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Have you ever dreamed of a Christmas wedding?

Spinsterhood has never looked so good, but unfortunately even that won't save Lady Juliette Brooks. Her father's arranged a betrothal for her to a brute of a man. She has one choice left—force the Duke of Kissinger to honor a long ago promise to save her.

Grayson Abbot, the Duke of Kissinger, does not want to marry Lady Juliette. He doesn't want to marry anyone. But he did make her a promise, and he doesn't go back on his word... So he reluctantly agrees to run away with her.

They set off on an adventure during the Christmastide season. As they race to Scotland they experience delays, cold weather, and a friendship they'd almost forgotten about. Will Juliette finally find out what it's like to be kissed, and in return, win the duke's heart?

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# **From Reader Review A Wallflower's Christmas Kiss for online ebook**

## **Stephanie says**

I loved this book. I read it in one sitting as the storyline has me so enraptured that I could not put my Kindle down until it was finished. Juliet is a wallflower not because she is ugly bit because her mother died and her season was cut short and then get father remarried and the new wife had a plan to marry her off to an unsavory character. Grayson has known Juliet since they were children and he has always loved her but thought she was better off without him until one night Juliet comes to him and asks him to marry her and at first he says no but then she tells him who she intended to marry and he agrees because he knows of Lord Payne's character and he wants to protect her so he says yes.

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## **Lisa says**

A wish on a shooting star by a nine-year-old girl and the promise of a 12-year-old boy.

Fast forward 16 years and we meet up with Lady Juliette Brooks and she is finally panning her season in which to find a husband. There have been obstacles, neglect by her father-the Earl of Riverdale and a new stepmother that seems to rival Cinderella's. Juliette has tried so very hard to stay in the background and wants desperately to make a match and start her own family. Suddenly she is not having her season and she is promised to a man that sees nothing wrong with beating women for sport.

We meet up with Grayson Abbot and he is now the Duke of Kissinger. While he is a duke and has responsibilities to his title, he refuses to marry. Over the last 16 years he has avoided Juliette because his father threatened her family and he does not know why, even now with his father dead. He had not wanted to end their friendship all those years ago, but was given no choice.

Gray agrees to fulfill his promise to Juliette and they are racing to Gretna Green. During the trip, there they reconnect and renew their friendship. The conversations are fast paced and witty, but not pithy. Ms. Brower has created deeply rich characters in a short time and you are rooting for them to reach their HEA. Being a novella the drama of the relationship and the trip to Scotland are shortened, but you do not feel cheated. Gray's defense of Juliette against the brute was justified, but the result was glossed over and could have had a bit more explanation. There are several things at the end that, while appearing neatly tied up in a bow, were not explained to my satisfaction. Perhaps an addition three or four pages could have added that sense of finality, but I still enjoyed the afternoon read. Ms. Brower is a new to me author and I am looking forward to more historical romances from her.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

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## **Marsha Spohn says**

Reviewed at Romantic Historicals

Juliette and Grayson once had a childhood friendship that ended when, at age 12, Grayson was sent off to school... and for unknown reasons forbidden to pick up the friendship with "a mere girl" years later. To Juliette, Grayson was her hero. When he left her behind he'd given her a locket and promised that should she ever need him he would be there for her no questions asked.

Juliette was about to remind Grayson of that long ago promise. Her situation was dire and only desperation would allow her to contact Grayson again, since he didn't seem to feel the same connection by his silence all these years. Still, there was no way on earth that she would willingly marry a brute who thought nothing of beating his servants over the slightest thing. She could only imagine what he'd do to a wife who would have no recourse against her husband at all. No, it was better to throw herself on the mercy of a long ago promise and pray that Grayson was still the honorable person she once worshiped as a hero. She desperately needed a hero right now.

A Wallflower's Christmas Kiss is a good story, interesting and charming at the same time. As a novella it's always hard to get as much of the story or the details that a reader might crave, but the basics were covered nicely. Grayson may be aloof and determined to never marry, but it's easy to see that Juliette definitely made an impression so long ago. It wasn't really surprising that he did indeed turn into a young girl's hero.

This story wrapped up the series quite well, even though I couldn't see a connection between the characters and the other earlier stories. A light hearted romance with a touch of adventure, this one was an enjoyable read.

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## **Debbie says**

When Lady Juliette Brooks was nine she made a wish on a shooting star. That her best friend Lord Grayson Abbot would be by her side forever. He being twelve wasn't just her friend he was also her hero. What she didn't know was that her hero was fixing to leave but before he does he gives her a locket with a picture of him to remember him by and promises that if she ever needs him he will be there for her.

Fast forward to when she is twenty Five and a wallflower who has been on the shelf for awhile. Her Mother has passed and her Father has remarried to her step mother who just wants to marry her off to the first person who offers for her. At her age she doesn't have much of a choice but when she is informed that she will marry Lord Payne a cruel man who is known to beat his servants. She has to find Grayson and make him keep his promise.

I really loved Juliette and Grayson's story. It is a story of love that spans time. What a wonderful Christmas tale of love lost and reborn.

I highly recommend this book.

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## **Natasha says**

[ They weren't allowed to play with the servants' children, so they played with one another. When Grayson, a future duke, is twelve years old, his father sends him to Eaton. Gr

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## Twinsie Talk Angie J says

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I received this book from the author for an honest review.

EEP Duke Kissinger gets hit butt kicked by love!! We met him in the last book by Amanda Mariel. He was a total rake and quite happy with his ways.....silly silly man!! In this book, we see a 12 year old boy and a 9 year old girl falling into young puppy like love but due to family and situations are pulled apart.

Lady Juliette has not had a great life since her best friend left her for school. The loss of her mother and new step-mother have made life unhappy. When her scheming step-mother gets her father to agree to marry the awful Lord Payne, she runs to the only person she can trust.

The banter between the two was hilarious...I loved reading about Juliette's desires to see the sexy Gladiators in Rome. Gray was not ok with that at all!! LOL As hard as Gray tried to push away and not acknowledge his love and desire for Juliette the harder she pushed him. When the couple sneak away they get to catch up on their lives and grow even more in love with each other.

Gray will do anything to protect his friend and love. The last 2 chapters were intense....lots of "will they be found" and "oh snap this is not good". I gotta say I loved the series and reading the final epilogue made my heart super happy.

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## Penny says

This was adorable.

My christmas tbr has not gone how I planned but I hope to read more this last few days.

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## Dawn B says

On the whole this is a fairly typical regency tale, with a young woman desperate to escape an arranged marriage. She runs to an old friend and begs his help, and of course he agrees. What follows is pretty much exactly what you'd expect.

What lets this particular book down though, is something that definitely should have been picked up during the editing process. Almost every time a section of text starts with a piece of dialogue, the initial " is completely absent, meaning you often don't realise someone is speaking until you're part way through their conversation. This ruined things for me as it made reading it horribly hard work. So much so that I didn't even finish it.

### **Caitlyn Lynch says**

A charming Regency romance novella with an extremely likable heroine, Dawn Brower draws us deep into her characters' world from the very first scene of *A Wallflower's Christmas Kiss*. Gideon and Juliette are an adorable couple even as children; their separation is clearly devastating, though more so for Juliette, when she is left behind as Gideon is sent off to Eton. Fast forward fifteen years and a grown-up Juliette turns up on Gideon's doorstep asking him to honour the promise he once made, that he would help her if she ever needed him. Promised in marriage by her distant father and a stepmother who wants her gone to a lord with a reputation for cruelty, the only way Gideon can possibly protect Juliette is to make her his bride. A hasty dash for Gretna Green ensues before Juliette's disappearance is discovered.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story and I only wish it was longer! I'd have liked to know why Gideon's father was so set against Juliette's family, and I'd have liked to see her stepmother forced to grovel for the new Duchess's forgiveness (wicked stepmothers should always have at least one grovelling scene, in my humble opinion!) Christmastide wedding + nine months of pregnancy does not equal "you will be a father in the early summer" this is a math + biology fail that rather threw me at the very end of the book.

Still, Juliette and Gideon made a charming and believable couple; Juliette's feistiness was wonderful and she would definitely spend their marriage leading him around by the nose. While this novella is part of a series it stands very nicely on its own and you do not have to have read the rest of the series to thoroughly enjoy it. I'll be looking forward to reading more of Dawn Brower's books. Four stars.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book for review through Reader's Favorite.

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### **Isha Coleman says**

*A Wallflower's Christmas Kiss* is the type of story you will want to read again and again. Brower has created characters that work their way under the skin and into the heart.. Desperation reignites a friendship that was almost forgotten and along the way awakens the heart to something magical.

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### **Nicole Laverdure says**

\*Reviewed for Books & Benches\*

Sweet and romantic! *A Wallflower's Christmas Kiss* by Dawn Brower is a charming novella! 4.5 stars

Will Juliette's dream to marry during Christmas time come true? When she was nine years old, Juliette had decided to marry her childhood friend Grayson some day. But when he moved away to further his education, she lost touch with him and her heart broke. Will time heal her heart? Can she forget him? Now at 25, her father is forcing her to marry a mean viscount who she doesn't even love. Will her childhood sweetheart come to her rescue? Is Grayson her last hope? Will destiny reunite those two once again? However, the duke isn't the marrying sort! Will Juliette be able to capture his heart forever? Will he be able to resist her charm? Is love in the air during Christmas?

This short novella is so romantic! The teasing between Juliette and Grayson made me giggle!

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### **Pamela says**

Lady Jules Brooks has always loved her neighbor, and best friend Greyson. He is to be the next Duke, and is sent off to Eaton, and is not allowed to reconnect with his sweet friend. He tells her that he will be there, if she should ever have need of him. She certainly has that now. Her mother has died in the middle of her first season, and her father has remarried. He has not chosen well. Her stepmother talks her father into linking her to Lord Payne. He is a cad, and a brute, and nearly killed a mistress. She runs in fear for her life, and has only one place to go. I loved this Christmas book although most of it did not take place in a Christmas setting. I loved Jules, and her sweet, and caring personality. Grey, as she called him, also soon thawed under her kindness. It is a race to Scotland before her father, or Lord Payne finds her. He does not care for her, but only her inheritance, and will take her at any cost. The tender way she spoke to Grey, as she called him spoke to my heart. I feel that there is more yet to this story, since it seemed the door was left wide open, even after the epilogue, which I loved. Why must the Duke look through his formal papers, and what is he missing. The mystery as to why Grayson, was not allowed to return home from school, or see his dear friend again, also never got answered. I am wondering if there is another book, that will answer these questions. It was a well deserved five star rating.

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### **Claudia says**

Grayson and Juliette grew up together as best friends until Grayson's father separated them successfully. But at their last meeting Grayson made a promise to always be there to help, should she need it. Fast forward 15 years. Grayson has become a rake to spite his father and stays away from Juliette because he thinks he is not worthy enough. But when Juliette comes to him for help, to save her from a marriage to a known Sadist, he cannot but help her and take her to Gretna. Trying to do the right thing is never easy - but what is the right thing here? How to best protect Juliette? A wonderful story of redemption and love. I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### **REGIANE MOREIRA says**

Melhor que o segundo, mas não que o primeiro. Novamente um casal me cativou. Dawn Brower conta a história de um casal que se conhece desde a infância. Que eram melhores amigos e sentiam, um pelo outro, algo forte e especial. E eu como boa adoradora de personagens sofridos... gostei... rs. Grayson Abbot, O Duque de Kissinger, outro lindo libertino amigo, desde Eton, do Marquês de Knightly e de seu cunhado, teve um pai autoritário que o obrigou a se afastar de sua linda e amada amiga de infância, Lady Juliette a quem sentia um desejo incontável de proteger, proibindo, sob ameaça, que tivesse qualquer contato com ela. Lady Juliette Brooks sofreu muito por seu amado amigo de infância tê-la esquecido, mas seguiu em frente. Quando sua mãe faleceu teve sua primeira temporada interrompida e não voltaria a ter outra pois, anos depois e já se considerando uma solteirona, recebe a notícia que em questão de dias ficará noiva e se casará com um visconde que tem fama de espancar suas mulheres.

Grayson vai protege-la ou seu fim vai ser morrer nas mãos desse desalmado?  
Esse é maior que um conto e mais forte que os outros dois da série, mas não deixou de ter sua leveza.  
Me prendeu, me cativou, só acho que faltou algo... e não sei explicar o que.  
Mas gostei muito.

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## **Emma says**

This is about a true, deep, loving friendship between nine-year-old Lady Juliette Brooks and her neighbor and best friend twelve-year-old Lord Grayson Abbot. Both Juliette and Grayson only had each other to play with as they lived in the country and were forbidden to play with the servants' children. They were in the country so there were no other aristocratic children to play with. Juliette and Grayson grew up together. They were inseparable. That Christmastide season would be there last. The Duke of Kissinger was sending his son Grayson to Eton and has forbidden him to continue his friendship with Juliette. The Duke thought it unseemly that a girl and boy, not relatives, to be close. When Grayson told Juliette he was leaving, she did not want him to go. He got her a gift. He bought her a locket with his picture in it. She loved it. She said that she would always have him with her while he was gone. Fifteen years later, Juliette is not twenty-five. She is unhappy because her mother passed away after her come out ball. Her season was cut short. She thought after her mourning that she would resume her season but that did not happen. Her father, the Earl of Riverdale, immediately remarried Eloise. Eloise had no love for Juliette and independent gregarious Juliette was no more. Eloise kept the Earl away from Juliette and the Earl no longer paid her any attention. So, she resigned herself to being a spinster and a wallflower. Eventually it became clear to Juliette that Eloise no longer wanted Juliette in her home. Eloise talked the Earl into arranging a marriage for Juliette to Viscount, Lord Payne. Juliette was horrified. It was well known that Payne was a cruel and abusive master and had to problems beating his victims. She pretended to go along with Eloise and her father. She decided to run away and go to the one person who made a promise to her many years ago to always be there for her if she needed him. She went to the Duke of Kissinger's townhouse. Grayson was beyond words to see Juliette. He had missed her and wanted to tell Juliette why she never saw him again till now. But, Grayson was a dissolute rake and he needed to protect Juliette from himself. He found her attractive and his old feelings for her started to return. When he found out why she sought him out after fifteen years, he knew he had no choice but to protect Juliette from Payne. Even he heard about the cruel Viscount. So, he agreed to give Juliette the protection of his name. But only his name nothing else. They immediately set off to Gretna Green. The story covers the conversation and revelations during their four-day trip and the danger they find alone the way. This is a wonderful story. I do recommend it.

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