time H/h Spends Together:** Just Right

**Overall H/h Relationship Rating:** 4

**Current OW/OM/Ex:** No

**Any Descriptive Sex w/OW/OM/Ex:** No

**-Before/During/Outside H/h Rela.:** N/A

**-Grovel Rating:** N/A

**Any Triggers/Warnings:** None.

**Technical/Editing Quality:** 4

**Writing/Content Quality:** 4

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**PERSONAL OVERVIEW:**

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**Overall Rating:** 5

**Do You Recommend This Book:** Yes .

**Will You Re-read This Book:** Yes

**Would You Read More Books By This Author:** Yes. I like this author. I have read most of her books. I guess i am a fan of this author.

**COMMENTS/NOTES:** I enjoyed it all the more because the Hero was in love with the h for a long time. He waited for her for years. Once he got his chance he went about wooing the h in a tender , patient manner. Also this is a " H & h were friends turned lovers kind of theme ". The possessiveness towards of the H was a tad bit over the top but i was okay with it cause he was jealous and had a reason to be jealous.

Both these characters are shown very maturely. No stupid misunderstand and annoying inner thoughts.

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**Rachel (BAVR) says**

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*I thought I was getting a beta hero with this one, but stupid Adam turned out to be a Spectacular Douche in disguise. You know things have gone south when you want the DEAD GUY to win the love triangle. More explanations later.*

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