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A Lady Who Vows Never to Wed:

Lady Allegra Portmund knows the cost of marriage. After the death of her dearest and only sister, Allegra swears she will never suffer the same fate. She will not become a possession shaped and destroyed by a husband. So, when her parents insist she marry the man of their choosing, there is only one thing for Allegra to do. Run. But when she runs, determined to be free, she meets the Duke of Roth, a singular man who sees her unique and vital spirit. Now that her heart is awakened to the most dangerous longings for love, how will she resist the temptation to break her vow?

A Duke Ruled By Honor:

Nicholas Andrew Edward Forth, Duke of Roth, values family above everything else. Despite his wild reputation, having lost both of his parents when he was a child, his most secret wish is to have a family again. When he meets a young lady in disguise, Nicholas quickly realizes that she is unlike any woman he's ever met and is also the only woman for him. But when he discovers how quickly she has abandoned her own family, he doubts whether she is the exceptional woman he believed her to be. Now, that he knows the truth about Allegra's past, will his own sense of honor destroy his only chance at happiness?

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April says

#4 in the "Dukes' Club", while, it can be read as a stand alone, I would recommend reading all the books. Each title is a delicious romp with quirky, witty characters, who face challenges head on and find their HEA. Fast paced, and a quick read!

I enjoyed how Ms. Devon created a story that draws the reader in and keeps them turning pages. She also addressed Women's rights, mental illness, and gives the reader insight into how easy it was, in that era, to have someone committed to Bedham. A delicious Historical romp, one in which the reader finds many twists and turns, a few surprises, much passion, and a tale "All About The Duke" and the Lady who finds his heart. Absolutely fantastic!! Another hit for Ms. Devon!! I can't wait to see what's in store next.

Received for an honest review from the author

Rating: 4.5

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR, courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

Carol *Young at Heart Oldie* says

This is the third book in Eva Devon's entertaining The Dukes' Club series and, once again, I enjoyed her engaging writing, lively characterisation and great dialogue.

Growing up, Lady Allegra Penthurst and her older sister, Juliana, are fully aware of Society's expectations that they should marry well. They become accomplished in singing, dancing and playing the piano. However, they are somewhat unconventional because...

they also raced horses, read too many books, and had decided views on slavery and the rights of man.

Allegra is initially jealous when Juliana marries but, as she watches her once spirited sister slowly crushed beneath the conventionality of marriage to a man who considers a woman's role to be bearing children and running a household, Allegra resolves that marriage is not for her. It's a decision only strengthened when her sister dies in childbirth while her husband is at his club. She vows then that she will never succumb to her sister's fate. Three years later, when her parents insist she marry or be forced to spend the rest of her days at the secluded family estate in the far north of England, she takes the only course of action open to her and runs away. Disguising herself as a young lad, she finds employment as a stable boy on the Duke of Roth's estate in the Devonshire countryside. But under the ever watchful eyes of the duke, how long will it be before her secret is uncovered?

I could understand how seeing what happened to her sister would colour Allegra's views on marriage and instill in her a desire to be herself and live unfettered by Society's expectations. She is intelligent, bold and stubborn with a love of horses and talking politics but her parents are self-serving, not caring at all for their daughter's wishes, only what advantages a good marriage could confer on them.

Nicholas Forth, The Duke of Roth, only wishes his loving parents were still alive. He had lost them both in a terrible carriage accident when he was just a boy. They were his anchor in a world of uncertainty and, since their death, he has always felt adrift and alone. He has built an impenetrable wall around himself, never letting anyone touch him emotionally. He longs for the security he felt as a boy and has even contemplated marriage but has no desire for a typical ton marriage; he wants the sort of love his parents had shared. However, his life is about to take an unexpected turn when he meets the rather perplexing new stable boy.

Of course, Nicholas sees right through Allegra's disguise but chooses to have a little fun first before admitting he knows the truth. This leads to some amusing situations which had me smiling.

"Alfred?" he said.

"Your Grace?" came her muffled reply, nearly bent halfway into the chest.

"What the Devil are you doing?" he drawled.

An impatient and audible sigh came from the trunk. "Looking for your smalls."

"I don't wear them."

I enjoyed the steady development of the romance. At first, Allegra finds Nicholas arrogant, but fascinating and compelling but gradually she discovers he is kind, honourable and protective of those he cares for. Nicholas is totally disarmed by Allegra and finds he likes her and I enjoyed seeing the walls Nicholas has erected gradually crumbling as he falls under her spell. When they finally make love, it just seems right and I love Allegra's boldness.

This wasn't how it was supposed to transpire. He had no idea why, but he'd assumed she would be nervous and need him to ease her fears. Instead, she was beckoning him to bed.

He loved it. God, how he loved it.

Of course, Allegra's actions have consequences. When Nicholas discovers that she ran away without telling her parents, he is furious and says some pretty hurtful things. In his eyes, what she did to her parents is unforgivable but, of course, his view is coloured by the loss of his own loving parents.

"I would give anything, anything for one more moment with my parents. Anything for a touch, a glimpse, a word. And you have thrown your parents away."

It takes his friend, the Duke of Aston, to make Nicholas realise just how wrong his judgement of Allegra is and I love his confrontation with her self-serving father and his determination to protect her. I have to admit that I became frustrated by Allegra's constant fears of losing her independence after marrying Nicholas, but he understands her so well and I love everything he does to allay those fears. It was satisfying to see Allegra come to realise what truly matters.

She had thought it so important that she have the trappings of freedom. But here, in this room, watched by hundreds of Londoners, her hands in Nicholas', she knew that the world and its laws matter not a wit. The only things that mattered were their love for each other and their mutual respect.

As with the other books, there is a colourful cast of secondary characters to aide Allegra and Nicholas on their journey to a happy ever after. I absolutely adore the notorious and vain Duke of Aston and the repartee between him and Nicholas is so funny. The heroines from the previous books, Kathryn, Cordelia and Imogen make a welcome appearance when Nicholas thinks Allegra needs intelligent, independent, female friends to help her *navigate the strange waters of the ton*.

I like how Ms Devon introduces real historical figures into the story. Nicholas likens Allegra to Aphra Behn, a 17th century British playwright, poet, translator and fiction writer, and Allegra converses with Mrs Wollstonecraft in Hatchards bookshop and again later in the story.

Those readers who, like me, have a fondness for a charming Epilogue won't be disappointed.

MY VERDICT: Another enjoyable addition to this delightful series!

The Dukes' Club series (click on the book covers for more details):

**** My thanks to Eva Devon for sending me a copy of this book in return for an honest review.**

This review is also posted on my Rakes and Rascals Blog:

<https://rakesandrascals.wordpress.com...>

Patricia says

A LAUGHTER FILLED ROMP!!

I would go with more stars....

First, I will admit, I got a copy of this a day or so before release. I read this author incorrigible, because her books take me away, and invariably make me laugh. This one does not fail.

The prologue sets the stage, and actually, from it, the book gains a mild tension that eventually ratchets up to almost pain. Because, you see, in order for people to really appreciate happy ever after, some misery must ensue.

The characters are wonderfully developed, and if you have read the previous books, you can almost predict their lines. On the other hand, the story lives alone.

All lovers of romances should venture down the road and learn....

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Tom Prejsner says

Romance

Thank you for sharing these wonderful romance novels series books. Please keep writing more of these wonderful books. Thank you

Briana says

Dang. So close.

I liked the idea of this story. I liked the first half of the book but then the heroine bothered me. The book was well written but I can't get past my irritation of the heroine who had Grace misplaced view on men and her hero.

Linda says

This is the fourth book in this series that I've read, and so far my least favorite. I really didn't like Lady Allegra. She was so childish and spoiled. On the other hand, I found the Duke of Roth to be my favorite duke so far in the series. I'll probably read the rest of the series, as I find the author's writing style to be enjoyable.

Amanda Life Support says

Eva Devon has done it again!

Alfred I love her (Allegro) almost as much! she found strength in the place she tried her best to avoid - Nicholas!

I love this series! I love how we catch up on the previous stories and already see the next start!

Lizzie says

I read just three chapters. just now on amazon and I can honestly say I'm going to enjoy this in the future.

BK says

Great story. Loved both the hero and heroine.

Cely R Bush says

Daring

Young ton women who goes against the flow of society. Cuts her hair and wears boys clothing to hide her identity

Pat Harrell says

Great Read

This is my first in the Duke's Club book. Now, I have to go get the others. This is a great story about one of the women who won us our rights today. And, the man who loved her.

Ellenthersby says

Loved this one of my favourite Tropes heroine disguised as a boy and this didn't disappoint

Elaine says

Another 5* rating. I think I've rated the whole series 5*. What can I say about this book...is was fabulous! Lovely story and characters. This book was fab!
I love all this series up to now. Awaiting book 5 eagerly.
I've loved the character of the Duke of Roth for ages, and now waiting for that rascal Aston.

Marlene says

it was not believable in the Regency era that the heroine had 20th century feminist personality. luckily for Lady Allegra Portland the Duke of Roth was sympathetic. Posing as Alfred/Alfie totally suspended belief as it seemed so implausible. last quarter of book much better

Becca Walker says

I really enjoy this author however I couldn't relate to this novel. Allegra was very frustrating I felt the only storyline was her reluctance to wed and it wasn't very believable, it's almost like Ryan Reynolds asks you to marry him, he gives you all his power, wealth and sexual prowess and you still think Nah this isn't for me. She needs putting in that insane asylum Asap.
