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Return to the beloved Sinful Suitors series from *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author Sabrina Jeffries in this delightfully sexy winter-themed novella!

Stunned by the heat of an unexpected kiss on a cold winter's eve, two strangers from vastly different worlds turn hotheaded principles into burning passion in Sabrina Jeffries's charming yuletide story, *The Heiress and the Hothead*.

Can also be found in the anthology, *What Happened Under the Mistletoe*.

The Heiress and the Hothead Details

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From Reader Review The Heiress and the Hothead for online ebook

Under the Covers Book Blog says

Yet another series I haven't read and the only reason I picked it up is because I'm always on the lookout for a holiday themed historical romance at this time of year. THE HEIRESS AND THE HOTHEAD was released last year as part of an anthology that I hadn't seen and I had to jump on it when I saw it was being released as a single novella.

I was pleased to see this worked okay as a standalone novella. I don't think I had the opportunity to read this author before and I was quite happy this features a plot I hadn't seen before. The heroine, Amanda, owns a cotton mill in America while the hero Stephen is an English journalist trying to expose the bad working conditions at the local mills. Meeting Amanda at a Christmas celebration is his one chance to write a new piece to expose the similarities between America and England in the treatment of workers in his quest for bettering their lives.

This is a quick story so I was expecting a bit of insta-love, and we certainly got that. Being that they live in different continents and have such ingrained views about the other to overcome, it seems a bit far fetched that there would be an HEA after such short time. But aside from that, this was a cute story. It managed to weave in some sweet and playful moments and it kept things simple. I couldn't help but keep turning the pages, mostly because I enjoyed the authors' voice. I'll be looking forward to going back and reading the first book soon.

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Maddie says

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(~v~)♥♥

Time to put on my reading glasses

A BIG Thank you to the author! :D

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

'The Heiress and the Hothead' by Sabrina Jeffries is book 1.5 in the "Sinful Suitors" series. This is the story of Stephen and Amanda. Please take into consideration that this book was included in the "What Happens Under the Mistletoe" book collection that was published last year. In addition it is a Novella with about 90 pages. This is also easily a standalone book. With all that being said I truly loved this book and Ms. Jeffries books. Ms. Jeffries is one of my favorite authors. So I was glad to see this being released on its own this year with it beautiful cover!

Amanda is Jeremy's sister...Jeremy was the hero in the first book "The Art of Sinning". Amanda owns the family mills in America. Stephen is Warren's younger brother. Warren's story I will be in "The Danger of Desire" book number 3 in this series. Stephen is working on factory reform and wants to talk to Amanda about her Mills. They both have been thinking badly about the other but have never really met. So when share a kiss and start to learn more of who the other one is...things start to take off towards love!

"My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read."

Julie says

The Heiress and the Hothead by Sabrina Jeffries is a 2016 Pocket Star publication.

"Sweet Emblem of returning peace
The heart's full gush, and love's release;
Spirits in human fondness flow
And greet the pearly Mistletoe."

-Anonymous

This holiday novella is centered around the treatment of mill workers and the horrible practice of hiring underage staff and subjecting them to long hours, little pay, and dangerous work conditions.

Amanda is from America, an heiress, running a successful mill, but has traveled to England to see why their businesses are more profitable. She encounters Stephen, a man on a mission, to report on the unsafe environment of mills. He lumps Amanda in with the worst of the lot, sparking a challenge between them, and a little chemistry too. Can Amanda prove she's not all the other mill owners? Can she calm Stephen's hot temper and join forces with him to make positive changes? Maybe- with a little help from the Christmas spirit, a sly kiss under the mistletoe and a little soul searching.

I liked this story because it featured an American, a dedicated business woman, and a little action and adventure, and meaty plot line for such a short story.

*It should be noted that this story appears in the holiday anthology 'What Happens Under the Mistletoe' (Sinful Suitors 1.5) which was released last year, something I didn't see mentioned in the blurb.

Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2eSdq1u>

The Quick Of It: A Christmas gathering. A heated kiss. A hero set on expose the atrocities of mill owners. An American heroine who owns a mill. Realizing you just kissed the enemy? #Priceless

The Yay: Jeffries is always entertaining. I adore her romances and characters. Stephen and Amanda were quite the thing. Poor bloke. He just never had a chance against the pistol that was Amanda. She was a fierce chickie and not about to take any of his crap over the mills. Had him all turned upside down and churned up over all his warring desires. I had fun watching their sharp tongues and seeing the resolve weaken. They may have seem at odds over the mills but really they're both great people who want to make the world a safer place for workers though they definitely went about it different ways. Whew! There's a little heat and a little danger that brings them together. The only thing that didn't quite work for me was the sex scene. It was just bit oddly placed and had me giving them the wonky eye because really yall? lol But other than that it was a fun little jaunt and tasty holiday treat.

Margaret Sholders says

I liked this short Christmas story. It is a bit dark. Sabrina has done a good job with her characters. They give us a serious story line. Amanda has come from America to visit her family. She owns cotton mills across the pond and wants to walk to see how the mills run in England. Lord Stephen is trying to fix the bad mills. He wants to talk with Amanda. He blames her and she gets pissed off. Spoiler. He shows her workers and really sets her off. This reminds me of a ghost show and how the mills work. Major Spoiler. I liked her meeting a mistletoe ball for the first time. There is fun in this book. Spoiler. Everyone is ready for the House Party when the Hanson mill goes up in flames. All run to try to stop it but Amanda and Stephen get stuck. I will leave you here to decide if you want to read this book. I would recommend this book for you to choose it. I hope you will enjoy reading this story! I volunteered to read and review this book.

Ceki says

I have no idea why I decided to read a Christmas novella on a scorching June day, but hey... that's just me being normal.

I never tend to take novellas seriously because let's admit it, only really capable writers can pull off a book of this length without making it too lacking.

Sooo I guess it was really normal to kiss under a mistletoe in a 19th century ballroom full of strangers? I did a research on it and I guess it's true but it still kinda bugs me in a weird way. Oh well.

Anyway, what really ground my gears was the epic sex scene (view spoiler)

I actually liked Amanda for being a capable businesswoman but disliked Stephen, he was a bit too much of a "hothead" but I liked how he proclaimed his love for her in the end by saying that he was "perfectly willing to follow her to the ends of the earth." You do not see often in HR novels heroes giving up everything and heroines who are actually more capable than them; so that was refreshing but now developed enough.

I would recommend this one only to those who really love Christmas novellas and do not have anything better to read, honestly.

P.S. Clarissa was unbelievably irritating here and I think I'll hate her when she gets her own novel!

Beebs says

Sinful Suitors 1.5

I requested this an arc from NetGalley not realising I had already read it as part of the What Happens Under the Mistletoe anthology. It's a sweet little short set at a Christmas House party hosted by characters from a previous book.

***Received from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review**

Sheila Melo says

FINAL DECISION: Enjoyable novella that gives a taste of what the Sinful Suitors is all about.

THE STORY: Lord Stephen Cory, the younger brother of a marquess writes radical articles about the plight of mill workers and child laborers. He wants to meet Miss Amanda Keane, an American who owns mills, in order to prove that mill owners everywhere are atrocious. When he meets Amanda, he finds that she is more than he expected.

OPINION: I liked this story. Both Stephen and Amanda are headstrong people who have strong opinions. I liked that Stephen moves tremendously in his opinions. The two are cute together and the characters are well developed for such a short story. I liked this one.

WORTH MENTIONING: THE HEIRESS AND THE HOTHEAD was previously released as part of the anthology WHAT HAPPENS UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

CONNECTED BOOKS: This novella is book 1.5 of the Sinful Suitors series. I had not yet read the other books in the series when I first read this one so it is definitely not necessary to read the others books first.

STAR RATING: I give this book 4 stars. This review was originally posted on Top10RomanceBooks.com

Ruth says

This one, provided to me by the publisher in return for a review, was a pleasant enough little read. The

characters were somewhat different in that the heroine was a businesswoman and the hero was a crusading reformist aristocrat, but I was left more than a little relieved that this was a novella and not a full-length romance, since I was left feeling that neither the main protagonists would have withstood the scrutiny of a full book.

The plot is a good one. I really liked that the author chose to delve into a subject which isn't much explored by historical romances. The industrial revolution period strikes me as full of the contradictions and tensions which would make for exciting romances, but the only one I've ever read which really did it justice was *An Untitled Lady*, which was just excellent.

Unfortunately, we didn't really get any sense of the heroine as a businesswoman. She just seemed to me to be like any other historical romance heroine, and I missed the additional details in the writing and character development which I felt the idea deserved.

2 stars. It was OK.

Zoe says

it's a very short book, where things happened very quickly for the lead characters. characters in this series make frequent appearances and it got a little tedious reading about the same people shuffling in and out creating artificial scenarios.

Stephen, the hothead, was some kind of an activist advocating social reforms. he wanted to expose the rich, how they had exploited the working class. Amanda, the heiress, was his next target. they met under a mistletoe, so a kiss by mistake led them both on a shortcut to passion and love. there really wasn't anything else to say about this book. I read it in less than 20 minutes. It's not an awful read because of Sabrina Jeffries, but I do wish she would write something that is more substantial in terms of content. I checked her books and saw that I have never rated any of her books more than 3 stars. That means none of them had ever made me feel for the characters. They are pure light entertainment and one can only read so much of the same kind of light entertainment from the same writer.

*This review is for an ARC I received on NetGalley from the publisher.

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

This is the second time I read this fun holiday novella. The first time was in the anthology, *What Happens Under the Mistletoe*; a delightful read, loaded with holiday romance.

Sabrina Jeffries brings us a quick Christmas romance in this offshoot story from the *Sinful Suitors* series and a sweet one it is. Fiery passion and some naughty hookups between two strangers leads to a delightful story that, while short in words, is long in entertainment.

This author never disappoints and neither does this story! I always look forward to her books.

Carrie says

Amanda owns a cotton mill in America and has traveled overseas visiting the mills there. When a night out brings Stephen into Amanda's life by way of mistletoe the two don't immediately see eye to eye. Stephen has his own views of the factories and has dedicated his life to seeing changes made to the unfair work practices and doesn't believe that Amanda is a completely different type of owner in the way she runs her factory across the sea and cares about her workers.

The Heiress and the Hothead is book 1.5 in the Sinful Suitors series. The book is a relatively short read and can easily be read as a standalone novel if you haven't read any other books in this series. This particular story had actually been previously released in another collection but is now being published by itself.

Being a shorter read this one is a very fast paced romance with the instant chemistry between two characters turning into something a bit more over a relatively short time span. Even with it being a historical romance there are still some steamier moments between the pair so be warned if you prefer a cleaner read. Enjoyed the characters and setting with this quick read and would recommend checking it out for the fans of a quick romance.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.wordpress....>

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life.

This was a nice short story. I sometimes enjoy a complete story that can be read in a single sitting and this one had a lot of great things going for it. This story is listed as being part of a series but it reads perfectly well as a stand alone. I was pulled into the story almost immediately and found myself really enjoying myself as I read.

This story focuses on Amanda, who owns a cotton mill in America, and Stephen, who is working hard on factory reform. Stephen assumes that Amanda's factory has to be similar to the ones he has witnessed. Amanda is a different kind of factory owner. She actually cares about her employees and works hard to ensure their safety. Amanda agrees to an interview with Stephen but only if he introduces her to some of his sources.

I liked Amanda and Stephen as a couple. They have immediate chemistry with each other from the start of the story even though they disagree on just about everything. As they spend more time with each other, they both learn that things are not always as it seems. I loved the sections of the book with the mistletoe - it was just a lot of fun.

My only complaint about this story was the oddly placed sex scene. I don't feel like a sex scene is a necessity in a romance novel although I do enjoy them when they are well written and help advance the plot. A sex scene squeezed into a book in an unnatural location isn't sexy. This pair are in a burning building and it looks

like they are going to perish. Do they keep working to find a way out? No. They decide that this is the perfect time to have sex. It just didn't feel realistic to me at all.

I would recommend this novella to fans of historical romance. I had a lot of fun reading the story even with the oddly placed sex scene. The characters were fun and intelligent. I plan to read more of Sabrina Jeffries work in the future.

I received an advance reader edition of this book from Gallery, Threshold, Pocket Books via NetGalley.

Initial Thoughts

Nice short story...but with an oddly placed sex scene.

Vellum Voyages says

2 helms

Please follow me on my blog :) Review originally posted on Vellum Voyages

Dear Romance Novel Authors,

Please do not place a sex scene in a novel just for the sake of a sex scene, I really would prefer a passionate kiss rather than an ill-placed sex scene inside a burning mill.

Thank-You!

VV

P.S - I don't read romance novels for sex. I read them so that I can get lost in someone else's life and escape mine. I read them so that I can relive the joyous occasions from my own life through the characters. When I can relate and empathize with the characters, even better!

(view spoiler)

Well, I definitely had a lot to say about such a short little novella! It is worth reading just to get to those silly scenes and have your say....I wonder if that mill scene had anything to do with the title....curious and curioser....

*Thank-you Sabrina Jeffries, Netgalley & Pocket Star Books for the ARC.

**This title was previously published under the Anthology "What Happens Under the Mistletoe"
