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Each book in the Infamous Somertons series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order.

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Dawn West says

****Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book.****

Another scandalous sister finds her match!

Chloe is used to living with a scandalous reputation. Her father was a notorious art forger and her life has been a series of ups and downs with illness. But she's feeling much better now and since her two sisters have managed to snag a titled gentleman, she wants one too. And she's found just the earl to give her the life she wants. It's just too bad that his duke protector is such a jerk.

Michael knows Chloe's secret and it isn't about her father. He's seen Chloe's criminal behavior in person and he doesn't trust her intentions with Henry are pure. He is certain that she only wants to trap the boy in a marriage so she can claim his title and money. It's Michael's job to look out for Henry's future and he takes that commitment seriously.

Unfortunately, Michael cannot control his own attraction to Chloe. Instead of pushing the girl away from Henry, Michael somehow continues to draw her to himself. And when they find themselves alone, he starts to wonder if Chloe should belong to him instead. But his pursuit isn't an easy one since Chloe won't settle for anything less than marriage and Michael knows that vows are not in his future.

This book actually had a strange effect on me. While I liked each of our two main characters separately, I didn't love their behavior when they were together for most of the book. For instance, Michael is a mature character when alone but then becomes a jealous buffoon when near Chloe. Chloe seems like a sensible person on her own but then pursues Henry in front of Michael even when she knows she isn't all that interested.

There is also the odd way that Michael does sort of take on a dominant role with Chloe. I like a mild level of "alpha male" in my heroes, but Michael toed the line of going overboard a few times. I thought this was going to make me despise him. It actually didn't. In the end, his roughness was a good match to Chloe's softer personality. Despite their differences, they did seem to balance each other out.

The romance was passionate kisses and sensual tension for most of the book. Then when the magic happened, I wasn't disappointed. The chemistry between our couple was pretty darn powerful. I can thoroughly appreciate an enemies-to-lovers story and that's practically what this is. Even though their attraction is felt early on, they continue to battle it out. I did feel bad for Henry at times, though. Poor thing was so smitten that it must have made him blind.

In closing...

I still have one sister left to read about and I hope to get to her story soon. Four suns!

Full review on blog: <https://uptildawnbookblog.blogspot.com/2017/07/review-duke-meets-his-match-by-tina.html>

Lindsey Gray says

Michael Keswick, the Duke of Cameron, wants only the best for his best friend's son, Lord Henry Sefton. When Michael meets the woman who has stolen Henry's young heart, he recognizes her in an instant. Miss Chloe Somerton is the young woman he saw pickpocketing years before. Although he knows her to be a thief, he cannot deny the attraction that burns inside him.

Michael knew even if he didn't feel the enormous pull toward Chloe, she wasn't the right woman for Henry. Chloe has a fire that would be snuffed out by the sweetness and stability Henry would bring her. So what is a man to do but discourage Henry at every turn.

Even with Michael's attempts to part her and Henry, Chloe can't stop thinking and wanting the fiery passion the duke fills her with. A glimpse here and there of the real Micheal brings Chloe a deep understanding of him and why she see herself so much in him.

Gabrielle gives us a story of passion, romance, and a thrilling love. The way the two broken pieces of Chloe and Michael fit together in this story if simply marvelous. This is a series I will read over and over again, loving and cherishing it every time.

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Tracy Emro says

4.5 stars

This is the story of Chloe Somerton, youngest daughter of Jonathan Miller (infamous art forger) and Michael Keswick, Duke of Cameron.

Chloe has secrets, but since her sisters have married and raised their standing, Chloe is determined to marry a man with wealth and title. She has set her cap on young Henry, the new Earl of Sefton, the only impediment to her success is Henry's self imposed guardian, Michael.

Michael recognizes Chloe from years ago and knows part of her shameful secret, there is no way he is going to allow her to get her hooks in Henry. Michael owes Henry's father a debt that he can never repay, he saved Michael's life at Waterloo at the cost of his own. Michael not only suffers from survivors guilt, but he also has "war sickness" (PTSD).

Michael confronts Chloe and warns her away from Henry, but Chloe surprises him when she shows up at his house and tells him that she will not back down. Michael is taken by Chloe and if circumstances were different, he would claim her as his own. He has flashbacks to the war and loses his grasp on reality when he is caught up in one, because of this, he believes he is unfit to be a husband. But he wants Chloe and because of her past, he thinks she would make a perfect mistress.

Events unfold and Michael and Chloe grow closer and eventually embark on an affair. Chloe still wants to marry and Michael is still convinced that he cannot. But when Chloe helps him by getting him to talk about his war experiences, he has hope for the first time that he might be able to have a normal life - with Chloe.

When they are caught in a compromising position by Henry, things spiral out of control and Michael decides that he was right all along, he is unfit.

He breaks things off with Chloe and leaves her broken-hearted. When she decides to leave London, it seems like there will be no HEA for our lovers.

I really liked this story, it is well written, has some steamy love scenes, has some heart breaking moments and a very well done (and hard earned) HEA.

I would be happy to recommend this book, it is third in the Infamous Somertons series, but it could easily be read as a stand alone title.

I am voluntarily leaving a review for an eARC provided to me by NetGalley and the publisher

Brenda says

Description

The daughter of an infamous art forger, Chloe Somerton grew up poor. Desperate to aid her sisters, she'd picked a pocket...or two. Now circumstances have changed, and Chloe has a chance to marry a young, wealthy lord. Only his mentor—a dark, dangerous duke—stands in her way. The duke knows about her past, and she'll do anything to keep him from telling.

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My Thoughts:

I wish I had read this entire series. If books one and two are as well written as this one they are indeed not to be missed.

Chloe has a secret past that not even her sisters are privy to. While growing up she picked pockets to offset the expense of medicine needed by her. She knew the expense to be draining on her family even though her sisters never said so.

Michael has episodes caused by his devastating memories of war. He refuses to marry because of this. He knows Chloe's secret and she soon discovers his devastating problem.

Will their mutual attraction be enough to overcome the issues from their pasts?

This well written and engaging story is not to be missed.

I gave this book 4.5 of 5 stars for storyline and characterization and a sensual rating of 4 of 5 flames.

The attraction and subsequent reaction to it is an essential element in this story.

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Tam says

Chloe and Michael's story is one not to be missed! The characters in this book are well-developed with depth and substance. The plot is interesting, engaging and had just the right amount of push/pull between Chloe and Michael. Scenery and clothing were described with a richness as to make them easy to picture. I immediately felt for Chloe, who had done some dishonest things in her past to help out her sisters, but is now on the up-and-up and desperately wants to live a simple, peaceful life without having to worry about the trials and tribulations of being poor again. Chloe brings a tranquility to Michael's life that he has been needing and craving, but he stubbornly resists the notion that there could be something true and lasting between them.

Because of this book, I would now like to read the others in this series.

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Katrina Berry says

The Duke Meets His Match by Tina Gabrielle is Book 3 of The Infamous Somertons Series. While this story is part of a series it can be read as a standalone. This is Michael and Chloe's story.

Good golly, Ms. Molly....what a read. A beautiful story that just grabs you tight and doesn't let go. This is one fabulously written historical romance. I loved every minute of it. A must-read!

An ARC was generously provided in exchange for an honest review of which this is both honest and completely voluntary.

Mary says

Everyone who knows me, knows that Pride and Prejudice is my favorite book in the entire world. I have read it more than ten times and I never tire of revisiting it! In my opinion, Jane Austen was the greatest romance writer of all time. The struggle between Mr. Darcy and Lizzie Bennett is one of the best known and greatly enjoyed battle of wills in all literature. Many writers attempt to emulate Jane Austen's writing and most come up short. However, the conflict between the main characters in The Duke Meets His Match by Tina Gabrielle, strongly reminded me of P&P and I absolutely loved this book!

Chloe Somerton is the youngest daughter of an infamous art forger, who was well known throughout London and who swindled many of the elite upper class. She and her two sisters opened and ran a printing shop after their father abandoned them. Chloe however, was a sickly child and her medicine was very expensive, so she would pick the pockets of the wealthy, and sell her stolen goods in order to have enough money to buy her tonic for her cough. She constantly saw herself as a burden to her sisters and felt that she did not contribute to their family as much as her sisters did. Yet both of her sisters married well, so Chloe is now able to not only live comfortably, but she can have her pick of wealthy men to marry. She finally decides on Henry, the

Earl of Sefton, but what she doesn't count on is the young earl's guardian.

Michael Keswick, the Duke of Cameron, owes his life to Henry's father, who saved him in the war. He has his eye on Chloe, and will stop at nothing to protect his young friend Henry from the clutches of gold digging women. He recognized Chloe from when she would pick pockets many years prior, and he believes she cares nothing for Henry himself and has eyes only for the status and money that would come from a marriage with him. Michael warns Chloe to stay away from Henry, but this only proves to incense Chloe and war between these two characters begins. For as much as these two claimed to despise each other, they truly begin to feel something much stronger and more passionate.

These two slowly began to see each other in very different lights. Michael suffers from what was called "war sickness" but better known today as PTSD. Chloe does not see him as weak or less of a man when she witnesses these "attacks," but instead is understanding and exceedingly helpful. His sickness is what caused him to reject marriage in the first place, but begins to reconsider when he can't seem to keep away from Chloe. He warns her away from other men, especially Henry, but can't quite stop himself from falling in love with her. He finally decides he will risk everything to have Chloe, but then something triggers an attack and Chloe is harmed in the process. Will they eventually overcome everything in their path to be happy? You'll have to read to find out!

While reading this book, I really loved the character of Chloe. She stood up to Michael, was strong enough to have her own opinions, and did not shy away from the difficult parts of loving someone suffering from PTSD. She was an independent woman in a time when most were held to the strictest of rules. I just loved her spicy wit and her ability to go toe to toe with Michael. The passion and the fire between these two was an awesome thing to read!

This was my first introduction to Tina Gabrielle, but I can assure you, I will be going back for more. I want to start this series at the beginning and learn about all the other wonderful characters in this series. If you love a good romance, with hints of *Pride and Prejudice* to them, don't hesitate to go out and get this book! I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy it!

eyes.2c says

...'love is rare and special.' But can he acknowledge it?

Chloe Somerton knew what poor was. Being poor as a young child had led her into illegal activities. Now the past was behind her. Chloe's sisters had married well and this was her time. Chloe had set her sights on the pleasing, wealthy, young earl, Lord Henry Sefton. (As Chloe was young as well this hardly seemed difficult to me. On the other hand Chloe's 'hand to mouth' existence as a child has made her older in experience of the not so charming side of life.)

Chloe had not reckoned with Henry's mentor--Michael Keswick, the Duke of Cameron. Michael is an emotionally battle scarred veteran of Waterloo. His scars, worn on the inside, are not obvious but just as deadly and damaging. Michael has a duty to his dead friend's son and thwarting Chloe becomes a central game. 'Chloe Somerton [might be] the picture of beauty, grace, and innocence,' but Michael recognizes her from the past and is determined that his young charge shall not succumb to her wiles. What he fails to recognize is the frisson of attraction that sizzles between himself and Chloe.

Chloe throws down the gauntlet. The battle is on. As Chloe attempts to bring Lord Henry to heel, she realizes that all is not well with Michael. Knowing how terrible memories can effect one's behaviour, Chloe finds

herself compulsively drawn towards helping Michael despite the knowledge that he can destroy her. As the tug of their attraction for each other grows Chloe finds herself in a different sort of peril and Michael finds himself emotionally out of his depth where Chloe is concerned. And what of his responsibilities towards Henry? Hovering over all this is Michael's fear that in his traumatic episodes he will harm someone. That fact stops him from seeking his own happiness.

Gabrielle has used the historical background, the returned veterans of the European Theatre, combined with the plight of the poor, to effect. A pleasing end to the Somerton sisters' stories bringing (to my mind) a version of Beauty and the Beast revisited.

A NetGalley ARC

Jennifer says

3.5 This-is-War Stars!!

It isn't often that I read historical romance author that I have never read before....and enjoy it! I am pretty picky when it comes to HR authors, typically sticking to my favorites. But I know I need to branch out, and I'm glad that I did!

He had the power to ruin everything.

Chloe has a past that no one knows about, except the Duke of Cameron. She is determined to put her past behind her and marry a title because she knows what it is like to go without money or food, and she is determined to never live like that again. The Duke is in her way of getting what she wants. Chloe is a strong-willed character with a hint of innocence, but she does not go quietly. I loved how determined she was through the whole book to go after what she wants.

Michael made a promise to a friend to protect his son, and that is exactly what he is determined to do. When he discovers that Chloe has set her sights on the young man he is protecting, he makes it clear that it will never happen. Michael is immediately attracted to Chloe, but he believes her to be a thief who is just trying to use the man he vowed to protect. His suspicions of Chloe's character drives him to seek out the truth, but he doesn't expect to be seduced.

The beginning of this book was wonderful! I loved how much they hated each other, and I wish that the animosity between them kept going. The sparks fly between these two!

"You may be a duke, but you are not a gentleman."

"There's no room for chivalry in war."

"And this is war?"

“Only if you don’t obey.”

Blue sparks flashed in her eyes. “So be it, Your Grace.”

It was only when the story became sweet that it began to falter for me. But I still wanted to keep reading about these fantastic characters to see what happened in the end. This was my first book by Tina Gabrielle, and I am definitely intrigued.

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Addie H says

(Tropes: Scarred Hero (PTSD), Enemies to Lovers, Forbidden Love)

“I know my ducal responsibilities. But how can I marry and have children when I live day to day, not knowing what or when something will cause me to react irrationally? I’m a volcano on the verge of erupting. Christ, what if I turn violent? How could I take such a risk? How could I condemn another to such a fate?”

Quick plot: Chloe Somerton has set her sights on a young, uncomplicated lord, to counterbalance her poor and rough childhood. Only thing standing in her way is the lord’s mentor, Michael Keswick. A dark and broody war hero suffering from PTSD who refuses to tie himself to anyone because of it.

Is it ok to say I LOVE a wounded and emotionally hero who is silently screaming for the love of a good (or bad) woman??? And by this, I mean in books only. In real life they are usually emotionally immature, inapproachable and a pain in the ass.

- He preferred being alone and disliked the foolish topics of conversation that often arose among his peers.
- An impressive man, powerfully masculine. The type of male that caused women to act foolishly.
- “A worthy opponent. You fascinate me, Chloe Somerton.”

“You make it sound as if you are never challenged.”

“Challenged, yes. Defeated, never.”

- “I’m used to having my commands followed.”

She raised her chin and eyed him defiantly. “By men. I’m a woman if you haven’t noticed.”

His gaze raked down her body, then returned to capture her eyes. “Oh, I’ve noticed.”

3.5 stars

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

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Ivy H says

This was great, albeit a bit short. Chloe was an endearing but fiery heroine while Michael was the quintessential Duke with his frowning demeanour and stiff upper lip (along with other stiff body parts, every time he encountered Chloe. ?). He dislikes her at first because he recognises her as a pickpocket and concludes that she's a gold digger who is not good enough for his friend Henry. Poor dear Chloe has had a hard life and her reasons for having been a pickpocket were justifiable; plus, she only did like Robin Hood and stole from the very rich. As a child she had been saddled with a bad cough and chest infection which required expensive medication. She had seen how her older sisters worked hard for little money and felt guilty because of how ill she was. The hero had his own issues. Michael's PTSD (he'd been in the war) traumatized him continually and he felt it made him unsuited to the role of husband and father. Chloe becomes the one person who helps him deal and cope with it and this bridges a bond between them. Their journey to the HEA is quite sweet. My next read in the series will be second sister Amelia's story. She seems

far more interesting than the eldest Eliza.

Fizza says

Wow! I loved it, it's well-written, and very interesting book. I loved the characters, as well as, the story. It's definitely one of the best historical romances I've read this year.

Chloe has secrets, there are things which she did in her past that will forever haunt her, and make her feel like a fraud. But still she wants her future to be perfect. Love is not what she desires, from her hard times she learned that financial security is the most important thing in life. Therefore, she hopes to marry someone who will provide for her and never leave her like her father did. She never expected to meet someone she can fall in love, but Duke of Cameron is one person she can't stop thinking about....

Michael is plagued with nightmares of war. He knows that marriage, and children are not for him. He can't put someone in harms way because of his fits. So when he meets Chloe and realize how much he wants her, he tries everything to stay away from her. Unfortunately, staying away from said beauty will not be easy... he also needs to think about Henry, he owns his life to young earl's father... so why then he can't seem to stop wanting the woman he shouldn't want?

It's a great book which I enjoyed reading a lot. I think anyone who likes historical romances will find it entertaining.

Isha Coleman says

My love of historical romance is a longstanding one. It began with authors like Judith McNaught and Julia Quinn, but has expanded to include authors such as Darcy Burke and Vanessa Kelly among others. Tina Gabrielle sends me back to that time when I first discovered the awe of this magical genre. The battle of wills, the blending of hearts. Women of strength, times of desperation and domineering yet captivating men of means. The Duke Meets His Match is all that I expect and want romance to be. The place where hearts meet and wishes come true.

Anna Swedenmom says

I can only write, that I believe, this book is wonderful. It has the elements of compassion, passion, life, romance, love, sacrifice, betrayal. It has logic and wonderful characters. A story that makes you think some of it is real for you are certain such things happened. At the same time, it makes your heart feel for all the sacrifices that our service people give for us. I loved this book. I totally became a captivated party to its plot and its characters. It is not a book that you will find fast paced. It is steady and the ground work is wonderful as it unfolds. So buy and enjoy! I was given this book in return for an honest review. Anna Swedenmom
