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Fearing that an endangered racehorse will die at the hands of her reckless brother, Lady Ariadne St. Aubyn disguises herself as a man, steals the horse, and abducts the handsome Colin Lord to help her plot.

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Barbee says

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This review is from: Taken By Storm (Kindle Edition)

Wow this book is incredible! Not only will you fall in love with heroine Lady Ariadne an Earl's neglected daughter and hero Collin a former ships Captain now lonely animal veterinarian, but also a few furry creatures by the names of Shareb-er- rehh, Bow, and Thunder. I definitely loved the cast of characters being an animal lover myself, but even if these adorable creatures are not your thing the love story itself is just so wonderful as it has all the elements that gave me goosebumps and had me at the edge of my seat. Ms. Harmon definitely has a way of drawing you in and wanting more. I was so in awe with this book with so much excitement, adventure and mayhem you really didn't know what was going to happen next in this book and I love about a really great story. Without giving away any spoilers I will share one of my partial favorite lines in this book...Little Bow standing on her hind legs to reach up and lick the ugly old nose. Well you will just have to read this magnificent book to find out what that's about..lol. So if you love historical romance and animals you really don't want to miss Taken By Storm as I would give it ten stars if I was allowed...awesome book. It will leave you wanting to read more from this wonderful writer! I know I do.

Susan Connell says

Colin Lord is a veterinarian with an emotionally unresolved past when Lady Ariadne hires him to care of her horse. She desperately needs to get it to safety to ensure it can establish a superior lineage - a project her family has worked on for decades. (Author educates reader on all things equine but in a painless and entertaining way.) There's more going on here but it's Ariadne's youthful curiosity about the fascinating (& sexy) vet that inevitably stirs their passionate natures. Lord know (Dr. Colin Lord!) he's trying to protect her virtue but she isn't making things easy for him.

Debra says

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If you read one of Ms. Harmon's books, you will want to read all of them. She has a way of making her characters come to life on the page, and every page requires that you read on and on....

She really captures her character's personalities, whether it be man, beast, or dog, and some of them are quite hillarious.

There were some parts of the story that were a bit odd, but somehow she made those parts fit and become necessary.

When I read a story, I want to be taken to another time or place, and I don't want it to be all morbid, sexy, and sappy. The conversations between Collin and Ariadyne were lively, and in the conversations was where you really learned the nature of the characters.

He was a brooding veterinarian with a sordid past and she was one spunky, determined girl. Just what he needed.

I love to see injured people take control of their past and move forward in a positive manner. Ms. Harmon is a master at making this happen with her characters.

Well done!

Tracy Emro says

I have been waiting for Colin's story to be published in kindle format since I finished reading Wicked at heart (my favorite book by Ms Harmon)

I absolutely loved Colin - he is a wonderful hero. He is kind and generous. He isn't a rake or a "bad boy". He is just a really nice man, who carries a lot of guilt.

Ariadne on the other hand was not my favorite heroine - she was young (only 19 to Colin's 33) but she was a brat and didn't really change until the last 25% of the book. She redeems herself at the end - but I never really warmed up to her

The villain was perfectly vile - you really love to hate this guy!!!

I am hoping Ms. Harmon will write a book about Ariadne's brother Tristan (hint, hint)

I would definitely recommend this series. Ms. Harmon is a wonderful writer and really draws you into the story!

Allison says

By page 73 I still hated the female lead.

Melanie says

This story is a revision of the paperback version and the author herself had said that she had "extensively revised" it from the original. As I never read the earlier version, I can only comment on this one, and in my opinion, this is such a heartwarming, sweet and utterly cute romance story.

It truly melted my heart. Our hero Colin is such a mix of Alpha & Beta hero that comes of so human and likable that I just wanted to hug the guy!

Ariadne was a perfect little minx for him and someone with an enthusiastic, flirty and charming nature like hers was the only one that could draw him out of his suppressed state.

Their little adventure is a mix of expected to the unexpected [and no, I'm not going to tell you what that is!].

The author's knowledge of horses is clear and she makes even someone like me that knows nothing of horses, wishing to learn more of those scary beasts!

This is a lighthearted, fun and entertaining book, yet sensual as well. I loved the adventure, suspense and despite its predictability, it had some surprises and I loved the suspense built with it [not going to tell you that either!].

This should be a fun, fast-paced and steamy summer read and I highly recommend it to all, but animal lovers especially!

Book provided by the author

Melanie for b2b

Sara says

I truly enjoyed this entire series. fun and witty heroines and gentlemen heros.

C. Roberts says

Doctor Lord

Book 4 was great. I loved the 'understanding' of the horses. I loved the romance, the brother. I don't think there was a single loose end. It was a sweet love story. I look forward to more.

Anna says

A Gentle Hero- Colin Lord!

This unlikely story of a sea hero turned veterinarian- turned hero- grabs the reader from the first page. If you have read any of the previous stories featuring the heroic Captain Colin Lord, the reader wants to know what caused his fall from grace. This question follows you throughout the book.

Colin Lord, with his gentle and authoritative manner, has a special way with animals. They trust him. Lady Ariadne St. Aubyn witnesses him saving a dog for a little boy and decides that he is the perfect escort for her and her stallion. She needs to 'escape' with the prize stallion before her brother sells her pet stallion to pay his

gambling debts. He needs redemption and a reason to once again believe he is worthwhile to society. They both get what they bargain for and so much more. She agrees to pay the veterinarian to take her across England to where she believes she and her stallion will be safe. But it is that journey that turns her world upside down as Ariadne finds the love of her heart; and by winning Colin's heart, threatens his very hope for any outcome of happiness. And it is this journey that sweeps the reader along on a story unlike many other regency romances.

Danelle Harmon has written another great story- and another amazing hero and heroine will be forever etched in your heart and mind.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

This is probably more of a 3.5/5.0, but I rounded up to a 4/5. I liked that the hero was a veterinarian, and he was a really sweet guy. You may not like the hoydenish heroine, but she really did have her reasons for running around in pants: She was trying to protect her horse from her brother's machinations, so she stole him and ran off with him, dressed as a boy. I liked Ariadne, and I felt that her actions were justified, even though she was going against social mores and codes for that time. She was between a rock and a hard place, and her brother was a lowlife. Good thing she encountered Colin, who protected her when she intervened when a jerk was beating a cart-horse to death.

I think my bar was set high because the first book I read by Ms. Harmon was *The Wicked One*, which I adored, so that's why I couldn't rate this one as high. However, this is a nice, enjoyable read, with a hero who is a working man--a veterinarian. He walks with a limp from an old war injury, and carries some emotional baggage from what he saw during the Napoleonic wars (another point in this book's favor). Yet, he is a very good man that I definitely fell for as a hero. Back in those days, veterinarians didn't have much social caliber (not that this has changed much), but they were very important due to the livestock industry, and the fact that people used animals as transportation. Veterinarians probably did a better job than human doctors at treating illnesses and diseases, because the educational process was better for animal medicine. When I read this, I was impressed, because you could tell that Ms. Harmon did research the horse-breeding and veterinary medicine archives for this period. Kudos to her. Pretty solid read, and worth your time, especially if you have an interest in animals, and beta heroes, for that matter.

Nessa says

A SOLID 3.5 STARS.

What's intriguing about this story is the hero's occupation as a vet, because you can hardly find the a hero like that, and from the working class. I enjoyed his character very much and Ariadne was a delightful and sassy heroine who has a way of teasing Colin out of his shell. I think that they both make a very cute couple.

There is attraction and very mild sexual tension but story wise, it isn't that much of a page turner.

Diana says

Lady Ariadne steals her father's prized racehorse, the last of his breed, from her brother to try to save the species. Along the way, she meets sexy veterinarian Colin Lord.

Kind of weird. Not that great.

Danette Steward says

A nice rainy day read.

Carolyn says

I just love this series and was so pleased to see Colin Lord get his own book! The romance was very sweet and these two people were made for each other. On a side note, if you are an animal lover, you will thoroughly enjoy it.

Elis Madison says

In the previous book, we saw Flag Captain Colin Lord's leg smashed by canon fire in battle. Fast forward several years, and Colin, now disgraced, is a land-bound veterinarian. He's drafted by runaway heiress Ariadne St. Aubyn, who has stolen her prized and much-beloved stallion from her wastrel brother. She needs to get from London to her fiance in Norfolk, and because the stallion is a truly expensive, last-of-his-kind stud, she needs a veterinarian to accompany them to make sure he remains healthy.

For 12,000 pounds (around \$500k, modern American dollars), Colin isn't about to refuse the commission, even though he knows something isn't quite right.

With a bounty on Ariadne's head (and that of the stallion) that's only slightly less than the commission, there are plenty of obstacles and detours along the way, and, while the author makes no secret of the twist, it's still a good one.

Once again, my only issue is a certain dissatisfaction with the ending. (view spoiler) 3.5 stars.
