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Pamela(AllHoney) says

Set in America during the Civil War, Captain Matthew Hampton, a Confederate Captain, kidnaps Katherine Devereaux, a Union woman. Originally published in 1978, during the days of the totally non-politically correct bodice rippers. One that I actually still like.

Missy says

Wonderful book..... love all of her books..... wish there were more.

Diana says

A bodice ripper to be sure. My first book to read in romance when I was 16. Have kept a copy of it for almost 30 years now. Loved the romance between the H/h. He was a jerk when he shouldn't have been and honorable when he shouldn't have. Good read and do so often.

Bunga says

Novel yang bikin galau. Hehehehe...

Sebenarnya ceritanya menarik. Tentang Katherine--anak pengusaha kapal terkenal di Boston yang diculik narapidana bernama Matthew. Si Katherine ini sebenarnya udah tunangan sama seorang letnan, tapi sayangnya dia ga cinta sama tunangannya itu. Dan si Matthew ini kapten pemberontak yang jadi narapidana yang dipekerjakan paksa utk bikin kapal di perusahaan ayah Katherine.

Daru awal Kathy ama Matthew udah sama-sama tertarik. Tapi yang bikin gemes itu Matthew ga tahu cara nge-woo cewek yg bener itu kaya gimana. Dan si Kathy, berhubung ibunya udah meninggal waktu dia masi kecil, juga ga ngeh ama rasa ketertarikannya ke Matthew. Akibatnya dua orang ini sering crash. Pas make love pun lebih berasa kaya rape, soalnya Kathy ga mau digituin (meski diam-diam dia berusaha keras mendam passion dia ke Matthew). Sebel jadinya. Hubungan mereka kaya benci tapi cinta. Mendamba tapi ga mau mengakui. Untung pada akhirnya mereka berdua sama-sama sadar kalo mereka fallin in love.

Sebagian besar dari buku ini menceritakan penculikan Kathy dan Matthew yg melarikan Kathy ke Liverpool dengan kapal. Selama itu sebenarnya Kathy diperlakukan dgn baik, cuma pride & ego Matthew yg tinggi dilawan sama sifat keras kepala & rebelnya Kathy, jadinya mereka sering cekcok.

Lalu di sini ada beberapa kali adegan rape yang dramatis pas Kathy kabur dan malah ditangkap mucikari di Liverpool. Untunglah Kathy cewek yg tegar dan kuat, meski dia sempet goyah tapi dia ga sampe yg frustrasi berlebihan dan hancur. Meski begitu sempet ada salah paham ama Matthew yang dianggap ga mau nyentuh Kathy lagi gara2 dia udah kotor. Sementara Matthew malah berpikir Kathy jadi benci ke dia dan semua pria gara2 kejadian di rumah bordil.

Novel ini touching & intriguing. Dengan ketidakbiasaannya yang memposisikan Hero sebagai villain-- narapidana, pembunuh, pemberontak, dan pemerkosa (si Herroine). Hanya saja di endingnya si Hero berusaha menebus dosanya setelah dia sadar klo dia bener2 cinta ama Herroinenya dan ga sanggup kehilangan. Bahkan sampai ngebunuh cowok2 yg nge-rape Kathy buat balas dendam. Dan Herroinenya kuat & pemaaf banget, apalagi stlh sadar klo sebenarnya dia udah cinta ama Matthew dari awal.

Aliesa says

10/5 stars

Oh how I love this book.

It's just too fine and perfect. Katherine and Matthew's the most poignant couple ever. Seriously, I love them both and how they get to realize their love for each other.

This is not your ordinary love story. Having found love while sailing and in the midst of war and the like. The characters are so alive and I hope **oh, i really hope they're true persons so that I could meet them and cry and hug them and tell them I love their love.**

I don't know about you guys, but for me, this book possessed that love story you wouldn't wanna miss *ever*. Now I think I want to engage myself into reading more vintage romance books.

Here's the plot:

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I hope more people could read this. i usually don't want other people liking same things I like (which is really selfish T__T) but I want all the people to read this and love it.

Characters

•Katherine Devereaux

-I've never encountered such female protagonist as much as her. I really felt her throughout the story and I really think she's amazing.

•Matthew Hampton

-So handsome man I'll trade my phone to see him.

omg read this.

Regan Walker says

Exciting Civil War Bodice Ripper!

What can I say about this book? It's a well-written page-turner, a bodice ripper and Lisa Gregory's (aka Candace Camp's) first novel, published in 1978. Set during the Civil War, it tells the story of Katherine Devereaux, the only daughter of a wealthy Boston shipbuilder, who is abducted by one of the Confederate prisoners working in her father's shipyard.

Katherine is witty, independent and capable, and when we first meet her in Boston, she is intent on marrying a Union naval officer, Lt. William Perkins. But that plan would soon change.

Captain Matthew Hampton is arrogant and selfish. He desired the haughty Miss Devereaux from the moment he laid eyes on her. And since he takes what he wants, when he escapes with a ship and his men, he kidnaps Katherine and takes her to sea, and then to England. In Katherine's own words, "He stole me! He raped me! And now he refuses to release me, locks me in here like a dog in its kennel."

When she does escape him in England, it is to a terrible fate. I kept thinking all the while it is Hampton who is responsible for ALL her misfortune since he abducted her in the first place. For me, it was sort of a "loved her, hated him" story. When he finally comes to realize he loves her, he just couldn't grovel enough to compensate for what Katherine experienced. I just could not like him, no matter how contrite he became. To my mind the real hero here was the constant Lt. Perkins, who still wanted Katherine even after all she had experienced.

For all that, if you're looking for a good bodice ripper with a very worthy heroine, I recommend it.

Darby says

I picked this up at a library book sale. The cover tattered with the corners slightly ripped. This is one of those classic bodice-ripping romance novels. He kidnaps her and she can't help being attracted to him. It is such a classic to that genre that I kept it and read it a few times. And plan to read it again as I am in-between books from the library at the moment.
