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Inspired by the tale of Cinderella, an erotically charged historical romance that offers a glass slipper, a dangerous deception, and an impoverished beauty determined to find her handsome prince...and make him pay.

Born into wealth, Sabine Laurent and her twin sister lived a life of luxury, their father's prestigious theater frequented by royalty and aristocracy alike. And Sabine dreamed of her own prince charming—the devastatingly handsome Jules de Moutier.

That was before the loss of her sister and her family's fall from grace—a disaster Sabine blames on the Moutier family. Now, with her father's death, she's inherited his sizable debt and the responsibility of caring for his spoiled long-time mistress and her two wastrel daughters. But with the help of Sabine's eccentric friends—the balance of her father's acting troupe—she plans to get very close to her old infatuation, seduce the rake—and make away with a fortune.

Resisting Jules's skillful mouth and tantalizing touch is not as easy as Sabine supposed. And soon she must decide whether her desire for vengeance is greater than her desire for her one and only prince...

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In A Midnight Dance we meet Sabine Laurent, who is in dire straits. Sabine is a woman on a mission to save her family. But in order to do that she must be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to gain the trust of those she plans to deceive. But as with all good plans not all goes right. The last person Sabine ever expected to find in this camp is the one man she blames for the fall of her family. Jules deMoutier Jules deMoutier has been stripped of everything, his money, his title, and his pride. But after 5 long years he is so close to getting everything back. Back to the way his life should be. But Jules never planned for one small blond woman to come into his camp and steal his treasure out from under his nose. Sabine is a great heroine. She is smart, funny, determined and really doesn't take people's crap very well. Her only weakness seems to be her heart. Sabine cares too much sometimes. Jules, aahhh, sweet, handsome, suborn, wouldn't know when a woman is lying to him Jules.. Jules is HOT... He his Dream.... He really is a prince charming under all that holier than thou attitude. OH, Lila is wicked good. There was not one moment that I didn't love this story. Lila doesn't wait very long for there to be a very hot forest sex scene *wiggle eyebrows* Lila does a great job of taking the Cinderella story and telling it in a way I would have never thought about. This is truly a riches to rags to riches story.

Lelyana says

Ini kisah Cinderella yang seru, dan dengan latar belakang yang tidak biasa, menarik dan membuat penasaran tiap bab nya, hingga sulit buat meletak kan buku ini sebelum menyelesaikannya.

Dan aku kasih 5 bintang,karena aku suka kisah2 yg based on fiery tales gini, dan ide ceritanya luamyan unik dan kreatif....

Si kembar, Isabelle dan Sabine selalu berminimpi mereka akanbertemu Dark Prince mereka satu saat nanti,menikah dan hidup bahagia selamanya.

Kedua gadis ini orang bisa saja, anak pemilik teater yg sering di datangi kaum elite Perancis, yg mereka sebut Aristokrat.

Memimpikan Luc dan Jules de Motier, satu saat Jules memakaikanke kaki Sabine,sendal kacanya saat selesai sandiwara mereka di teater,makin termimp[i2]lah Sabine.

Delapan tahun kemudian, Sabine yg jadimiskin karena kehilangan teater dan Isabelle (di kabarkan meninggal karena kebakaran saat bekerja jd pembantu di rumah ayah Jules), berjalan di hutan mengincar para tentara pembawa perak yang akan mereka curi.

Taktiknya, mereka akanmeracuni para tentara itu dan Sabine menyamar jd Elise,pelacur,dan menawarkan diri ke pimpinan mereka.Saudara2 nya kaget dengan ide Sabine ini, gila aja anak perawan nyamar jadi whore. Tapi gak ada ide yg lebih baik dari itu, maka mulailah rencana mereka.Dansaat Sabine tau kalo pkomandan pasukan itu adalah Jules, Dark Prince nya bertahun2 lalu...dia jadi gemeteran mendamba...hahahhaa.....

Jules gak ingat siapa Sabine, tapi Jules yg sudah lumayan lama hidup selibat, tergoda juga saat di paksa Raymond,org kepercayaan nya untuk "memakai" si Elise ini, dan benarliah, Jules sampe terpana melihat

kecantikan Sabine, terkagum2 sama rambutnya.....Sepakat, Sabine di bawa ke tempat private. Entah kenapa,Sabine jadi terpesona juga dan akhirnya bisa di tebak, rencana tinggal rencana, apa boleh buat, hasrat (baca : napsu) yg menang, dan soal ini, di bahas sampai hampir 3 bab sendiri... uhuk...uhuk...(ehm..kok aku tiba2 batuk ya).... Diluar pola HR yang halus dalam penjabaran lovemaking, Lila menjabarkan dengan cukup lugas sih, dan Jules ini sukaaaa banget "talk dirty" hihihiihii.....buat yg di bawah 21 tahun aku ga sarankan ini di baca deh....

Tapi penyamaran Sabine segera ketahuan saat tiba di penginapan, dimana sodara2 Sabine sudah menunggu dengan obat bius yg akan di berikan dalamamakan Jules dan anak buahnya, biarpun sempet mereka uhuk2 dulu tuh cukup lama (dan detail).... Nah di tengah pelariannya, tetap aja Jules berhasil melacak Sabine, dan bahkan menyandera Sabine yang gak mau silver curiannya di ketemuan oleh Jules. Bairpun marah oleht tindakan Sabine, Jules tetap aja cemburu saat Leon,san Marquess teman lama ayah Sabine datang berkunjung dan mencium Sabine,sampe diancam duel pake pedang gitu hahahahaha.....

Singkat cerita,akhirnya mereka berdamai setelah kedatangan Luc,adik Jules dan sepakat mereka bahu membahu untuk mencari kebenaran mengenai Ayah Jules yg meninggal karena di gantung dan di cabut kebangsawanan nya karena di tuduh mengkhianati raja, juga mencari Isabelle, yg Sabine yakin masih hidup.

Ternyata,kejahatan memang gak bisa di tutupi terlalulama, Leon, yg di kenal Sabine sejak kecil,ternyata adalah dalang semuanya, termasuk membunuh Sebastian saudaranya sendiri demi gelar,dan membunuh pelacur yg di tidurnya dengan sadis (akujadi ingat kisah bangsawan si janggut biru,yg membunuh semua istri2nya dan mayatnya disimpan di gudang bawah tanah).... Untung Sabine selamat karena keburu ketahuan oleh Jules saat Sabine di culik setelah pesta oleh Leon. Jules akhir nya tahu kenapa ayah nya di hukum gantung...itu karena kejahatannya sendiri , tanah, rumah dan kekayaan ayah Sabine juga kembali ketanganya, Sabine akhirnya bisa menerima berita kematian Isabella dengan ikhlas....

Namun, masih ada satu yang di curi Sabine dari Jules...hati nya ! Dan Jules ngelamar Sabine nya dengan sangat romantis..pake sepatu kaca.... OMG...so sweet banget deh....hahahhahah....

Di epilog...ada sesuatu yang mengejutkan,saatseseorang di Paris, menulis sepucuk surat buat Sabine..... "My Dearest Sabine...."

Siapakah dia ????

Carisa says

I expected this book to have a Cinderella type of plot but it didn't. It was an original story, nothing to swoon about but very entertaining, well done with a lot of action. I'll read more from this author.

HERO is a Rogue, a former duke, determined, sour, intensely focused on recovering his family state and prestige, for which he needs a lot of money that he's currently earning by illegal means. When he's seduced and duped by a woman intent on saving her family from going to debtors jail by stealing from him, he vows to find her and make her pay.

SCENES/CONTENT: few/steamy
GENRE/TONE: historical/drama
LENGHT: 362 pages

Amy Alvis says

This is book 3 in the Fiery Tales series.

The daughter of a wealthy theater owner, Sabine Laurent grew up seeing royalty and dreaming of her own prince charming. But when they fall from grace, she must do whatever she must to provide food and shelter for her family. As a distraction, Sabine end up playing a prostitute so that her cousins can steal a hoard of silver. She didn't count on her mark being the handsome prince from her childhood.

Jules Moutier must take his ill gotten gains to restore his family's name. When Sabine shows up at his camp wanting food, he pushed aside his reservations because of his instant attraction to her. When Jules doesn't fall for their plan, Sabine goes through with her ruse and plays her part even though she is a virgin.

With her plan spoiled, can Sabine help her family survive? And now that she has had her prince charming, is she willing to give him up.

A Midnight Dance is DiPasqua's version of the Cinderella story, but a much steamier one at that!! The sexual tension between the H/H practically leapt from the page. I really like the story because we had people that had grown up with wealth and then they suddenly didn't have it. But unlike some, they were willing to do whatever it took to get back what they once had.

This is the second book by DiPasqua and I definitely need to go back and read the other books in the series!! I am really looking forward to reading her upcoming novel, Three Reckless Wishes!!

Thanks go out to Lila DiPasqua via NetGalley for a copy of the book in exchange of an honest review.

Carol *Young at Heart Oldie* says

****5 Smouldering Stars****

I loved A MIDNIGHT DANCE! What a fiery, passionate cocktail from the doyenne of lush sensuality, Lila DiPasqua.

I like Sabine...intelligent, brave and fiercely loyal to her remaining family and her little group of theatrical friends. I really felt her grief and pain for all she had lost...

Each day she went through the motions of living, unable to mourn her sister. Simply surviving, more dead

than alive. She'd forgotten how to feel. She didn't even want to.

I enjoyed seeing her outwit Jules who underestimated the resourcefulness and cunning of his *silver-eyed forest fairy* on more than one occasion.

Jules is desperate to restore his family honour, reclaim his life and take revenge on those responsible for stealing his birth right. You can sense the anger and bitterness he feels having to resort to privateering when he was once a respected officer in the King's navy.

I like how Ms DiPasqua developed Jules' character from an arrogant noble who cares little for the lower classes and their suffering to a man who understands their grievances. He also has to come to terms with the hard truth about his father.

The chemistry between these two positively sizzles and I love Sabine's attempts to convince Jules that she is experienced...

In as sultry a whisper as she could muster, she said, "I am well worth your time when I am . . . fully inspired."

I like how Ms DiPasqua reveals how much alike Sabine and Jules are...both have lost a part of themselves because of the tragedy that had befallen their families and, through their mutual love, they help each other rediscover their true selves.

What can I say about the love scenes? HOLY SMOKE! HOT! HOT! HOT! I felt sure my iPad was going to melt! But the scenes are not just about titillation, they also reveal so much of Sabine and Jules' conflicting emotions and vulnerabilities:

A soft alarming emotion whispered through her. A voice told her this felt right. Panicked, she suddenly needed— wanted— the physical pain to distract and distance herself from the intimacy, from the tender feelings welling inside her.

The little fraud had awakened not only his body, with the stunning passion that burned between them— but also his spirit. She'd actually drawn out his former self, dissolving his anger and bitterness with her wit, her smiles.

The secondary characters add vibrancy and depth the story. I love Sabine's eccentric theatrical friends and the scene at the inn, where they put their theatrical skills to good use, was funny; her cousins Gerard and Robert whose concern for Sabine is so touching; Robert, Jules' second-in-command, who isn't afraid to speak his mind.

"M-May I be frank again, my lord?"

"Well, of course, Raymond," he responded tightly. "There seems to be no stopping you tonight."

The story is full of action, drama and intrigue with plenty of twists and turns to keep you guessing and a truly diabolical villain.

Filled with fascinating characters, sizzling love scenes, plot twists and a passionate romance, A MIDNIGHT DANCE is Lila DiPasqua at her best.

REVIEW RATING: 5/5 STARS

SENSUALITY RATING: SIZZLING

Fiery Tales series (click cover for more information):

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Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

4 Cinderella Gone Naughty Stars

You know how Cinderella is this teenage, innocent, loving girl? Well, you ain't gonna find that one here. Sabine is a girl who had to leave her rose-colored glasses behind when her family lost everything. Now she is ready to steal her way back to a decent way of living. And if her boundy comes from Jules de Moutier's treasure then all the better. His family is after all to blame for her current predicament. Still, Jules is just as tempting as ever... Especially for such a snob!

This book was fun-fun-fun! It gave a slightly "dirty" spin on Cinderella's tale, which I though might prove tricky but the author actually pulled it off. Although this fairytale has little in common with the original, it still had all the elements to make it charming. There was the couple of course, the treasure, the "crazy" family, the villain and of course the "Happily Ever After". And to spice things up, there was plenty of sex involved!

The most interesting thing was though, that although this was an erotic romance, the plot didn't lack at all. I loved the story and the villain! That dude was creepy as hell but intriguing in his scheming and evilness.

Kathleen says

Story Rating 4.5 stars

Character Rating 4.5 stars

Romance Rating 4.5 stars

Heat Level 4 stars

Overall Rating 4.5 stars

This was the first book of Lila's that I read and I truly enjoyed it.

The story was very good, grabbing me from beginning to end.

The characters were well done. I loved watching how the H&h came to understand what the other felt and how they eventually fell in love.

This was a very sensual read with very HOT love scenes. It also had a bit of angst to the story too.

This book had a very HEA ending, the kind I most love to read.

I have a feeling that I will be reading many more of Lila DiPasqua's book's in the future.

Kiltsandwords says

One of the reasons I love historical romance fiction is because I learn so much about the past. As a young teenager, I fell in love with the Regency period...and then the Middle Ages...and just about every time period I read. Reading Historical romance novels had such an impact on my life that I ended up taking my undergraduate degree in history.

What I really enjoyed about this book was the historical information. The story takes place entirely in France in the mid 1600s. The Fronde has taken France by storm and the story revolves around the lives affected by it. "The Fronde was a civil uprising that started in 1648 and ended in 1653. Incited by power-hungry nobles, they almost dethroned their boy King. (Louis XIV was only ten years old when it began.) Louis was forced to flee Paris in the night with his mother and live in exile for a while. He never forgot what he and his mother endured during this tense, tumultuous time. He developed a lifelong dislike and mistrust for the aristocracy. Intent on being absolute ruler, he spent his reign intimidating them." – Author note

Jules is a disgraced Aristo who is fighting to regain what he lost. Sabine has been a victim as well and her family's downfall was due to the Moutier's disgrace. It seemed inevitable that they would cross paths. I liked both characters, especially Sabine. She is sassy, clever and full of passion. Jules was slower to evolve than other characters, but I chalk that up to his upbringing. You can strip a noble of their title, but that doesn't mean the mindset or the entitlement changes.

Lila DePasqua tags her books as hot. And are they ever! While not erotica, the love scenes are intense and descriptive. Jules and Sabine seem to have a thing for doing it in the forests of France. If you like a book with crazy chemistry and characters that can't get enough of each other, than this is the book for you! I actually can't remember the last time I read a historical romance novel that had this many passionate scenes. The love scenes and the history were not the only things that made me like and enjoy this book. The plot evolved really well. It was well thought out and the pacing was even. The mystery of who was behind the downfall of the Moutier family and Sabine's continued tax problems was excellent. The author develops the mystery slowly and then it rises to a crescendo. I have to say that I was completely sucked in to the plot and was reading as fast as I could to figure out who was the villain.

A fiery, passionate historical romance featuring a time period new to the romance genre. A great read and one that will keep you hot while intrigued by the story.

Christina says

This book blew me away. The romance, smokin hot loves scenes and intrigue kept me turning the pages and reading into the middle of the night. I loved the banter between Sabine and tall, seriously sexy Jules. The sparks between them fly in such a fun way and the chemistry really sizzles. (As for the love scene in the

forest in the middle of the book---I'll have what she's having, please!) The plot is exciting, the characters are entertaining, and the passion is purely delicious. Having read and enjoyed the author's other two books, I was hoping this book wouldn't disappoint, and it sure didn't. I love Cinderella stories and this one was done so well! If you're tired of the same old historical romances and want something fresh and different, pick this one up! You won't be disappointed. I totally agree with Elizabeth Hoyt's endorsement of this book!

Kati says

Review originally posted at Romancing Rakes

Dear Lila DiPasqua,

Please package this book with a cold water bottle so that I can pour it down my shirt while reading.

Love,

Kati R

OMG y'all. This book is HOT, HOT, HOT. I can hear Charles Perrault turning in his grave. Good heavens! Like Sabine trying to describe the hotness of Jules while he was bathing, there are no adequate words to describe this book. Like Jules reading the first sentence of Sabine's journal, I was ensnared. Like the chemistry between Jules and Sabine, this book was bliss.

This is Cinderella like you've never had it re-told before. Yes, there's still a glass slipper. Yes, there is still a Prince Charming. Yes, there are still stepsisters and a stepmother figure. Yes, there is still a Cinderella. Yes, there is still a dead father who leaves his daughter in the hands of the stepmother. Yes, there is still a fairy godmother figure of sorts. Yes, there is still a ball. But that is where the similarities end. I'm sure Cinderella *whispers* did it with Prince Charming after they were wed. But boy oh boy, there's smexing not even 50 pages in and can I just say I was gripping my book so tightly, my knuckles cracked a few times. Oy!

Sabine Laurent has been in love with Jules de Moutier since she was 15 years old. Eight years later, that has changed. Her family is in dire straights (which she blames on the Moutier family) and the only way for her to pay off her father's debt and find her twin sister is to steal silver from a band of men camping in the woods. **Mistake #1.** The leader of that group of men is none other than Jules. He has grown into a super sexy masculine sex god overlord.

Jules de Moutier's family has been stripped of their home, their land and their title. He has resorted to privateering for the Crown since the fall from grace no longer qualified him to be a part of the Navy. Trying to make his way back into the aristocracy, he is going to use the money from privateering to rebuild his family fortunes and name. Jules gets sidetracked by a forest fairy aka Sabine. **Mistake #2.** He's been celibate too long and can't resist "Elise".

The chests of silver that Sabine was trying to steal is transferred the next morning, after she gives herself to Jules. She decides to become Jules's lover for the next three days so as to keep an eye on the chests. The chemistry between so hot, they can't keep their hands off of each other. My toes curled, my breath hitched as I read the physical scenes between Jules and Sabine.

Of course their physical bliss is short lived. Jules says something stupid, which reminds Sabine what she was supposed to doing; stealing the chests of silver. **Mistake #3.** Sabine's eccentric family helps in poisoning (with a sleeping draught of course--don't need a dead hero) Jules and his men so they can steal the remaining

chests of silver.

Well, at this point, Sabine and family go back to their home, bury the silver and go on with their daily life. Dun dun dun... Jules finds her and calls her out on her lies. His ribs are broken and need time to heal so he takes over Sabine's room. He discovers her diary, detailing her love for a "Dark Prince." He doesn't want to be jealous, he doesn't want to be attracted to her, but there's just something about her that draws him in.

This is a re-telling of CINDERELLA that you don't want to miss. Seriously. There's so much I want to say but don't want to give any spoilers.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "There were so many things he liked about her. He liked her company. He liked how she'd brought sexual pleasure back into his life. Hell, he'd enjoyed every moment of his time with her. She was adorably bold, beautiful, and bright. Thought he knew he'd never see her again after they parted, the notion left him with an uncommon sense of regret."

OVERALL: Lushly erotic? ABSOLUTELY! Heartbreaking? YES! Romantic? OH MY STARS, yes! Not like that Disney version with the singing and dancing and weird woodland creatures? Thank goodness it's not. This book is a thigh clenching, heart pounding, adrenaline rushing, "did I just moan out loud?" inducing, toe curling, hand gripping book and almost breaking the spine, unputdownable, stay up all night read. Didja get all that? Yes, A MIDNIGHT DANCE was all those things. Pure magic. Well done, Ms. DiPasqua.

P.S. The cover is GORGEOUS! I want to lick it. I may have stroked it a few times. The title is shiny. One of my favorite book covers this year. The only thing that irks me is the way Jules's left hand is spread out. It looks a little awkward. Who does that in real life?

I won this book from Operation Auction.

Lisa says

Hmm, steamy retelling of one of my favorite fairy tales, Cinderella...check! I have been eagerly waiting for Lila DiPasqua's newest Fiery Tales to come out and I was surprised when my library notified me that it was in already, last Friday, four days before it was supposed to come out. Naturally, I hurried over to check it out and then proceeded to devour it over the weekend. Did it live up to the high hopes I had for it? Absolutely.

Sabine Laurent is desperate. Her family needs to pay taxes or they will be thrown into the debtors jail. She comes up with an outlandish plan to steal chests of silver from a camp of men...by posing as a whore and hopefully getting the men to drink some tainted wine before anything should happen. Sabine is floored when she sees who is in charge though. It is her childhood crush, her Dark Prince, one of the reasons her family is in the desperate circumstances, Jules de Moutier.

Jules de Moutier is desperate as well but for a different reason. His father was falsely accused of a crime and hanged for it and his family lost their titles and lands. For someone who grew up as an Aristo, this is unacceptable and he needs all the silver to find out who set up his father and get the title and lands reinstated. He initially doesn't trust Sabine but he can not get this blond fairy and the two start a very steamy, hot relationship. Jules is amazed at the feelings he feels when with Sabine, it is nothing like he has ever felt before but that all comes crashing down when Sabine finally succeeds in stealing his silver. Then he is bent on revenge on her as well but still...he can't quite shake his feelings and when it is revealed that Sabines

beloved missing twin may have been involved in his father's death, they set out to find out the truth.

Sigh, what a book and what a story. I mean the villain of the story, whoa, whiplash, I did not see that one coming and he is just an evil man. We have the stepmother, who really isn't that evil, two stepsisters, who are just a bit silly, some special glass slippers and a fabulous ball. Sabine was a wonderful female, strong, independent and she went for what she wanted. Jules, now he took a bit for me to warm up too as his nose was stuck for far in the air I was surprised he could walk. I don't think he completely redeemed himself but he did change enough to make me happy. I loved watching Sabine and Jules fall in love. Their lovemaking was scorching hot but it was also special. And the ending! Oh, I can not wait for the next book! Overall, 5 hot stars and a definite keeper and reread.

Duchess Nicole says

"She was so many different types of women. The alluring camp follower. The damsel in distress. The bashful ingenue. And he wanted to fuck them all."

The first hundred pages or so will cure you of any sexual dry spells you may be experiencing.

A virgin miss enters a camp full of men in seventeenth century France in order to drug them all with laced wine. She is willing to offer her 'services' to their leader, but has no intention of following through on her offer. You see, Sabine Laurent is intent on stealing the chests of silver that the men guard in order to replenish the money that was wrongfully stolen from her admittedly lower class family. When the leader of the group decided not only to take her up on her offer, but refuses the laced wine, Sabine is forced to follow through with her charade.

And what's so terrible about that, you say? Absolutely nothing, considering the man is none other than the conveniently placed man of Sabine's childhood fascination and girlhood crushes...Jules Moutier, her "Dark Prince."

Le Sigh!!!

Okay, the real problem is that Jules' family, the uppercrust Moutiers, are the very people responsible for Sabine's destitute situation. And now.....Sabine has the chance to not only relieve her financial burdens, but to get even with the snobby, nasty family.

Revenge is sweet, especially served with multiple orgasms!

Then we get to the meat of the story, and I have to admit that Lila Dipasqua can write a really intriguing Historical Romance. There are two sides to this story, and though neither person proves to be infallible, there is definitely more to Jules than meets the eye. He IS quite the high handed upper crust ass, but he can admit when he's wrong and become a better man. It's all in the way the aristocracy was raised back in the day...the lowly peasants and lower class servants are meant to stay put in their place. In his mind, there is nothing more to the relationship between he and Sabine than a strong sexual connection...never can be, because he is of noble birth and she of inferior birth.

Love rears its pretty head and years of political intrigue comes to light. The book takes on a more traditional role of an HR tale with a smattering of some really juicy love scenes. And they are, at this point, becoming

love scenes. Jules and Sabine complement each other very well, though they each fight their feelings for a very long time. While Sabine has dreamed of her Dark Prince for most of her life and Jules has only recently found the one woman who can make him care more for her than his vengeance and social standing, they both have to learn to let go of the past and accept each other.

This was a surprisingly meaty story with loads of sex, dirty talk, and some really dirty words. If you're offended by the 'c' word, that's used a lot. It tends to heighten the naughty factor for me, so I like it ;) But I know it's a big no no for some. Other than that, if you're looking for a smoking hot historical romance with a lot of action, this is the book for you!

Alice Lake says

This was an intriguing story with great attention to historical detail. I appreciated the plot twists and descriptive imagery. The things I wasn't crazy about were the many sex scenes in the beginning which seemed to slow the pace, and the strong sexual language, which after a while was off-putting. I did like how the romance developed as the story progressed though and was glad that it wasn't just one sex scene after another.

Jess the Romanceaholic says

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Once upon a time, there was a beautiful maiden by the name of Sabine, daughter of the most famous and celebrated playwright in Paris. Young, and beautiful, the girl anxiously anticipated the time when she and her lovely twin sister would make their debut into Parisian society, attending balls and soirees, and of course, making an advantageous marriage. But there was one man above all that Sabine had within her sights -- her very own Dark Prince, Jules de Moutier. While they had never had a chance to truly meet, she pinned all of her hopes, dreams, and of course, heady fantasies, on the handsome and sensual aristocrat.

But all of these dreams crumbled into ashes when Sabine's life was cast into the cinders -- her father dead, her beloved sister cold in the ground, and the horrible Moutier family the very cause of their fall from grace. With the family's land gone, and exorbitant taxes levied against her family by aristocrats and the monarchy alike, she knew that it was only a matter of time before she and what was left of her family were thrown into debtor's prison, where a fate awaited her that was worse than death.

Determined to be the master of her own fate, she devised a plan to steal a fortune from a band of rogues -- a fortune that would not only ensure her family's safety, but would allow her to search for the truth behind her dear twin's disappearance. Posing as a skilled strumpet, she and her two male cousins intend to infiltrate the

privateer camp, distract the leader, and feed the rest of them men wine tainted with a sleeping draught.

But this was not just any band of privateers. No, the leader proved to be none other than Sabine's own Dark Prince, the man she both lusts after and despises with all of her being. Suddenly, her simple plan is no longer simple at all, and within Jules' arms, she discovers a passion and a freedom unlike any other. But can Sabine allow herself to succumb, knowing that his family is the one that ruined hers?

This book was so wonderfully, deliciously hot. No, really, if you wear glasses, you may want to keep a soft cloth handy, because they're probably going to steam up when you read this book. Not only are the love scenes beautifully lush and erotic, but there's also a delightful level of passion and emotion flaring between Sabine and Jules.

Perfect for heating up these cold winter nights, highly recommended for fans of luscious sensuality, heartbreak and betrayal, and one of the sweetest happy endings I could've imagined.

A very solid 4.5/5 Stars

Jennifer Leighton says

Currently only 99 cents! <http://amzn.to/1LxHHti>

As a lover of fairytales and a true romantic at heart, I was very excited to discover this book, a re-telling of Cinderella. But not just ANY retelling. An EROTIC retelling. ;-) Because as much as I love a romantic story, I love an erotic one even more. *big grin*

On both counts, "A Midnight Dance" did not disappoint.

The story had some elements of Cinderella, but didn't follow the traditional story exactly, but that's ok. It was a wonderful story, and kept me interested and entertained, and gave me a beautiful happily ever after ending. *sigh*

The sex was pretty awesome! Wonderfully descriptive, and the first scene happens right out of the starting gate. While sometimes this could ruin a story for me, as I generally prefer to get to know the characters a bit more and feel that sexual tension build, in this case it was an integral part of the storyline and wasn't gratuitous. It also didn't kill the tension either, at least in my humble opinion.

While this definitely isn't bdsm, there was a bondage scene that was pretty damn hot and a bit of dirty talking going on. (LOVE me a dirty talkin' man!)

Important- Do NOT overlook reading the very, very end!! But don't read it first, either, or you'll spoil the story, lol. ;-)

5 stars for this wonderful story, and I can't wait to read more of Lila's work!

