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Wildly unpredictable, the most desirable beauty in the land, Megan Penworthy has set her amorous sights on Ambrose St. James, a man she has never met but has every intention of marrying. And no other suitor will satisfy her especially not the common, if uncommonly handsome, horse breeder, Devlin Jefferys.

Posing as lowborn Jefferys to escape a potentially fatal confrontation, Sir Ambrose is enthralled by the brazen, duke-hunting redhead. Without revealing his true identity, he vows to seduce and tame her, thereby foiling Megan's plans to marry the man of her dreams. But the notorious rogue never imagined the enchanting schemer would turn out to be the only woman he would ever dream of marrying.

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## From Reader Review **Man of My Dreams** for online ebook

### ~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

So I wanted a safe historical and I love reading about enemies to lovers (if it's safe). I also love a hero that's sorta mean at first but falls so hard he grovels later.

I saw Chantal had it marked epic grovel.

But there wasn't one moment of grovel. Not even any romance. Just fighting, leaving her night after night. Then finally at the end after she tells him she loves him he says it back.

Also he said several times he needed to go find another woman to sleep with. Even after he realized to himself that he was in love with her he said he needed to go find his mistress to rid him of his feelings. It never said whether he did or not because he was away from her a lot. Night after night he was away. But I surely hope he wasn't.

What bothers me is that I wanted him to be nice at least for one chapter. He did get jealous a few times. I was happy the heroine kissed the Scott that kidnapped her because devlin deserves that.

I tried. Maybe my idea of grovel is different. But oh well.

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### KC 2.0 says

If you're looking for a historical romance which ponders the social injustices of working conditions for children living in the nineteenth century and the like, then you'll want to move on. But if you're in the mood for a fun read starring flawed, yet lovable characters then this Lindsey book just might be the lighthearted historical romance of your dreams.

*Man of My Dreams* is one of only two romances I read in 2016 that I gave a 5-star rating to. So to say that I had so much fun witnessing Megan and Devlin fall in love would be an understatement! I loved the banter, passion and sizzling chemistry between them. Yes, Megan and Devlin argued a lot. But it didn't irritate me as their sometimes silly, sometimes heated exchanges hid intense feelings they both were fighting to overcome.

One great example of the humor can be found in a memorable scene where Devlin overhears Megan talking to someone. He can't see her as he's in another room, but comes to an unsavory conclusion. It's the cause for Devlin's ill-humor and a laugh out loud moment from this reader. This is what he hears.

*I want to ride you, you can't imagine how much. Will you let me?...*

*Sir Ambrose just might be jealous, but I don't care. I can ride you both.*

As Devlin discovers, Megan's fellow conversationalist is a bit of a mute. (view spoiler)

I especially enjoyed Megan's hilarious inner monologues with her conscience. Gotta' love a character who is fully aware of her own faults and unafraid to poke fun at herself.

*Did you think he was joking?*

*Yes.*

*Well, I for one don't blame him. You never give the man any peace.*

*The man doesn't deserve any peace.*

*Then why are you crushed by his rejection?*

*I'm not.*

*You are.*

*Bitch.*

*Are you cursing yourself?*

Once upon a time I had given up on this author, skipping this book because I thought I would be wasting my time. I was wrong, and could smack myself for not reading it sooner. Johanna Lindsey at her best!

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### **Tammy Walton Grant says**

I love this book. Don't know why, exactly - it's far from perfect, but something about it makes me re-read it every couple of years or so. Contrived, a bit. Realistic, not really. Familiar? Very. Nevertheless, something about this one makes it more than the sum of all of its parts.

It's pretty much your standard "Duke in disguise as a regular joe" romance. He's a gorgeous Duke in hiding, she's a spoiled brat who mouths off to him at every opportunity. They strike sparks off one another from their first meeting and the first half of the book is full of their insults and arguments.

The second half of the book is full of misunderstandings, a trip to Gretna Green, an abduction, a pregnancy, a fancy ball, a spoiled, selfish brat redeeming herself, a stuffed shirt Duke getting over himself, and one of those endings that makes you think "awww," in spite of yourself.

And I LOVE the name Devlin.

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### **~\*\*Anna\*\*~ A Romance Reader says**

Really liked it! Johanna Lindsey always writes the best HR Heroes! Devlin, oh Devlin. I love you!! Seriously he was amazing! He could be serious, passionate and a tease all at the same time. And I liked that he wasn't your typical rake.

Megan was a brat, but I grew quite fond of her. She got on my nerves at times but she's only 18 after all. She does have a great heart though.

I loved Duchy too! She was so fun and wise. I wish she was on more scenes.

Overall a great HR with an amazing hero and a strong, big hearted heroine. I highly recommend it!

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### **Tara Lynn says**

I suppose there comes a moment in every woman's life when there's ABSOLUTELY NOTHING new to read in the house, and the only thing that presents itself is A ROMANCE NOVEL. Generally not a fan of drivelly romance to begin with (even Catherine Coulter lost interest for me after she thought she could write mystery novels,) I had to pick up this book for lack of better reading material.

Even worse than anything my expectations had ever prepared me for, this had to be one of the most trite, obnoxious pieces of drivel I've read in my life...and considering that I'll read anything, that's saying something.

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### **V. PARENTAL GUIDANCE ALERT: A Court of Wings and Ruin is NEW ADULT/EROTICA but Goodreads editors won't tell you says**

I read this one when I was 15. One of the first classic romance books I read. I can't remember much, but I still have a very battered paperback of this book in my shelf and I can't throw it away. I don't have the heart to do that.

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### **Nanci \*\*Warning\*\*IWASASailor??MyMouthisDirty says**

2.5 unfortunately I'm disappointed in this book Stars. Grrr

I tend to love every Regency book I read because I love the whole titled gentleman with money, marrying a nobody. However, this just don't work. I wanted to stop reading this so many times but continued only because I had to know how it ended and really loved the hero.

I loved the Hero Devlin. He was delish and all man in every way. I would so marry him.

Devlin is sent to the country by his grandma because his best friend believes he impregnated his sister and is out to kill him.

He hides out at the squires house pretending to be a horse breeder, hoping after two months his best friend will discover the truth.

While posing as a horse breeder he falls for the Squires beautiful daughter Megan.

The heroine, Megan. I refer to her as the TSTL female who ruined the whole book.

She was spoiled, I mean to the point of

She was a complete snob, first off she was a Squires daughter, she needed her best friend to get her into parties and here she demands everyone do as she says like she was born a duchess and God forbid you come around her with no Stature.

Throughout the whole book we are reminded of how beautiful she is, how she can get a Duke because her face has every man in love with her within seconds.

Pretty much the whole book is her being extremely arrogant, childish, throwing tantrums and down right ridiculous. I just couldn't seem to like her, even at the end

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### **Mahak says**

Heroine has flaws...such a refreshing change after so long.

Hero-the duke was pretending as heroine father stable boy. Heroine had only one aim in life.. marry a duke. So there was so much high low plot here. Not best but Enjoyed reading, banter was silly but enjoyable.

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### **Roub says**

mind-blowing one ! awesome ! i just love both devlin n megan ! they had such scorching hot chemistry !sex was barely described, it was an oldie but u cud feel the sheets burning ! this is an absolute awesome read, n so much fun. not 2 be missed! i was glued 2 the pages, they were a very exciting couple ! it made me think of Whitney, My Love, however whitney my love is longer n more intense n poignant. the basic plot is the same but where whitney my love took a dramatic note, almost heartbreaking; this one is much lighter n stays like dat.

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### **?Tash says**

14 years of growing up haven't dulled my fascination with this romantic novel. It's the kind of read that leaves you sighing and looking wistfully at your Scottish highlands wallpaper.

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### **Chantal ❤️? says**

#### **5 + SINFULLY SEXY STARS**

This is my favourite by JL. It's the book in which I found the name of my first born Devlin. Who is the hero of this book and OMG Is he manly. He was the "MAN OF MY DREAMS."

Devlin is an arrogant cold polite aristocrat who thought that by virtue of his birth (aka being a Duke), the

world was his and everything in it would simply bend to his will.

**So your typical period hero here.**

However, this soon changes when he is forced into hiding and becomes the stable trainer to the heroine's father. He sees her and his not only losses his heart but he losses frosty demeanour, that he was so famous for.

He plays up his lowly "station in live" by saying rude and crude things to the heroine.

Things like:

*"... little girl you have me so hot that It's either he pond or you..what's it going to be?"*

*"I'll thank you NOT to say things like that to me.." she answers back*

*He tells her "So don't thank me..."*

Megan was way too beautiful and willful for her own good. She was the only daughter to a wealthy landowner. She has been spoiled and indulged but she was still basically a sweet innocent.

**She has some sass with her class.**

She was very attracted to her new stable Master but wants to make an advantageous marriage to right the wrongs done to her by a cruel member of her community.

*"I need to marry a man who will make Lady O green with envy and so I can't Marry Devlin..." but she wants him and lust after him.*

They have loads of chemistry!!!

**It's off the charts HOT!**

Also, I love the fact that their first time was not good for either of them. To me, this really makes sense. I for one don't understand how in books virgins can always have an orgasm the first time without some serious foreplay. They are both disappointing but the passion remains and so does the hunger.

**THEY NEED, WANT AND CRAVE EACH OTHER!**

I loved how he was trying to keep his distance from her but he really couldn't resist her. Also, how She was just so mixed up at first and quickly became a strong woman.

Yes, he spanks her (she deserves it), yes she was spoiled and yes he was an arrogant ass but somehow together it was just hot!

**This books was awesome and I would recommend it anyone who enjoys two strong individuals becoming a strong couple.**

**I have read it over a dozen times and the fact that I named my son after this book, speaks volumes of the estimation and regard I hold for this book.**

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**For me, this book was one of the BEST!**

## Amelia Fransisca says

trjemahannya mo di release dastan, mg2 bagus trjmhnnya ^^  
mmmm review gw telat euy >\_<

memorable scene pas megan (dr jendela kamarny) lg drooling body nya devlin trus kepergok ma devlin  
hmpfh

trus yg ini:

***“I want to ride the stallion.”***

***“No.”***

***“Just like that? No?”***

***“Your hearing is excellent.”***

***“So much for her assumption. “You’re impossible!” she told him before she stalked out of the stable.***

***“I’m impossible?” Devlin said, glancing at Mortimer. “She’s got her husband all picked out, Mr. Browne. Hasn’t met him yet, but she’s got her cap set for him. Guess who it is.”***

***“Someone you know?”***

***“Yes, I know him. I bloody well know him. She thinks she’s going to marry the Duke of Wrothston.”***

***“But—” Mortimer’s eyes rounded. “You are the Duke of Wrothston.”***

***“So I am.”***

loved devlin ^^

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## Aline says

This book could be describe in one word, HILARIOUS ^-^ A friend of mine recommended this one a long time ago but I only got the urge to actually read it a couple days ago LOL.. silly me ;)

From the first chapter, this book already caught my interest and made me smile by only reading the 1st line, "Just what do you think you're staring at, Tyler Whately?". I thought "WOW.. this girl is really a shrew" LOL

I must say that I kinda like Megan despite her temper, she maybe 'perfect' in appearance and looks but she definitely not that perfect in characters.. And I do love her friendship with her best friend Tiffany, how she deliberately show her ugly side in order to prevent Tyler to fall for her instead to Tiffany.. \*grin\*

It gets more interesting when Megan, the shrew met Devlin, the horse breeder aka Devlin the Duke (although she didn't know that before). I actually laugh at their 1st encounter when they deliberately "stare" at each other.. I love the way he called her "brat" or "spoiled brat" ^-^

And Devlin?? well, what more could I say.. I'm a sucker for an alpha Duke LOL.. I mean, the guy could be grouchy but still adorable.. I love how he constantly argue with Megan but sometimes it kinda exasperating and useless especially when he already blown his cover up.. But nevermind, this book still earns 4 stars from me ^-^

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### **Aly is so frigging bored says**

I wasn't sure that I wanted to give it 5\* but it was so bloody funny that I had to :D

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### **couchpapaya says**

Ok, this is the second Lindsay I've read where the hero spanks the heroine because she 'deserves' it and it's for 'her own good'. This has completely alienated me from the book and the author. Since I picked it up because of the rave reviews, maybe if someone can get over the above they *might* enjoy the book.

When Megan Penworthy is introduced we see her through her friend's eyes as someone good, sweet, naive and a little spoiled. But, when she meets the hero Ambrose St. James, masquerading as a horse breeder because he needs to rusticate for a while, she is attracted to him and because he is beneath her socially is on the defensive. However, St. James a full 10 years her senior, completely loses his head around her leading to his compromising Megan and they have to get married. Of course, this is the book where the hero then spends the rest of his time being resentful because she has spoiled his life and misunderstanding everything she says. If you like misunderstanding plots, then this book is one long tedious string after another. And the heroine ends up grovelling when I fully expected it to be the hero.

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### **Zoe says**

I give up. I hate this heroine. I really cannot deal with such adolescent behaviors, not in real life, not in fiction.

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### **Danielle says**

**"I believe I'm going to develop a new habit—screaming. Consider yourself warned, you odious man."**

God, I'd forgotten how good this one was.

So I never read my mother's bodice rippers because she never had any. She legit didn't even know what "bodice ripper" meant when I asked her if she ever read them. I stared at her for like ~~three~~ six minutes waiting for her to rescind what she said. What kind of woman hasn't read one bodice ripper in her life? It's like mandatory to get these false notions of what a man should be - at least 6'3 cause duh, rude, possessive, and always knows right where the clitoris is - and then have your ideals shatter in front of your eyes. That's like an initiation into womanhood.

But honestly, authors who wrote romance in the 80s, 90s, and early 2000s know how to make a man right. Historical romance will always be my favorite because of this; I often find contemporary heroes lacking. And maybe that's because sweet = give me a sharp utensil to slowly stab myself with.

Anyway, *Man of My Dreams* is a regency romance between a duke masquerading as a horse breeder and a country lady who has her eyes set on a duke so she could be above the lady who always shuns her in town. So imagine when she tells the annoying horse breeder she has her mind set on the Duke of Wrothston - and he just happens to be that duke? A hilarious misunderstanding. But it actually creates a tension-filled, gritty, and passionate affair.

Their banter **made** this story. *Man of My Dreams* is heavily centered on building the tension between a man and a woman who immensely dislike each other. They bickered incessantly, and it was completely entertaining. The conflict was kept throughout the entire story, and the characters were perfectly paired. **Devlin is a jerk. Megan is brat.**

If you love Johanna Lindsey or regency romances, this is one you shouldn't miss.

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### **Anneke says**

Second try writing this review. I will just cut to the chase: this book is great when you need a light, romantic read, but it has some issues.

Issue #1: Our hero Devlin, the Duke that pretends to be a 'normal' horsebreeder, is a total jackass. His game of pretend is the weakest I've ever seen. It's like he isn't even trying. Seriously, beautiful white shirts? Being disrespectful to people who would be superior to him? But that aside, since it's not exactly my biggest concern. That would be the AWFUL attitude towards women. This book is a romance, so there's going to be kissing and 'lovemaking'. Our duke, however, thinks assaulting women is a great idea to get what he wants. He basically forces himself on the daughter of his pretend-employer the first time he sees her and when she fights back, he blames his RIDICULOUS behaviour on her, because she was looking at him. She then concedes and feels guilty. What the hell? Here we have a man without even a bit of self-restraint, apparently, and a sense of self-righteousness so severe that he believes his own actions are the fault of someone else.

Issue #2: our hero, the grand duke of being a total dick, grabs the heroine on multiple occasions and even spanks her. I'm serious. He does. Why the hell would anyone want to read that? And guess what, the heroine doesn't really mind and doesn't think about it much other than about the fact that it hurts a lot. Have you no sense, woman? I get that it's the freaking nineteenth century, but even in that day and age a simple horsebreeder couldn't do that to you, his superior. Even as a woman.

I still enjoyed this book, but this couldn't be overlooked. Hence two stars.

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### **Vida X says**

Definitivamente es el ultimo libro que leo de esta autora. Quise darle varias oportunidades, pero la mayoría son un desastre. No hay una real historia de amor, los protagonistas son insufribles, la trama completamente

inverosímil y los hechos y las actitudes no corresponden a la época en la que está ambientada. Caput. No entiendo cómo la autora puede ser una de las reinas clásicas del género.

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### **Chitra \*CJ\* says**

SQUEEE!!

Did I ADORE this or what?!

This had all the best JL elements- but in a much sweeter sassier way. Loved the heroine-especially her inner monologues- Megan made me crack up so many times.

Then our sinful horse breeder aka the hero/rake Devlin- hot- obnoxious- but also a very redeemable character.

I loved everything about this. The book had practically ZERO angst-and it was a sweet bodice ripper(ish).

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