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Dear Reader,

I have a secret. Several, in fact...

Most people know me only as the headmistress of a charity school. Having a son but no husband has made me a social outcast, which is no great inconvenience since I despise Society especially those "gentlemen" who seduce naïve young women. My contempt for such knaves leads us to Secret the First: I am the anonymous author of The Rogue Report, a newsletter that exposes these scoundrels and their exploits.

My busy life leaves no time for romance, or so one might think. This brings us to Secret the Second: I have lately carried on a flirtation with the school's new mathematics professor. Mr. William Jackman is altogether too charming and mysterious for anyone's good particularly mine. Though I'm tempted to indulge my desires, I cannot help but wonder if my darling "Jack" hides secrets too.

You see, not everyone appreciates The Rogue Report, and at least one of its subjects is out for revenge. Is Jack bent on protecting me, or is he really the villain who seeks my ruin? Is it possible that I've fallen in love with the most notorious rogue of them all?

Lady Julia Corwyn

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Kit★ says

I think I picked this one up on my last trip to Goodwill. I read this book at a nice leisurely pace, only reading it at night when I was home alone and my main book I was reading at the same time, It, was creeping me out too bad. I was drawn to the premise of this book, woman (Julia) falls from society after becoming pregnant out of wedlock, and rebuilds herself as the headmistress of a school. Sounded interesting, as well as the fact that she anonymously writes a newsletter (The Rogue Report) telling all the misdeeds and bad behavior of Society's leading men, and has it delivered to all of the eligible misses. Cue our hero, Jack. He's a rake, a gambler, and going destitute. He's engaged to be married to a wealthy heiress, but she reads about his wicked gambling ways in The Rogue Report, and calls off their engagement. Now he wants revenge. So he goes to Julia's school, and acts like a humble teacher, and acquires the position of math instructor. This sets him up with an easy way to snoop around and gain evidence that she's the writer of the R.R. Evidence with which he plans to ruin her all over again. But he's not the only one snooping around the school. Julia starts off nice, seemingly smart and sensible, but to me, she quickly turned into a silly goose. Right away she is daydreaming of Jack, thinking how handsome and desirable he is. Though she's sworn never to let another man ruin her, or touch her, or make her fall for him. It's all very mysterious as to who her son's father is, and the circumstances of his birth. Jack also is right away attracted to Julia, and quickly plans to seduce her to make his spying all the easier. Julia's son,

Theo also quickly falls into adoration for Jack, and Jack quickly warms to Theo as well. All seemed easy. There was a bit of excitement when a teacher is abducted, but it's all quickly solved and has not much to do with the plot except to show how good of a fighter Jack is, and how caring Julia is. Then J & J fall into the seduction bit. It's all very warm and steamy until they finish, when (view spoiler) I had to put the book down for a minute. I was sort of, I don't know, disappointed or something when I read that. Felt like a cop out, and I wasn't sure where the author (whom I've never read before) was going to go with it. I kept reading though, and warmed to the characters more and more as I continued. Jack grew to admire Julia, and got to know her as a person, and desired his revenge less and less. Finally it is revealed who (view spoiler) is, and it was sort of sad, but kind of good. Made Julia's actions more understandable. There's more lovin' but then Julia discovers his deception. The end sort of came up fast, and there was a bit more action and excitement, a kidnapping, a big reveal, and of course, reconciliation and the HEA. The villain turned out to be a surprise to me. He was a badder person than I had really suspected. So this book started out sort of interesting, slowed a bit, and then picked up pace pretty well. It was a good, fulfilling and entertaining read, and while it didn't blow me away or get me real emotional, I'm still glad I read it. I may even look for more books by this author in my travels.

Isabella says

It's a pity this book is not available in digital edition, but if you are lucky enough to find a used copy, do grab it. I liked the gradual process that saw the hero reform his ways for the sake of the woman he had set out to get his revenge on and fell in love with instead and the element of mystery in the story added spice to a very good romance.

Roberta says

This is one of those stories where both Julia and Jack have big secrets. Who will reveal their secret first? How will Jack react when Julia reveals her secret? How will Julia react when Jack's secret is revealed?

Jack is a rogue but he is a delightful rogue.

Mariah says

Over all I thought this was a very good book. The characters were startlingly alive as I read through the pages. Jack was once a rake of rakes - taking London by storm while London took his money. A lady once wrote in her scandal sheet of the losses he incurred at one of his outrageous parties and ruined his chances of marrying a cold heiress. Out for revenge he does his research and comes to the conclusion that the fallen lady Julia could be the best possibility of authoring the rag that had outted him. It was then he joined the school and learned the true meaning of life as a teacher - compassion, trust, and hard work prevails. As do love. Love prevails over rakish ways and was quite the delicious treat!

Cary says

First book with a new author. I will read another one of hers. It was Warm but not overly so. Story was nice with several predictable parts and a few plot twists!

Sumit says

Julia....A LADY WITH A MISSION and author of rouge report
JACK....THE PERFECT ROUGE

They fall in love and a great story unravels;LOVED THE MATHEMATICS CONNECTION(MY FAVORITE SUBJECT)AND THE TRANSFORMATION(OF COURSE).....

Loved it

a line from the book that hit a cord i would love to share:

"He wrapped her in his arms,.....with such tenderness that she felt the joy of coming home after a long journey"

Bettye McKee says

Lady Julia Corwyn is headmistress of a charity school. She has her own reasons for despising men in general. In an effort to warn other young women, she writes The Rogue Report exposing the current scandals of the scoundrels.

Jack William Mansfield, the Earl of Rutledge, is getting tired of appearing in The Rogue Report. He sets out to discover the author of this fountain of misinformation which is ruining his chances with the young ladies. Homing in on his suspect, he applies for a suddenly vacant position as math instructor at the school, calling himself William Jackman.

I really loved this book. The plot was interesting and the characters were marvelous.

Angel says

A lord goes to work at a school of the woman he suspects of publishing something called the Rogue Report, which calls out members of the nobility for their indiscretions to young heiresses. Bent on ruining her and leaving, he finds himself falling for the headmistress and learning about what drove her away from society. great book with some fun humorous bits:)

Stasha says

A new to me author who turned a good Victorian tale. I guessed at some of the twists early on but some of the others caught me by surprise. Definitely worth the quarter I paid at the library book sale.

LorettaLynn says

I thought this was a fun and exciting book to read. I little different then the normal Historical Romance that I read. I am glad I checked this one out from the library. Very different and I hope if you are a Historical Romance reader you will try this one!

Happy Reading!

penelopewanders says

I really enjoyed this one. I particularly appreciated the fact that the hero is a keen mathematician and finds himself drawn into appreciating a different lifestyle that that to which he is accustomed. The heroine holds her own as well. I'm tempted to look for other books by this author. I see I had reached the same conclusion after reading a first novel by her (Countess Confidential), so I should indeed try to mooch some more. I read this in Mallorca and it was a perfect holiday read.
