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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The sister-in-law of a Duke is having her first season. She isn't happy with the conditions of the ton but for her sister's sake she puts up with it.

Miss Alice Sharp is about to make a terrible mistake by entering a notorious gaming hell in a very bad part of London, but is saved as she's about to enter, grabbed by Captain Richard Kirby. Kirby is a friend of Alice's brother-in-law, the Duke of Westbourne, and escorts her home against her wishes. Alice wanted to help the Dowager Duchess of Westbourne get back a stolen item, and this seemed like the best way. Of course, it wasn't. Now she enlists Kirby's help in retrieving the item. The next plan she and the Duchess come up with is as bad, or worse, than the first one. It almost costs them their lives, but luck and fate are on their side. Alice and Kirby are attracted to each other, but he repeatedly says he "is not husband material." He is in the militia, moving around a lot, gambles a lot, and likes to flirt. Read how everything works out in the end. This is a clean Regency romance/suspense story and I would recommend this book to everyone. I received an advanced review copy for an honest review, which I have given.

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My Thoughts: This is a well written short second book to this series. I have not read book number one so I can not attest to it being a continuation. To me the story reads quite well as a standalone, but maybe reading book one would introduce us to some of the characters encountered in this second book. We first meet Alice as she is determined to enter a unsavory gaming establishment. Captain Kirby prevents her from doing so. This meeting between our hero and heroine leads them on a merry chase to try and recover a stolen necklace for the elderly dowager duchess. Will this collaboration lead them to romance or will it be the end to their friendship? With a theft that helps bring together a most unlikely pair and a bit of danger thrown in

this is an intriguing mixture of a sweet romance and the mystery behind the theft of the dowager's beloved necklace. I gave this book 4.25 of 5.0 stars for storyline and characterization and a sensual rating of 2 of 5 flames with only a few heated kisses being the extent of any sensuality. I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author via book funnel to read. This in no way affected my opinion of this title which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

Confession time: I honestly didn't want to put this book down. Fortunately, it is a relatively quick read, but I did end up staying up late to finish it :) While this book is technically part of a series, it also stands alone. Alice Sharp is staying with her sister and brother-in-law for her first Season. It's not that she doesn't enjoy herself or hasn't had fun, but it is a little... bland. Alice longs for excitement. She finds it in her attempt to help a friend, and then there's Captain Kirby. Alice knows his reputation, but she needs his help and can't help liking him. Captain Kirby knows his reputation, knows that it's well earned, but what else is a man to do when he's on leave from the Militia? Drinking, gambling, and women are clearly the only way to go. To his, and the author's, credit, though, while the first two are shown at times, the last is merely assumed to have happened at some point and we never see any signs of it in this book. Thing is though, while Captain Kirby has no particular desire to change his way of life, what he resorts to for excitement is now rather boring. Until he meets Alice again. Although I saw a few errors, this book is well-written and decently edited. It is a fun read, and entirely clean, which I appreciate. One thing I would say, however, is that the gambling and the drinking are treated more as vices rather than addictions or character flaws. I liked Captain Kirby, and could see the good in him, but some people may not agree with the cavalier treatment of such things. I received an ARC from the author. I was not required to write a review, but chose to do so and the opinions stated are my own.

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