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From Reader Review Wicked At Heart for online ebook

P. says

Wicked is a bit gothic, the underlying plot tragic, peopled by a complex hero and the woman who loves him. Nice story, worth a read.

Gena says

I've got to stop trusting the GR ratings. This has the tortured hero and do gooder heroine. Neither done well enough to have the reader sympathizing. I really disliked Gwyneth, she showed Damon no understanding and had terrible judgement one example is going out to a dangerous prison boat by herself. Damon was the hero who you started to like but then he regressed and improved like a yo yo. Can't say I'd recommend this one.

Adriana says

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I enjoyed this story.

The description of the book I am listing below is from the back jacket of the book. I'm adding it because I believe the one on the Goodreads page does not depict this story.

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Elis Madison says

Damon de Wolfe, Marquess of Morninghall, has been soundly rejected by everyone he knows, starting with his crazy mother, who (really) thinks he's the Antichrist, to Oxford, which kicked him out after he was caught banging the dean's niece (total set-up), to the Royal Navy, which has assigned him to captain a bloody prison ship. To make his life even more difficult, enter Gwyneth, Lady Simms, the widow who enjoys crusades—and her latest cause is the terrible conditions aboard prison ships. Starting with his. And if that's

not enough, he's having "episodes." Pretty sure they're heart attacks.

Still and all, he's the bloody Antichrist, so he's staying in the Navy, just to wreak hell and damnation on everybody who's screwing up his life. Starting with the widow Simms

Gwyneth is loves a challenge, and if the prison ship isn't bad enough, Morninghall is even ~~better~~ worse. She's going to make him find his better self if it kills him.

Toss in a crew of escapees who have commandeered the *Kestrel* and keep coming back to help others escape, and an admiral with a vendetta against Morninghall, and the story gets pretty darned good by the end. There's a great twist that I did *not* see coming (which is rare for me). Still, I did have a huge grumble. (view spoiler) That was enough of a disappointment that I won't give it the extra half star it would otherwise have received. 4 stars.

Nancy Goodman says

I will honestly say this is my favorite romance novel. I had never heard of her before, and I resisted reading the de Montforte brothers because I didn't think I would like Georgian romances. (Boy was I wrong and more about that later.)

I LOVED the hero, Damon deWolfe, the Marquess of Morninghall. Since childhood he had been beaten, verbally abused and tossed aside by his mother. He had never felt loved and that resulted in not only acting like a devil, but panic attacks that made him feel as if he was dying.

He joined the Navy to become a hero and instead killed his admiral's son in a duel which knocked him down to being in charge of a prison hulk from which prisoners are constantly escaping. He resents it and lashes out at the world.

Enter Lady Gyneth who is championing for prison reform. She bravely requests a tour of the bowels of the ship and Damon feels a grudging respect for her, although he is loathe to show it.

The interplay between the two is wonderful and as they begin to fall in love, you can feel the emotion in Damon. Ms. Harmon writes so beautifully that you feel connected to her characters.

I won't give away the story but this remains my favorite re-read story.

As for those deMontforte brothers, after reding this I read each and every one of them and loved them.

Eileen Dandashi says

Audiobook Review:

Where do I begin when I talk about this talented author and narrator? All senses are called to arms! A stunning, captivating listen. I loved it all...

"Arguably one of the best novels starring a tortured hero... Just for the hero, this book deserves to be discovered, but the novel goes far beyond. Passionate and very sensual ... full of fury and passion in the great

tradition of traditional romance!" -- Editor, Blue Moon (translated from the French)

My, oh my! Danelle Harmon NEVER fails to charm me in all the books she's penned. Her stories hold suspense, wit, passion, fear and always a happy ever after ending, even when events seem to be bad and can't get worse, then it looks like all is well until she sinks you beyond the worst possible happening. Brilliant!

She does a stunning job, no, even more than stunning when it comes to description and squeezing every last ounce of emotion out of a scene she painstakingly describes. You hang on every word. Narrator Wayne Farrell tells the story with such aptitude, it couldn't be more perfect.

Her depiction and thorough description of unfolding events held me as captive as the prisoners--unbelievably beautiful and riveting. Even after a listen of over 12 hours, I wasn't ready to let go.

Ms. Harmon empties the canvas and focuses on each detail painting such a vivid picture I could step into it. She describes the deplorable living accommodations of the prisoners of war on the prison ship our ill-fated hero captains, with its maggots, weevils and air so foul and fetid one is close to retching. She describes the descent into the living quarters of the prisoners until you are face to face with a child of thirteen, close to starving. It is only the encouragement of his older brother Nathan who keeps him from giving in. You descend behind Lady Gwyneth who demands and threatens the captain by gun (yes, she's some feisty woman) to get what she wants.

Lady Gwyneth's mission is to improve the lot of the prisoners and chose this particular prison ship to start her campaign. She is a force to be reckoned with. She is a marvelously strong, opinionated, and touchingly loving heroine. Her temper and independence don't always have good results. She'll jump from the frying pan into the fire!

Damon de Wolf was also a force; angry, steely, hated himself most of all, and clearly needed to face his past. Once Gwyneth saw some good in Damon, she badgered him hoping he would change his ways. She also opened his eyes to the deplorable condition of the prisoners. He had never seen any of it, sulking in his cabin most times until she dragged him down.

Wayne Farrell has a unique voice--lilting and soft-spoken. He really showed what he's capable of in this story; Damon was a very complex man, ill-humored one moment, sarcastic the next and in another second seductive. His voiceover was brilliant. He speaks French well and does a fine job of speaking English with a French accent. He strikingly brought to life the scene where Toby, the 13 year-old, was taunted and abused by the French prisoners.

Lady Jaye says

3.5 stars

In the final analysis, I quite enjoyed Lord Morninghall and Lady Simms' story, even if it meandered all over the place and took me a good while to finish reading.

I did feel the plot was a bit too detailed on life aboard the prison hulk and all the military duty it entailed. I understand that it was important for building up the story, but while it wasn't superfluous, it took up too much time and so consequently didn't focus on our main characters as much as I'd have liked.

And they were good, strong protagonists too, especially Lady Simms. I enjoyed them, which is the least one can demand of any story- and it delivered.

Tasha says

This book was way too long. Nevertheless, I enjoyed it. Very fun historical.

Jennifer Leighton says

3.75 to 4 stars

I loved the characters in this story.

The hero, Damon, was wicked and not very likeable at first. He used intimidation as a weapon, but you soon discover that he also hides behind it, shielding the real Damon from being exposed for the tortured, abused and unloved little boy he'd been who'd grown into a lonely man.

The heroine Gwyneth was feisty and determined, and wasn't afraid to go toe to toe with Damon for the sake of her cause, even if it meant getting her hands dirty. She was compassionate and kind, and she saw Damon for who he really was and loved him despite his attempts to push her away. When he finally admitted his love for her and accepted her love in return, it was beautiful and sweet and brought a tear to my eye. *Sigh* I've said it many times before, and I'll say it again: I LOVE a story where a tortured hero finds healing and peace in the arms of a good woman who loves and accepts him for who he is.

I found the storyline to be very interesting, as it takes place mainly aboard a prison ship that Damon is the Captain of. So the theme is different than the norm and I quite enjoyed it. The author really sucked me into the world and with her creative writing, had me smelling the stench and imagining the horror of the prison ship and its unfortunate inhabitants. The vivid descriptions had me cringing and holding my breath, so kudos to the author for breathing such life and realism into the story.

There were a few things that bugged me, such as numerous POV; also overuse of certain words in certain chapters, but certainly nothing that kept me from ultimately enjoying the story.

"Wicked at Heart" is also light on steam. There is one love scene at the very beginning that occurs between the hero and another woman, one failed love scene between the H/h that is interrupted, and then one full love scene between the H/h. I prefer my stories to contain a much higher steam level, so that did knock my rating down some.

When I purchased, the kindle version was only 99 cents, and well worth the read at that price! Recommend, especially if you enjoy your stories more on the tamer side as far as steam level.

Melanie says

As this story opens, our young hero is only fifteen years old and we witness his first sexual encounter with an

`older' woman. This, combined with his childhood abuse, will turn him into a man who is in constant state of rage, anger and physical pain.

Damon de Wolfe, the sixth Marquess of Morninghall did everything he could to disengage himself from humanity. He embraced and fed his rage keeping it close for so long, that IT was the only thing that kept him going. He treated everyone around him with disdain and contempt and our heroine needed to be one strong female in order to see through all that pain and stand up to IT and him, to save this man's broken heart.

Lady Gwyneth Evans Simms is a very likable heroine, but not to our hero. He sees her as an interfering and troublesome woman who he would like nothing more than to physically possess and humiliate. He is in for a rude awakening as this particular woman is not easily manipulated. She is on a mission to help mistreated prisoners who are on his ship. To say that the sparks fly when these two strong-minded people clash, is an understatement!

The above blurb adequately summarizes the story and it's not necessary for me to elaborate more on it, however I will tell you of my reasons why I liked the story, and disliked the hero (well, through almost half the story).

Ms. Harmon, through her previous four books I've read from her, has proven to me that she's a great storyteller. Through her writing she can engage a range of my emotions and that's a sign of a good author. This story made me angry, smile and cry. And then, at the very end, it left me confused and I felt let down. Our hero and heroine have their well deserved happy ever after and in the end, that's what counts, yet the ending might have been just a tad clearer.

Despite it, I really enjoyed this highly emotional story. Its pace was fast and characters interesting, so it kept me engaged all the way through the end. This is not your cookie cutter story and its hero is someone you'll need to have patience with. His journey from deep darkness was worth taking and I was glad to have saw it.

Melanie for b2b

Nubia Sanchez says

Danelle Harmon is now my favorite author!! This novel was amazing!! I love it!! I love the characters. Anything to do with Beauty and Beast plot is incredible because it shows that loves can conquer all!! <3

Kathy says

Lady Gwyneth is determined to make the prison ships better. She starts with a tour of Damon's ship. He doesn't take kindly to her interference. In fact he has never been below decks himself and she wants a tour. After much argument he finally takes her on that tour. To his horror much of what his crew had told him about the conditions below was false. Damon has a few emotional problems that manifest themselves as physical problems to the point that he thinks he is dying. Gwyneth sees something in him that no one else has seen.

An enjoyable book with a few twists by a favorite author.

Vikki Vaught says

This book grabbed from the prologue, but when the author introduced Damon as an adult, I did not like him at all. I could find no redeeming characteristic in him for most of the first half of the book. Gwyneth, on the other hand, I fell in love with. There's a scene that turned my dislike about half way through, when I realized what a tortured soul Damon truly was and how Gwyneth would be his saving grace. Some of the scenes were so moving they brought tears to my eyes. I really enjoyed this book and highly recommend it. I'll be looking for more from this very talented author.

C. Roberts says**Damon - A Hero's Heart**

I have read this book twice. It was great both times. The adventures, the romance, the awful antagonist, and the solution will meet the requirements of a sea lover too.

Lindsey says

WOW! This book is a book that keeps you guessing to the very last minute. This is the first book I've read by Danelle Harmon. Wicked At Heart will have you go through every emotion. There are many twist and turns that you honestly don't see coming. Love the story between Damon and Gwyneth is one for the times. I don't have words to describe how wonderful this book really is.

Wonderful Read!
