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Edgar Armstrong, Earl of Callander, had not given much thought to marrying and producing an heir...until he meets Emily Sinclair. When their easy companionship grows into love, they learn that Edgar's progressively debilitating disease could be passed on to his children. As their joy turns to despair Edgar finds a solution. If he can't get her with child he knows just the man who can. But will Emily agree to his plan?

Angus MacNeill, Lord Callander's groom, thinks Emily married Edgar for his title, his money and the security he can give her. And when Edgar approaches him with a very unusual request Angus questions his master's motives. Still, it doesn't stop him from accepting Callander's terms - it's the only way he can be with Emily, even if only until she conceives.

Deeply in love with Edgar, Emily will do anything he asks of her. But she never suspected he'd ask something like this! Despite Edgar's reassurances she worries that his plan could destroy their marriage rather than strengthen it. And when she makes her choice, Emily wonders if there's room enough for two men in her heart - and in her bed.

Anchor and Storm Details

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Karla says

What a sweet and fiery love story. Edgar was so charming, kind, and the perfect gentleman. Angus was the total opposite, hot -headed, infuriating, the perfect alpha male. They both endured hardship and my heart ached for them. Even though they were of different social status, they had a mutual respect for one another. Two men so different, with opposing lifestyles, but the one thing they had in common was their passionate desire and love for Emily. What one couldn't give her the other one could, and they put aside their own doubts and fears, and created a family together. I loved when the three of them interacted and I wish that would have been a bigger part of the story. It had a sad, but sweet HEA, and was a very profound love story!

Nisha says

Of all the menage stories I've come across, this would have to be the most realistic premise. A sickly "elderly" Lord (he's only 42, but has a degenerative disease) and his (young)Scottish Lady had married for love. But after trying to conceive for months, the Lord, Edgar, realizes that his condition is hereditary. Afraid that his offspring would suffer his fate but still needing an heir to prevent his vile nephew from inheriting, he decides that there should be a surrogate sperm donor and someone to take care of Emily when he died. Enters Angus, the indentured servant Groom, who was once a Laird. Angus had fallen in love with Emily through stories of her from Emily's father, but seeing her married kinda pisses him off. Angus and Emily start with a volatile relationship, but the three eventually develop an arrangement.

I would have enjoyed this book more if the writing was more sophisticated. While the sex scenes were different and well-written, the emotion and character development could use more...umph. Actually, the emotions were there, deep and complicated, but the writing was too simplistic to express them properly.

Overall, I honestly enjoyed it. Not exactly for a titillating read, but it brings about a new type of story to the historical erotica genre.

Jen Davis says

I'm not usually a big fan of menage stories for anything more than a dirty diversion. But *Anchor and Storm* is more than just a sexy romp. It's a love story. --I know, I know, I've seen the cover too. But I promise, there is more to this book than meets the eye.

Emily was governess to Edgar's nephew's children when he met her. Even though he was older and in poor health, the two of them fell for each other and married. To an outsider, it may have looked like Em married him for his money and title, but her love for him was very real.

Edgar quickly realizes that he needs to get Emily pregnant. An heir would secure her future in the event of his death. But conception proves to be elusive. Soon, Edgar determines that the illness wasting his legs is a genetic one. He refuses to pass the illness on to a child, but he desperately wants Emily to have a baby. Enter Angus. He is the Highland horse groom of Edgar's household. He's crazy for Emily, and though the feeling is

mutual, she is fiercely loyal to her husband. She figures it's an attraction she will never act on, until Edgar makes a bold suggestion: let Angus get her pregnant to provide the needed heir.

Like I said before, this really is a love story. Edgar and Emily love each other deeply and completely. It's also clear that Angus and Emily grow to love each other as well. But it's all laid out in a way that I never felt Em betrayed her husband for even a moment. When the book progresses to a point that they're all in bed together, it was far more believable than the premise for many m/f/m's that I have read. There's some steamy sex, but nothing over the top or really dirty. There is no m/m vibe at all... just two men, who hold a mutual respect for one another, head over heels in love with same woman. 4 1/2 stars.

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

WOW. I wasn't expecting to be so blown away by this read, but I was. The cover of the book is entirely misleading. Don't get me wrong, it's definitely hot, but there is so much more to it than just the sex in *Anchor and Storm*.

Edgar Armstrong is dying of a wasting disease and although he has found a loving wife in Emily, they wish to start a family before Edgar's health declines even more. But when Edgar realizes his disease can be passed down to his young, he refuses to be the one to give Emily a child. Instead, he proposes that she take a lover.

They don't have much time to wait because Edgar's nephew, Raymond and his bitch wife Caroline are trying to steal Edgar's title away from him so it is imperative that Edgar produces an heir before he dies. After attempts on both his life and Emily's, Edgar believes having a surrogate child would be best.

But the question is, who will Emily choose to take as a lover?

Angus works for Edgar and they get along fine, but when Angus develops a deep love for his boss' wife, Angus finds himself in a difficult spot. Emily and Angus fight their feelings for one another, but even Edgar can see the sparks between them. Soon, a deep bond forms between the three and I was surprised to find myself loving all three characters equally. Edgar is confident in his love for Emily and her love in him while Emily is capable of so much love that she can find true love in two different men, and Angus is so devoted to Emily that he would do anything to ensure her happiness.

I wasn't expecting the heart that is in this little book. There were many parts where tears were threatening to spill and it really broke my heart to read some of these pages. But I loved every moment of it and I can't recommend it enough!

Anchor and Storm is definitely not your average ménage novel! Though deeply sensual and highly erotic, there's heart and romance that some other eroticas lack. I can truly say that this is how all historical-eroticas should be done! Beautifully written and an intensely romantic read, I think *Anchor and Storm* will be one of my favourites for a long time to come.

Angela Carr (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

In tears. 5 Stars!!!

Best Romantic Ménage a Trois!

(not that I've read many but this is really good)

I have no words to explain this book but my feelings for it.

It made me cry, it made me fall for two men, and it made me cry again!!!

I soooo want my own Anchor and my own Storm.

I highly recommend this book!!!

Thank you Elena!!! You got any more books like this to recommend?

I ♥ Bookie Nookie (bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com) says

What a fantastic book! It was filled with emotion and a few twists and unexpected turn of events. When I was about 3/4 through with the book, my heart was aching for Edgar, Angus and Emily. I totally didn't foresee the path she eventually took us on. If you love a great romance with some drama, this is the book for you!

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Erotic Enchants

Bookie Nookie's Erotic Lending Group

Elena R a.k.a. Lunies R says

This novel is one of my All Time Top Favorite Historical Romance novels,with a kick of permanent Ménage!

If anyone is wondering "Huh?" Let me explain. Don't let the cover fool you. It's an HR and although I'm not into kinky ménage novels. This one wasn't kinky at all. It's totally Worth it!!!!!!! I LOVED IT!

Edgar Armstrong, Earl of Callander, never thought he could find someone as beautiful, smart, kind hearted and

loving as Emily Sinclair. In return Emily, shows Edgar, she sees the man that he truly is, where he might think he's a useless old cripple, she sees otherwise. Sometime ago Edgar had a terrible accident while riding a horse, which he still now suffers from, and because of it he walks around with a cane. He will never be able to ride a horse again and do many other physical entertainments most men enjoy. Walking day after day with a cane, makes him feel immobile. He doesn't feel this way when he falls madly in love with Emily and marries her. Sharing a life with her makes him see there's more of his life he can experience.

Because of Edgar's short life span, that was caused by his accident and the illness that is spreading, he knows he doesn't have much time to waste. He needs Emily to bare a child of their own. He needs a child to pass his inheritance down to, so none of his assets gets passed down to his incompetent bastard nephew, which doesn't deserve a dime!

Edgar would do anything to keep his wife happy and full of joy. Now that their love for one another has bloomed. They try their hardest to conceive a child. Then they finally come to realize it's impossible. Edgar is incapable of giving his wife a child of his own.

Rubs hands together This is when the novel gets GOOD! It's impossible not to love the characters! Sexy Angus MacNeill ***sighs*** which is Edgar's employee. He takes care of Edgar's horses, stalls etc. There's more to Angus, but you need to read the story and find out the juicy details. I refuse to let my flowing thoughts to ruin the story. Anywhoo, if you haven't already guessed. Angus plays a huge role in this novel. I really thought it was a BAD idea. But I loved the devotion Edgar and Emily took to accomplish what they were thriving for. There was no one so trusting and loveable to involve but Angus MacNeill.

As time passes, the love between these three remarkable people took my breath away! The love they shared in the confinements of their own bedroom was all passion. I didn't have an awkward feeling at all while reading the sex scenes, it was nothing but Love!

All in all, if you read this review and I made you think " WOW, a novel beyond kinky ménage? Really?" I'm gonna say "Heck Yes" Go get yourself a copy! You will, with all honesty LOVE IT!!!

Kristen says

4/5 stars

First, I'll start out by saying the cover of this book is very misleading. *Anchor and Storm* is a thought-provoking and deeply emotional historical romance. And while there's a strong undertone of erotica, the story's focus is mainly on the meaning of unconditional love and all it encompasses.

Anchor and Storm is emotional, angsty, and heartbreakingly sweet, romantic, and heartwarming. It's a true love story.

The three wonderfully flawed but endearing characters, Edgar, Emily, and Angus, are richly developed and their journey in coming to terms with the situation they put themselves in is very realistic. Their struggles with jealousy, acceptance, longing, and understanding had me pondering how I would react in such a situation.

The only reason I gave this book 4 stars instead of 5 (as I would have liked) is because I felt the emotional relationship between Edgar and Angus could have been expanded upon. Although they are both heterosexual men in a polyamorous relationship (toward the end), it's obvious they share a very deep, loving, and emotional bond. I wish the author would have delved more into their unorthodox relationship than the antagonist's tedious side plot. I'd have found that much more interesting.

Anchor and Storm is an emotional, reflective, passionate, and wonderfully romantic love story about the complexity, variety, and capacity of love. I truly adore this book.

Shawna says

4 ½ stars – Historical Romance

The writing isn't perfect and the third part of the book and ending are somewhat choppy and rushed, but it's such an emotionally powerful, touching story about the various depths of love with wonderful characters. I just adored sweet, gentlemanly, caring Edgar and gruff, rugged alpha Angus, and Emily was a loyal, loving heroine. It's such an evocative, romantic story and had me tearing up, so definitely worthy of solid 4 ½ stars.

Holly says

What an incredible story!! I give it 5+ stars!! I have never read Kate Poole before and this was recommended by a friend, all I can say is THANK YOU! This book pulled at my heart strings so much I spent a good part of it in tears. I think, for me at least it is rare that that I love all the 3 people in a menage story, but in this book you can't help but love Edgard, Angus and Emily and want a HEA for all of them!! I will definitely read more Kate Poole if all of her books are this great!!

Sammy Loves Books says

Absolutely Amazing Love Story

What an awful book cover for such a sweet love story. This book was absolutely nothing like I had expected. I only bought this book because the reviews were so good but the cover made it seam like it was "just another menage" story. I was so wrong about that.

This was a historical love story and I truly felt the love from all parties involved. It is rare when reading a menage to feel that all parties have a deep heartfelt love but Kate Poole did an excellent job. I will not give a synopsis, but highly encourage my GR friends to enjoy this sweet endearing story.

?Karlyn P? says

This one really surprised me as you rarely find a really good erotica/romantica story with so much depth and reality. Nothing about this story felt contrived, false or forced. It was a beautiful, if not different (m/f/m), historical love story. I typically prefer the more mainstream m/f romances, but this one really made me think twice. It takes place in 1750 England, and through an array of believable circumstances the Earl must produce a child, yet he cannot be the biological father. Many lives are at stake if no son is produced. There are many layers to this story, so I wont spoil the book with all the details. I will just say that it was a very touching, moving, romantic and steamy read that fans of steamy romance historicals should really enjoy. I'm going to look for more by this author.

Riverina Romantics says

Wow. This was such a lovely, heart wrenching and thought provoking story....and yes, it is erotica.

It is a rare occurrence for me to find an erotica that is equally matched in heart warming romance as it is in erotica sex scenes. Kate Poole definitely did a fantastic job, but in saying that - the sex scenes weren't the bow-chica-wa-wa, sort, they were sultry, sexy, but extremely sweet. The sort of sex scene where you think to yourself "Boy, does this guy love me love the heroine".

The story itself was entirely different from anything I have ever read and left me questioning myself. What would I do if my husband - the man that I unconditionally loved was ill and unable to give me children, but we desperately needed an heir??

If your husband offered you the chance to have sex with a protective, passionate, sexy ass highlander would you take it?? Well in fantasy land I would be jumping up and down on the couch, stetson hat in one hand, lasso in the other saying "Giddy up cowboy" - not that this was a western, but that's just how I picture my reaction. But in reality it would be a life changing decision.

I honestly don't know what I would have done in Em's situation, but reading about it was thoroughly enjoyable and devastatingly emotional.

I also want to point out that I was strong and didn't cry my eyes out even though the wicked Kate Poole did a great job of making me want to sob like a baby.

Favourite Quote:

"I don't know what I shall do without him. Ever since the day I met him, he's been my anchor."

"Can't I be yer anchor?"

"No, ye great silly man. Ye're my storm"

Gina says

Another first for me an historical ménage, and it even included a hot highlander as well! OMG!! Could I ask for anything more! The sex was hot and steamy if course, but the best part of this book were the emotions and love I could feel between these three. I felt for each of them as I learned their circumstances and what brought together. I was happy, sad and captivated by each of them. I loved both heroes and the heroine!!!

An awesome read!! Thanks Kathy my sweet friend for the rec!!!!

Tammy Walton Grant says

Well, she says (she being me, what the heck, let's try this in the third person), this one was a little different. And so much more than I expected.

This book showed up on my updates recently (I know, I said third person, but that POV switch is hard!) when some friends started talking about it so I snagged a copy to see what was up.

The cover itself is a little deceiving - contrary to what I would have thought from the image this is actually a historical romance. An erotic historical, to be sure, but a very angst one.

I won't say much about the story other than to say that it was unique and unlike most romances I've read. (The only book that even comes close is The Fulfillment by LaVyrle Spencer, but that one is only remotely similar.) The situation the characters found themselves in was believable, and the solution they find to the problem they face is believable as well.

Where it really turned from an enjoyable, steamy way to while away a couple of hours to an angst, unforgettable story for me was mid-way through. (view spoiler) That cranked the book up a couple of notches in my estimation. The "twist" overcame any problems I was having with the characters being a bit two-dimensional.

I really enjoyed this one -- it made my heart hurt a bit.

(And because for me these books are all about the men, Angus is seriously hot.)

3.5 stars
