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A winsome widow and a few white lies win hearts in the third volume of The Tales of the Jewelled Men. Veryan's Georgian series continues apace with an impoverished but infinitely resourceful Ruth Allington, who finds herself in love with the very man circumstances required her to deceive.

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## Marian.bradly says

I enjoyed this one. It was fun to have the story told more from the perspective of the female character, even though the main plot is based on the male character. I enjoyed the story - and there were twins in it!!!

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## Hannah says

Amazing...

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## Rebekah says

I bumped this up a star since my first read. Reading these in order has really added to my appreciation the all of the novels, for the most part. I save my 3 star ratings for Veryans that really were not up to snuff. And this was quite good. I remember thinking Gordon was a bit of a stick in the mud, but this was not my impression this time around. Ruth was still a little mild and fairly unremarkable despite the fact that she had an unusual background and an actual profession. But I liked her. I liked the progression of the Jewelled Man mystery and the appearances of our continuing characters: August Falcon, Jamie, Gwen, and Katrina. This was not as humorous as some of the entries, and the adventure and danger didn't seem quite as urgent or threatening. But frankly this was a relief. Veryan can really put her characters (and her readers) through the mill. (view spoiler) Although this might be counted as a flaw by some, after some of the nail-bitingly painful relationship problems some of our previous heroes had to go through, this was a plus for me. The set up to the next in the series, my personal sentimental favorite and my first Veryan, **A Shadow's Bliss**, has me strongly anticipating it. I am pretty sure it will live up to my memories.

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## Mela says

**What a fun! Patricia Veryan was a great storyteller. I just couldn't take my eyes away.** Really. They started to hurt. I was so gripped that I didn't notice when I read dozens of pages.

**The romance was full of obstacles and misunderstandings. The mystery was well intertwined with the whole series. Great main and supporting characters** (even such as Mr. Aymer). I have the feeling that Veryan (like G. Heyer) first created characters then the story. Thanks to this, all is such consistent.

The twins - how good they fitted to the story.

And of course: **Morris and Falcon!** The scene when they talked and fight in the chapel... Oh my... **A masterpiece of comedy.**

At the end, I just wanted so much to hug the book. But I was reading it online on Open Library and I was, unluckily, alone home at that time. Only my cat slept nearby. So, I hugged him ;- ) He was a little surprised

but fortunately, he is accustomed to my sometimes odd behavior.

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### **Cheryl says**

Perhaps because I started in the middle of the series (I couldn't figure out which one was the beginning), I couldn't get into this book. At the beginning I couldn't keep all the characters straight. The characters seemed like they were brought in from Central Casting and there was no wit or edge to their personalities. Also, I felt that the setting and period details weren't thoroughly drawn in. I kept wanting to superimpose a Regency backdrop and had to keep reminding myself--this is the mid-1700s. It has the general feel of a Jane-Austen read-alike, but came off more as a Harlequin historical with more verbal density. Not awful, but not a lot of fun.

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### **Michelle says**

I feel like this series is finally starting to pick up a little. I enjoyed this one a little more than the others.

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### **Saadia Y says**

Ruth Arlington's family are victims of the League's scheming and now left alone in the world with 5 year old twin nephews and a tainted family reputation, Ruth must hide her identity to secure their future. With the help of our beloved dynamic duo Morris and Falcon (without Falcon's knowledge) she secures a position at the Chandler's estate to the disapproval of many, including Gordon Chandler, because she is a woman in a "mans post".

With the mischief from the twins, the hatred between Ruth and Gordon (which eventually turns to love), a scheming fiancé, plus our usual favourite characters from the previous instalments, there's always something happening. Not to mention the famous Farrier making his appearance.

I was pleasantly surprised by this third instalment of the series. This book definitely focuses more on the romance narrative with just enough of the "League of Jewelled Men" to keep it in accord with the rest of the series. So far, this is definitely my favourite of the three I've read.

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### **Christa Schönmann Abbühl says**

Gordon Chandler is a favorite of mine. He outshines his brother Quentin in Practice to Deceive, and proves himself the best of friends when he is loyal to Tony Farrar in Love Alters Not. He is loyal and steadfast, less flamboyant than some of the other heroes in Vervan's books, but in a way that makes his story even more romantic.

It makes sense that the woman he falls in love with is on the quiet side, too. And that he forgives her again and again for the (understandable) deceptions.

The lady he is promised to is quite the villainess. Veryan uses her to show the superiority of our heroine, who even through all her lies is of course a pure and angelic person. Luckily even the perfect Ruth does have some flaws, or she would be a total bore.

But back to the villainess: Veryan probably meant it as a sign of the lady's base nature that she was so obviously titillated by Gordon's highhanded treatment of her in the last part of the book. I was amused by those scenes, as in a modern romance this could have lead to some amazing sexy times ;-)

Once again we have some cute animals, engaging children, loyal retainers, and interesting father-son dynamics. Also: Falcon and Morris to the rescue.

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### **Joanne says**

Haven't picked up Veryan for a looong time. Glowering heroes and independent ladies and snappy dialogue.

Beach read!

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### **Lady Susan says**

I have re-read this more than some of the others.

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### **Misfit says**

Oh, this was good, even though a bit slow to build up to the final finish. Love this series and waiting to get my hands on the next one. Nice blend of romance, history derring-do and a truly evil batch of baddies conspiring to topple - well, we don't quite know yet what it is they're trying to accomplish.

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### **Tweety says**

Book three down! This is not a series to read out of order or with big lapses in-between, as each one builds on the next. So far, book one felt the most with the league of the jeweled men, book two had the best heroine, and this one wins the best little heroes. Twins! However in all of the books, my favorite characters have been Falcon and Morris, it's because of them and wanting to see what happens next that I move on to the next book in the series. Later I may do a proper review.

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### **Brainorgan says**

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