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**A bargain born of desperation ignites into passion as one lord's quest to save his family leads to the discovery that he can never settle for less than love.**

Forsaken, abandoned, and duped, Miss Jemma Adair has no other recourse but to request her grandfather's help to avoid living on the streets. His asking price? She must marry a neighboring lord's odious son. Thankfully, there is a way out of her dilemma—ensuring the rake never asks for her hand. But what is Jemma to do when her ally is an all-too handsome silver-tongued lord with a penchant for poetry that makes her question giving her heart to another man?

Philip De Vere, Lord Harthorne, wishes to marry for love, but inherited debt and family obligations force him to seek a wealthy wife. Yet experience has taught him that ladies of the *ton* prefer rogues to gentlemen with a poet's soul. But when an unrepentant hoyden claims to know a thing or two about how to make a man a rake, Philip finds he cannot resist Jemma's offer or her.

## My Enchanting Hoyden Details

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## Tina Hairston says

I have a new book boyfriend :)

Philip De Vere, Lord Harthorne, is conflicted. Despite his every effort to turn around the crushing debt and financial ruin left by his late father, he finds his only salvation is to marry for money which his poet's heart and soul is adamantly against. He hopes to find a woman that he at least likes and maybe grow to love but after starting his search, the one woman he wants turns out to be the one woman he can't have.

After tragedy befalls them, Jemma Adair and her twin sister Anne have no choice but to call upon their wealthy grandfather, a man they have never met and have very specific opinions about, to save them from a life on the streets in America. He comes to their rescue but deems that Jemma will marry as soon as they have been properly trained to enter English society. Not only is Jemma firmly opposed to a life of frivolous pursuits but recovering from a personal heartbreak, she has vowed never to marry and sets out to make sure she gets her way.

I loved this book! Julie Johnstone puts together a wonderful story of what lengths/sacrifices a person would do in the name of love. With misconceptions and ill-conceived notions, blended with a little mischief and poetic prose, her characters are interesting and their lives believable which kept me turning until THE END.

I received an ARC of this book for an honest review. I can't wait to read the next in the series.

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## Sarah says

Jemma is a woman who has been duped by her first love. Intent on not wanting to ever make that mistake again, her goal is to earn enough money to be independent and have her own bakery, just like her mother. That's not easy when her grandfather has different plans. Lord Hawthorne, otherwise known as Philip, has a debt to fulfill and marriage to a wealthy woman is his only way out. But he feels he is too much of a gentleman to win a lady's heart, and is intent on changing his reputation to gain a wealthy wife.

As the two of them work together, Jemma to foil her grandfather's plan, and Philip to turn himself into a rogue to be wanted by the ladies of the ton, the reader roots for the two of them to acknowledge their feelings for each other!

This is a really great story. The characters are very likeable from the beginning. Ms. Johnstone's characters are always so full of life that you can imagine having tea and getting along famously with them. While this is book 3 in her Once Upon a Rogue series, it can be read as a standalone. Or as the first book of many you pick up to read by this author. ;)

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## **Molly says**

I really enjoyed this book. Jemma Adair had me laughing out loud with her mischievousness. This girl is a hoot and I just loved her. She's sweet, charming in her own way, mischievous, creative, a little sassy, and this girl has spunk. She has also had her heart broken, lost her mother way too soon, had to grow up quickly, and wants to protect her younger (twin) sister Anne from all the hurts of the world.

Philip De Vere, Lord Harthorne, is responsible for his mother and takes care of all the finances. The problem being there isn't much in the way of finances to keep. He is in need of a solution to their money problems and he needs that solution sooner rather than later. So he sets out to fall in love with or at least like with a lady that has a nice dowry. He'd rather marry for love then money but a Lord has to do what a Lord has to do to take care of things. When Philip meets Jemma the friction and tension between these two is humorous. Once Phillip and Jemma get a chance to know each other though they find they have common interest and form a friendship.

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## **Lisa says**

A family ruined by a stiff upper lip and “ducal” pride restored by love, understanding and renewed trust.

Miss Jemma Adair was born in America, has a twin sister, and was raised by her mother, the daughter of a Duke. She has had her heart broken, lost faith in men and has agreed to come to England with her grandfather hoping to gain her independence to open her own bakery. Having been raised in America she is outspoken and does not want to marry just because her grandfather demands it.

Philip De Vere, Earl of Harthorne has issues a plenty; an estate in debt, failed crops, a mother that has a history of laudanum problems, is now providing his less than pretty cousin a season to find a husband, had hoped to marry for love but is now considering a marriage of convenience to save everything. He stands on his pride and refuses help from his friends.

Philip sees the hoyden in Jemma as a jewel to be treasured, not something to tame out of her. They complement each other; make the other shine and become the best that they can be. Their friendship is brilliantly done. Their banter is quick and sassy and the tender feelings they have for each other is touching. All the ways Philip is there for Jemma helps her to rebuild her trust in men, well one man. His grand gestures and gallantry were charming and heartwarming; it brought back memories of my own rogue.

The characters all had depth that left you either loving them or hating them. Jemma's grandfather, the Duke of Rowen was one of my favorites. He ranged from stern and standoffish, arrogant and manipulative to being a ninny hammer with a mischievous streak that brought out his loving side. He added whimsy to the story along with the families getting involved in the HEA. The courting “gentlemen” both Jemma and her twin, Anne encountered were despicable scoundrels that got what was coming to them in spectacular form! There was humor, loving manipulations, misunderstandings, hopes, dreams, renewed trust and lots of love- a fun and charming story. My hope is that we next see Anne get her HEA.

I give this book 4.5 stars.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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## **WiLoveBooks says**

I instantly liked Jemma. She is treated poorly by a man but instead of getting mopey about it, she simply swears off men. She is outspoken and determined to do what she wants. Then she meets Phillip, an earl and a poet. He is easy to like as well. He's in a fix financially and the only solution is to marry a wealthy woman. Jemma doesn't trust men, so this makes for an interesting situation. This book is sweet and funny and I couldn't put it down. An excellent historical romance I can't help but recommend.

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## **Kimberly Rocha~ Book Obsessed Chicks says**

When a family tragedy leaves sisters Jemma and Anne Adair in the hands of their seemingly cold and unfeeling English grandfather who uproots the young ladies from their home in America to London. Their grandfather is quick with his wishes to see both ladies married and he has even picked out the prospective groom for Jemma. Jemma, however, is no simpering female and has decided to foil her grandfather's plans with her willful resistance and her clear mistrust of the male population after the betrayal from the man she loved.

Philip De Vere, Lord Harthorne is struggling to survive the financial difficulty left by his father. His mounting debts have made it almost impossible to care for his family and something must be done before his poor mother expires from the horror of the possibility of being destitute. Philip always thought he would marry for love, but the lover of poetry finds his dreams dashed when he realizes the only way out of the situation is to find a woman with a large dowry to marry.

In typical Jemma fashion, a bet becomes the beginning of a fascinating chase when Jemma and Philip meet. Philip has never seen a lady like Jemma. A hoyden of the first order, Jemma lets no man close and Philip is no exception, until she agrees to help him with lessons in becoming a rake if he assist her in foiling the plans Jemma's grandfather has for her with the repugnant man he has given leave to court her. The more time they spend in each other's company, the more it is clear to many surrounding the pair that Jemma and Philip are perfect for one another. Unfortunately, neither sees anything but the task at hand and even though Philip finds Jemma to be captivating and is drawn to her, he has nothing to offer her and Jemma still struggles with her mistrust of men.

Making both Philip and Jemma see what is right before them is a task worth reading in MY ENCHANTING HOYDEN by JULIE JOHNSTONE. This wonderful story by Julie Johnstone, one of my very favorite authors, has a menagerie of fabulous characters who add to the alluring tale of two people who resist the inevitable. Jemma has good reason to be wary of men, but meeting Philip makes her think twice about her perceptions. Even with the despair of Philip's financial problems he finds out that sacrificing love for family comfort may not be all that it's cracked up to be. If you are looking for a story with hope and depth of feeling, Julie Johnstone's ENCHANTING HOYDEN is for you, as are all the stories that Miss Johnston writes.

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## **Judy says**

My Enchanting Hoyden by Julie Johnstone

Once Upon a Rogue Series Book Three

Miss Jemma Adair never agreed with her mother's distrust of men, until she was burned herself by one of the scoundrels. Then learned her mother was right again when she and her sister are swept out of America and to England with their cold-hearted grandfather who just wants to marry them off. Her life would never be the same.

Philip De Vere, Earl of Harthorne had to become like the men he hated, he needed to marry for money. He was a poet and dreamed of a marriage of love like his parents had before his father's death. Too bad the American fiery redhead didn't come with a dowry.

Life as an aristocrat was not always so easy. They had lands and homes to keep up and heaven forbid they do anything for the ton to wag their tongues over.

The author did a great job of bringing the characters to life, some to love and others to hate. If you enjoy knowing the background of characters from previous books, be sure to read the first two. Book one, My Fair Duchess, is Philip's sister's story. Book two, My Seductive Innocent is Scarsdale and Sophia who are mentioned often in this story.

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<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

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## **Lesia Chambliss says**

I was taken away by this lovely romance. It's almost like a true Cinderella story. I loved the characters of Philip and Jemma, their story is so different than many I read. All the characters in the book are wonderful, from the stiff, up-right butler to the oh so proper and gruff Duke, who is really a kind and soft hearted grandfather in disguise. Of course I love revisiting with the other wonderful characters of the Once Upon a Rogue series and how they come together in this book. There were plenty of surprises in Philip and Jemma's story, and some adventure also. It was wonderful to finally get Philip's story, and get to know him more. He has overcome a lot, and has always put his families needs first over his own. His poetic soul and romantic heart are revealed in his search for a wife, one who can help restore his estates, and can awaken his heart. All that and more come to life in My Enchanting Hoyden. I highly recommend this book and all the books in this series. They are amazing stories.

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## **Maggie Whitworth says**

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As always Julie's story is wonderful.

After losing their mother, Jemma and Ann are brought to England by their Grandfather to become proper ladies, his aim to marry them off.

Jemma has other ideas, and decides if she fails miserably at becoming a lady she won't have to marry.

Philip De Vere Earl Of Hawthorn, takes a liking to Jemma , and so begins a love /hate relationship that can only end one way,surely.

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### **Mellena says**

My Enchanting Hoyden was a bit slower to get into than Julie Johnstone's other novels but It was by no means any less entertaining. Learning a new character took time and I loved her once I knew her. This book is also a standalone as are the others in this series, but the experience would be so much richer if you read it from the beginning. This series has been one of my favorites. The characters are fun and their personalities are definitely unique. Philip is the sweet poet surrounded by his rakish friends who have all found love but him. Now he must marry wealth or find himself destitute and his mother humiliated. One he could stand the other he couldn't stomach. Jemma on the other hand is strong willed and a little hoyden. She has strong opinions and one is that men are untrustworthy. When she is whisked to London by her Grandfather the Duke of Rowan whom she has never met but has heard all kinds of stories, she is ready to fight. Especially when he tells her he has her a suitor waiting for her.

Angry sparks fly from Jemma as well as some attraction she refuses to acknowledge when she finally meets Philip. Jemma is determined to never marry. While Philip has come up with a hair brained scheme to find his match. They are determined to help each other. And with a bit of help from their friends everything is bound to work out as it should.

I loved seeing characters from the previous books in this series. It always gives me a smile when I see characters I know. They are just as they were if a bit wiser and more in love. My Enchanting Hoyden is full of spontaneous poetry, hoydenish actions, and boundless attraction. The perfect recipe for a fun romance. I highly recommend this book as well as the others in this series if you hadn't already read them.

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### **Crystal says**

I love Julie Johnstone's historical romance stories. I haven't met one yet that was not well written and totally captivating. Ms. Johnstone's characters are always charming, entertaining, and sometimes a just a little on the rebellious side.

The the lady on the cover of this book fits Jemma Adair to a tee. I love that mischievous look on her face. It just looks like she has a million things on her mind and she is trying to figure out what mischievous thing she is going to do next.

I think I may have met my favorite character in the Once Upon a Rogue series so far. Of course I think I have been enchanted by each and every character in this series. They are all wonderful. However Jemma Adair had me laughing out loud with her mischievousness. This girl is a hoot and I just loved her. She's sweet, charming in her own way, mischievous, creative, a little sassy, and this girl has spunk. She has also had her heart broken, lost her mother way too soon, had to grow up quickly, and wants to protect her younger (twin) sister Anne from all the hurts of the world. Ms. Johnstone had me laughing and crying with Jemma.

Philip De Vere, Lord Harthorne, is responsible for his mother and takes care of all the finances. The problem being there isn't much in the way of finances to keep. He is need of a solution to their money problems and

he needs that solution sooner rather than later. He feels he must marry for money. So he sets out to fall in love with or at least like with a lady that has a nice dowry. He'd rather marry for love then money but a Lord has to do what a Lord has to do to take care of things. Phillip is one of those really sweet guys that believes in love and happily ever after. He's just adorable.

When Philip meets Jemma the friction and tension between these two is humorous. They are both just a little bit sassy and Jemma of course wants to come off as completely unacceptable to everyone. This girl does everything she can think of so that the men of the Ton or anyone that may want to court her will find her highly less than desirable.

Once Phillip and Jemma get a chance to know each other though they find they have common interest and form a friendship. Phillip will help Jemma be disinterest her current suitor and Jemma will help Phillip to become a rake. I loved watching these two get to know each other. They are really so perfect for each other but they had to fight their feelings because they didn't think they could have each other.

Jemma and Anne's Grandfather has been offish and maybe a little harsh since they have arrived. I really liked how Jemma figured out what is going on. I won't tell you what but I will tell you that I loved this part of the story. It's really quite sweet.

This story really reached out and touched me. I was completely captivated by Phillip and Jemma's story. I had so much fun reading about all their mischief, their romance, and their combined effort to help Anne with a problem. I don't want to tell you too much about this fabulous story. I will tell you that even if you haven't read the other books in the Once Upon a Rogue series you won't have any trouble enjoying this one. If you have read the other stories you are going to love the chance to catch up with some friends from the previous books. I know I did.

Julie Johnstone is honestly one of my very favorite authors when it comes to historical romance. She writes a historical romance the way I like to read them. I can not wait to see what this very talented author has up her sleeve for us lucky readers next.

I was given the opportunity to read and review this great story so that I may share my thoughts with you. As always it has been my pleasure to share my thoughts on My Enchanting Hoyden.

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## **April says**

#3 in "A Once Upon a Rogue" series, but each story is told as a stand alone. Although, I recommend reading the other two as well.

A sweet Romantic story. A Cinderella type tale of romance, love and finding your HEA. I loved the H/H, who wouldn't, they were engaging, witty, challenging, charming and entertaining.

Another well written tale that demonstrates Ms. Johnstone's talent in storytelling. An absolutely delightful tale that will at times have the reader laughing out loud, at other times overwhelmed with emotions. I adore Ms. Johnstone, her storytelling, her characters and her plots. She makes fans of Historical Romance want more, and reaching for another enchanting tale. Well done! Fans of Historical Romance are in for a real treat with "My Enchanting Hoyden". A delightful and entertaining tale!

\* Received for an honest review from the author \*



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Rating: 4.5

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR, courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

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## **Dee Deacon Foster says**

What's a Lord to do when he's inherited an impoverished estate? Why marry for money of course – after all it is the way of the ton. So why does the notion leave a bitter taste in Philip De Vere's, Lord Harthorne, mouth? Because as a romantic at heart he wants to marry for love. He enlists the help of his friend & his wife in making a list of the eligible, wealthy debutantes; a list that does not contain the name of the fiery red-headed hoyden he can't seem to push from his mind.

Suffering a broken heart & the sudden death of her mother all Jemma Adair wants is to continue working the bakery her mother started. Men & marriage have no place in her life. Until the appearance of her grandfather demanding she & her sister return to England with him & make their debuts. To make matters worse he has given his approval of a marriage between her & Lord Gilmore. Knowing she needs his money to support herself & her sister she agrees – all the while planning on doing everything in her power to get this lord to break the contract.

Philip & Jemma make an agreement – he will help her rid herself of Lord Gilmore & she will give him lessons in becoming a rake to woo a wife. When things happen where Jemma needs him, Philip always chooses helping Jemma instead of pursuing a wife – a shame that Jemma is not a candidate as her grandfather is not providing a dowry for either girl. Jemma swore she would never trust another man – why then does she constantly rely on Philip when things go wrong?

With the help of a pair of matchmakers could something develop between the two? Will a series of mishaps & misunderstandings threaten to destroy whatever could be between them? Will Philip decide he is not willing to forego love? When Jemma learns the past is not what she thought it was will she learn to trust? Julie Johnstone quickly became a favorite author & My Enchanting Hoyden is just another example of why. Ms. Johnstone will have you laughing, crying & wanting to smack Philip AND Jemma. Be prepared for a fun story!

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## **Connie Fischer says**

Miss Jemma Adair and her twin sister, Anne, are 18-years-old and help their mother run the family bakery in New York. The girls' father left their mother years ago. When their mother learns she has 60 days to fully pay for the loan on the bakery or they would have to vacate, the shock kills the already ill woman.

The Duke of Rowan arrives from England and introduces himself to the girls as their mother's father. He announces that he is taking them back to his estate in England where they will be tutored for six months and learn to be proper young ladies. Then, they will be introduced to the ton where husbands will be found for them. Jemma and Anne have always heard that their grandfather is a cold man who turned his back on his daughter when she ran off and married a man only wanting her dowry. It turns out that her grandfather never gave her the dowry after she defied him.

In England, the girls comply as directed by their grandfather, yet Jemma is a stubborn young woman who professes that she does not want to marry, but instead to run her own bakery. Anne, on the other hand, is more amenable to marry. Although she is a very beautiful young woman, she is self-conscious due to a somewhat crippled leg she was born with.

Philip DeVere, Earl of Harthorne, is facing financial difficulties from failed crops and the like and needs to marry a woman with a large dowry. He has the care of his mother as well and doesn't want to worry her about their finances. Philip is a good man and detests the thought of having to marry for money. He would rather get a job but knows that it would upset his mother and he would also be looked down upon socially.

When Jemma and Philip meet at a soiree, he is immediately smitten with her red hair and equally fiery personality. Philip is a man who loves to write poetry and feels that if he were more of a rake, he would attract some rich women. So, Jemma agrees to help him become a rake. The gentleman in him finds him rescuing her from the advances of rakes so the tables turn somewhat.

We watch the relationship of Jemma and Philip grow from friendship into love but not without a lots of bumps in the road along the way.

Once again, Ms. Johnstone has penned a delightful story of a hoyden and her loving gentleman that is certain to make readers sigh.

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## **Nicole Laverdure says**

Heartwarming romance!

Julie Johnstone is one of my favorite authors for historical romances, so when I noticed that her new story, *My Enchanting Hoyden*, was to be released, I had to read it. I was thrilled with the 3rd book in her *Once Upon a Rogue* series.

It's the beautiful romantic story of Philip De Vere, Lord Harthorne and Miss Jemma Adair. Since the age of 12, Jemma had always liked and trusted William, the man she thought she would marry one day! Unfortunately, he betrays her and marries a rich lady!

Now, desperate and nowhere to go, she needs the help of her grandfather, but, what he proposes to her, doesn't please her too much. What will she do? Meanwhile, Philip, is in a terrible need of money, so he has to find a rich lady to marry! This man is a poet with words, will he charm Jemma? She is not exactly the woman he is seeking, she is not a rich person. But love will send passion toward Jemma and Philip's friendship and their worlds will collide ever so strong.

*My Enchanting Hoyden* is full of tenderness, humor, trust and love! This third story is very well written and fun to read!

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