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A Widow Who Knows What She Wants:

Lady Imogen Cavendish loves making merry. After surviving years of marriage to an old man, having seized her freedom seems the only intelligent thing to have done. Even so, years of dancing her way through parties has lost its' luster and all she wants now is to spend most of the year on the small estate she's purchased in Scotland. There's just one thing. Her neighbor is an infuriating, superior, and exceptionally handsome duke!

An Arrogant Duke Who Knows It All:

Duncan Hamish Fergus, Tenth Duke of Blackburn, does everything right. Duty might as well be his middle name. After his father very nearly ruined his mother and sister's life, Duncan is determined to never let the family name be tarnished again. Sacrificing his own pleasure seems a small price to pay until he meets the mad capped English woman, Lady Cavendish. In all his years on the path of righteous, no woman has ever tempted him to stray into sin, but no woman has ever been as mischievous or voluptuous as his saucy sassnach neighbor.

Can Imogen teach the oh so proper duke how to have a little fun or will two hearts be broken by propriety?

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Lux Lewis says

Eva Devon writes beautiful romances. Five stars.

Carol *Young at Heart Oldie* says

I LOVED THIS BOOK! Romantic, sexy and funny, it was totally enchanting from start to finish.

How I imagine Duncan...

Once...years ago, he'd been like them. Making jokes. Smoking, drinking, making merry, as they put it. But he'd let that go. Unlike them, he took being a duke very seriously.

Duncan had watched his womanising, drunken, gambler father almost ruin the family and its good name with his profligate ways. He fears that any slight slip from a life of sobriety could send him down the same slippery path as his father and it terrifies him. Refusing to be fodder for the village gossips, Duncan is the epitome of everything that is proper until the fateful day he meets his lively Sassenach neighbour, Lady Imogen Cavendish.

How I imagine Imogen...

...she'd learned that pleasure could easily be had without love. The years since her marriage had proved it time and again, and she'd enjoyed every moment without a second thought.

Ever since her elderly husband's death, Imogen has enjoyed her freedom and lived boldly without any regrets. Her sense of fun, kind nature and winning smile brighten everyone around her. But she has begun to grow discontent with her carefree life and longs for the sort of love that her friends share with their husbands. Life takes an unexpected turn when she meets her handsome neighbour, the ever so proper Duke of Blackburn. Imogen is sure the man obviously needs some fun in his life.

I imagined the initial meeting between the "grumpy" Duncan and the effervescent Imogen would be memorable. In fact, it is one the most memorable hero/heroine first meetings I've read in a very long time. Here's a taster of this wickedly delightful scene.

"I adore it," she continued, clearly unaware of his state of torture. "I don't know why more men don't wear them. They seem to be far more practical for a man's. . . um. . . Well, they're more practical."

At that, he could no longer suppress his groan. He was discussing the freedom of a man's cock in a kilt with a Sassenach noblewoman. Surely, he'd conked his head on a rock when he'd fallen. Yes. That had to be it.

As a couple, Duncan and Imogen are irresistible and their romance is such a perfect blend of great chemistry, simmering sexual tension, sparkling dialogue and highly sensual love scenes. Imogen's sense of fun positively spills off the pages and it's easy to understand why Duncan falls under her spell and

eventually sees what a wonderful woman she truly is.

Imogen wasn't perfect. She was in many ways the opposite of it...And yet, somehow, that very thing made her the most perfect woman he'd ever met.

Duncan has never enjoyed Christmas. It had always been marred by his father's drunkenness and then by his mother's illness. So I loved the scene on Christmas Eve when, for the first time, he knew true joy. There is a poignant moment when Imogen puts a candle in the window and a small knitted baby shoe on the tree and it was so heart-breaking to hear the story of her loss. It made me love her even more because, despite her personal loss, she could still bring happiness to those around her.

As with the previous two books, there are some colourful secondary characters to "assist" our hero and heroine on their journey to a Happy Ever After.

~~~ the Duke of Aston who I love to bits:

*"Oh, Aston is quite the character. The man is mad as a loon, a retired pirate if you must know but he's quite good fun."*

~~~ the powerful and seductive Duke of Roth

~~~ The very pregnant Cordelia and Kathryn who threaten to pop at any moment and their respective doting husbands, the Duke of Hunt and the Duke of Darkwell.

~~~ Duncan's impulsive sister, Lady Rosamund, who frequently subjects him to "the eye":

It was the ability to look at one with such disbelief it verged on disgust. If it had taken physical form, it would have been a slap upside the head.

When the Dukes' Club get together you can be assured of some great banter and, as Duncan finds out to his cost, never trust your so-called friends' advice regarding matters of the heart, especially when they are all three sheets to the wind!

The Epilogue provides a joyous end to Imogen and Duncan's story and a hint of whose book might be next.

Engaging writing, lively characterisation and great dialogue make this a thoroughly entertaining romance. Highly recommended.

REVIEW RATING : 5/5 STARS

The Duke's Club series so far (click on the book covers for more information):

A special thank you to Eva Devon for sending me a copy of this book in return for an honest review. It was an absolute delight.

NOTE: EVA DEVON ALSO WRITES AS MÁIRE CLAREMONT

This review is also posted on my Rakes and Rascals Blog:

<https://rakesandrascals.wordpress.com...>

Tom Prejsner says

Romance

Love reading all your books I am reading right now. Please keep writing more of these wonderful books.
Thank you

Amanda Life Support says

Omg!

This series gets better and better!

I loved Imogen in book 1 and fell in love with Duncan!

I loved catching up with Ryder and Cathryn, and Cordy and Jack!

Can't wait to start book 4!

Marti says

Another five star hit! Erica Ridley never fails to please. Crisp dialogue, characters you quickly come to know and love, and a plot that is fun and makes sense. Christopher travels constantly and Gloria travels nowhere ever. Christopher loves facts and nice, constant rules. Gloria plays with imagination and firmly believes rules are to be broken. It's a good thing Gloria is the matchmaker and not trying to be a match!

Annika says

Writing is good and witty but the hero is such a judgemental and righteous arse that most of the time I felt like pushing him off the high ground he had got so comfortable on.

Laura says

This is the third novel in the Dukes of Christmas. I enjoyed this novel. The characters were great.

I liked Christopher and how he was in the shadow of his brother's relationship. When his brother gets engaged, Christopher becomes the focus of the women of the village. Christopher asks his brother's fiancée if there is a matchmaker in the village. She points him in the direction of Gloria Godwin. Christopher had met Gloria during the second lap of her sky tour and gets frustrated with her. As Gloria attempts to match Christopher, he slowly realizes that Gloria is the one he wants. Christopher wants a bride that will travel with him. Due to events in her past, Gloria is afraid of travel. Can Gloria overcome her past to embrace love with Christopher?

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC provided by NetGalley and the publisher. Thank you!

Karin says

Oh, it could have been 5 stars!!

All that needs to be done is for someone who is well versed in spelling and grammar to edit this book, and it would be a 5 star in my library of read books!

Too many times was the use of 'to' when it obviously should have been 'too'.

Extremely aggravating to have to read a sentence multiple times, in order to figure out what it was actually supposed to be.

If I hadn't liked the story so much I would have just abandoned it to the far corners of my library.

Cerian says

Originally published at Rookie Romance.

So far, The Dukes' Club series from Eva Devon has been filled with fun and heady romance, and Wish Upon a Duke stays true to this. It was a delightful romp of a romance between two characters that couldn't be more different on paper but make such a wonderful couple.

Duncan watched his father almost ruin the family with his drunken debauchery so he is determined to be a very proper Duke. He has absolutely no intention of providing fodder for the gossips and wants to ensure that the family name is protected. Duncan suppresses much of his personality and tries to shape himself into the sort of stern and respectable man that he thinks he must be. It's really quite sad as we see just how much he's shutting himself off from any enjoyment of life. Of course, all of this means that one day he'll choose a demure and equally proper wife to be his Duchess. Someone with an unblemished reputation who understands the gravity of her position....someone very unlike Lady Imogen Cavendish.

Imogen leads a carefree life of freedom and fun. Her elderly husband died and left her with power over her own life, which she yields as she pleases. I loved Imogen's sense of fun and bright positivity. She's a complete ray of sunshine and brings happiness to others as well. Even though she's living her life as she likes, she does also yearn to find the kind of true and fulfilling love she sees her friends have.

Imogen and Duncan have a wonderful connection immediately, even if Duncan does try his hardest to ignore it and push her away. The two seem like chalk and cheese, but Duncan needs Imogen to bring light and fun into his life. It was also fun to see Duncan realise how much he had misjudged Imogen before meeting her

and then to watch him try and atone for his misjudgment.

Despite the personal obstacles they need to overcome to be happy together, Imogen and Duncan are a very sweet couple and Duncan makes a perfect addition to the Dukes' club! This book also hints as to what we might expect next in the series from the irrepressible Duke of Aston, which I'll very much be looking forward to reading!

*I received a review copy from the author, for my honest opinion. Thank you!

Judy says

Wish Upon a Duke by Eva Devon

The Duke's Club Series Book Three

Duncan Hamish Fergus, Tenth Duke of Blackburn is a bore. Not that he'd say so. He just wants to toe the line so that his dukedom is pure. After all the damage his father had done...he had to be responsible. And that meant choosing a perfect duchess. A flawless in character duchess.

Lady Imogen Cavendish loved life. She lived it to the fullest with her fun parties and other activities. After all, a widow had a certain amount of freedom. Her stodgy neighbor needed to learn to relax...and she was the perfect woman to help him do so.

Duncan isn't fond of Englishmen...or women. His new neighbor isn't only English, but a wild woman who throws wild parties and who knows what else goes on in her hunting cabin. Great story in this series and it pulls in characters from the previous books to add to it.

**Sexual content

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

Vintage says

Continuing in my cynical, cranky-pants mode, I am grudgingly giving this three stars.

The sweet, whimsical and now carefree widowed h has settled in the Highlands much to the dismay of in-lust but grumpy Highland Duke neighbor. He's an ex-lusty womanizing rake that settled down to gloom and doom respectability due to his father's disgusting carousing, womanizing and so forth ways. Didn't help that the father broke the H's mother's heart and died raving of the French disease.

The h has two couples and one extra male friend visiting from England, the demonic dominator off all things Scottish. All Sassenach's and the men are all Dukes, of course. The couple are also so winningly, whimsically and nauseatingly in love.

Finally, the Duke (the cranky Scottish one) succumbs to our plump, curvy heroine, and she puts the light back in his life. Too bad he yanks it out from her when he makes it clear that with her rep as a Merry Widow, she's not good enough for him. Spine and self-respect intact, she leaves for England after leaving him a note. It's one thing to have a light-hearted affair you know will probably end, but having it spelled out that she's

good enough to have an affair with but not marry is too much for her.

He takes the sword out of his ... backend, and leaves for London to woo and win her back.

The book was cute and sweet, and if you are in the mood for a hunky big Scot who knows his way around the femme form (and who doesn't) as well as a winsome and sassy heroine then this is a good one. Some of the banter and antics of her friends was just a little too forced and twee for me, but, see above, I am in a cynical and cranky mood.

And just because...

And finally, these cuties...

Barbara "Cookie" Serfaty Williams says

Wish Upon A Duke (The Dukes' Club Book 3)

The love story of. Duncan and Imogen. Imogen want to be a happy woman and have a happy life until she meet Duncan. Duncan is a very up tight duke and he thinks she is everything that wrong. Can love find a way? Great Christmas love story.

Bruce Micklewright says

I was really disappointed in the editing of this book. Wrong words spelled similarly were in this edition, up to the point of the sex of a baby born switching a few times and descent being used instead of decent which was meant. There were so many of these errors that it started to unwrap me from being there with the characters. It took me out of the magic flow and right into neutral judging reader.

R says

I love the cast of characters, it is truly like a comedy, , Seinfeld crazy antics and characters and the I love you, love you not, let's come up with the most ridiculous ideas, after the dukes frank and nearly killed each other, to offer advice.

Thus, this has not been my favorite of the 3, it was a little slow but still bloody fun.

Nessa says

THIS STORY WAS ACTUALLY NOT BAD, ALTHOUGH I AM BASING IT ON THE TROUPE OF A WILD WIDOW AND RIGID DUKE. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG WITH THIS

COMBUSTIBLE COMBO?

Yet alas, because this series has a repetitive scent to it...the story was predictable in the sense that I couldn't really be bothered to devour it word for word.

While, I love the troupe...there simply wasn't any compelling magic between the characters that reels me in...not that this wasn't an enjoyable story if this is your first Devon Duke book.

OUR HERO is a serious Scotsman who doesn't want to follow in his father's debauchery footsteps, dying of a sinner's disease and leaving his mother to die with a broken heart. So, even if one day he has to marry, it will be a Scotswoman with good breeding and so boring, it's safe from scandal. Of course, life has other plans for him and it comes in the form of a Sassenach widow falling into his arms when he was about to storm over and demand his bonnie neighbour to keep her activities on the low. One thing leads to another, and the infuriating woman seduces him into her bed. The attraction and passion is mutual but, he denies his heart to fall for her. Much luck that will do for him when he can't even stop it.

OUR HEROINE is a scandalous widow who has experienced the lost of a child, and she dances happily from one rake to another. Never has she fallen for anyone, or has a man made her feel the way Duncan does. She takes a gamble to win his heart and like all Devon's stories go...it has the same pattern of encounter to passion to heartbreaking angst and then a happily ever after. I think of all Devon's heroines, I like Imogen best because of her wild nature...she's just so carefree and alive that you just love her for it.

OVERALL it was enjoyable, and I wished I had gotten my hands upon this one first to fully appreciate the entire story. Sadly...there was still something missing...perhaps a hint of originality? Or maybe the characters...while I enjoy the troupe...weren't fully drawn out enough.
