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## **The Risk of Rogues Details**

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**Lisa says**

**3.5 stars**

It's only after I started that I realized I haven't read the 5th book, so it took me a while to remember who's who,

but I reckon it won't interfere much with your enjoyment of the story if you've never picked up the previous books.

Anyway,

it's a second chance romance between Hart and Anne. They were in love some 10-11 years ago when they were very young, and planned to elope but that plan fell through due to circumstances. Now they were older and wiser, and found each other by chance, and dun dun *dun*...

I love Hart, he's so...earnest? is that the word? and quite hopeless in articulating his feelings. He just wanted a second chance with Anne, but first he had to clear the misunderstanding between them, especially about their failed elopement (Anne was under the impression that he left her for India because he didn't care to fight for her). Anne's a delight and I love that she didn't immediately fall into Hart's arms. I love me a bitter woman. Their re-courtship was funny and there were sexy moments,

and overall I really enjoyed this book.

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**Aly says**

**3.5**

It was supposed to be an evening with gentlemen, but when Captain Lord Hartley Corry arrive at his brother's hunting lodge, there's people dancing and it looks like he just entered a ballroom ! Difficult to not believe it's one of his sister-in-law matchmaking scheme, and especially when he collide with the woman he felt in love with and lost 11 years ago.

Anne came to the gathering especially because she was assured that HE wouldn't be there. The man who courted her then went away. He broke her heart when he enlisted in the army without an explanation or even a goodbye. She can't know that, like it's often the case, someone meddled in their affairs, which caused misunderstanding. There's no need to hide that she's still angry about his disengagement but she might not be as displeased about his return as she wants to believe or make believe. And when he ask for a second chance at courting her, it's the perfect time to see if the old sparks are still there.

I can understand why the heroine was pissed but her haughty sometimes bitchy attitude didn't work for me. And I think her distrust throughout all the story didn't do well for the romance. But the hero more than make

up for it. I liked how he described the girl he knew; her particular tastes and that she wasn't like the others and didn't care about what other people think. You can see he really accept her for who she is and love her more for it.

While I didn't enjoy this novella as much as I expected, it doesn't change the fact I think Sabrina Jeffries is one of the best authors in historical romance.

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## **Brenda says**

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### **My Thoughts:**

You can always count on Sabrina Jeffries to entertain her readers.

This book is a short read. It can easily be completed in one sitting. The characters are interesting and well developed in spite of the shortness of this book.

Hartley's one wish in life was to marry the love of his life, Anne. When her father refused his offer of marriage he was determined to change the man's mind by proving he could and would support them so he purchased a commission in the army and left for India. He wrote to Anne constantly but she never received his letters which were intercepted by her father.

Now Anne's father is dead and Hartley has returned to England with no idea where she has disappeared to. Imagine his surprise when literally running into her at his brother's house party.

Will he be able to convince Anne of his undying devotion?

Read this enjoyable read of less than two hours and find out for yourself.

I gave this novella 4.75 of 5.0 stars for storyline and characterization and a high sensual rating of 4.25 of 5.0 flames. Although Anne is still a virgin the intimacy ran very hot indeed.

I received a complimentary ARC of this title from the publisher to read and review. This in no way affected my opinion of this title which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

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## **Chris C - A Midlife Wife says**

I've read many of Sabrina Jeffries books and most of them have been in her Sinful Suitors series. While it's not imperative to start any of the books at the beginning of the series, it certainly does help as a lot of the characters interweave between the books.

Several months ago I finished book number 5 so when I saw a 5.5 come up as a novella, I knew I wanted to check it out.

Hart is a secondary character in the book 4 and 5 but becomes the main character in this book. You definitely want to read book 5 first as you get a little bit of insight into who he is.

Hart has a secret life, you see, and when he runs into his past love, that can be a hindrance. But, the author is well-versed at overcoming obstacles, especially when those obstacles are stubborn women who really want the hot guy.

The story is a fun diversion and perfect for an hour or two to get ready for her next story. I really wish this book was a tad longer so that we could get to know Hart just a little bit more. However this story has her trademark plot all over it. Sexy guy, strong woman, and a whole lotta fun.

\* copy received for review consideration

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## **Lexxie (un)Conventional Bookworms says**

The Risk of Rogues was too short - especially because I really wanted more about Hart.

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## **JoRead says**

Last installment in the series, this second chance story was entertaining and sweet. Anne and Hart were young and very much in love when they decided to take the next step. Unfortunately life happened and they had to part ways before that came to fruition. Now that they've met again and Anne's circumstances are different, it's up to Hart to prove to her he's the man she deserves and not just the woman he needs. To tell the truth, I wasn't expecting such a short read as the last of the series but even so it was still enjoyable. I particularly liked the fact that both Anne and Hart were well-defined characters and I as a reader was able to connect with them and understand their struggles. Although more than struggles it was a tangle of misunderstandings and misinformation that was preventing them to reach their HEA. I don't want to give anything away but I had an issue with Hart though. In his attempt to regain Anne's love, he was willing to trap her into marriage by seducing her. That might be something we see a lot in historicals because it actually tended to happen quite often but it still sounds wrong in my book, historical or not. I know, I know, I'm too modern for my own good but that's the way I prefer my stories, or not, as is the case here. Overall a good read that most people will be able to tackle in one evening.

As a side note, that cover is so pretty and I think it's the perfection depiction of our heroine. I just loved it!

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## **Molly says**

Excellent!

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## **Maureen Carden says**

I am hoping the *Risk of Rogues* is a bridge between *The Secret of Flirting* and what ever books comes next. A lovely teasing taste, an amuse-bouche to sate the appetite between books in the *Sinful Sinner Series*. . Two young lovers, Hartly Corry and Lady Anne are planning to elope, but Anne is just sixteen. Do to a father, penury and the vagaries of fate this does not work out. They meet 11 years later at a house party where honesty prevails between them.

I'm with Lady Anne; Capt Corry's explanations are a bit weak, especially in his refusal to find her again. Jeffries does not quite give us an ardent lover. The writing is her usual smooth effort, and I am as always in awe of her historical detailing.

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## **Under the Covers Book Blog says**

I received this book for free from Publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

I've come to really enjoy this series by Sabrina Jeffries and I was excited to get this story because I've become intrigued about Hart's character in the previous books I've read. I've also enjoyed Ms. Jeffries' shorter stories so I went into this expecting to really like this. And in the end, it's not that it wasn't enjoyable. It was just very short and under delivered.

Hart wanted to marry Anne when he was a young man but she was only sixteen and her father refused. After that he shipped off to war and upon his return he was never able to find Anne again. She was the only woman he ever saw himself marrying and he's become a permanent bachelor because of that. If he can't have Anne, he won't have anyone. Until he literally stumbles across her at a family party.

I know second chance stories are usually my fave for a novella because the background is already there, but I still like to get to know the details a bit more. And when things went south in the past, I want that reconnection now to make sense and not just quickly push everything under the rug. There's years of anger and resentment to work through! In the end, this didn't feel believable to me and it made me a bit angry because I wanted more for Hart. I liked Anne as well so I really just wanted this story to be fleshed out more. Drag their current situation a bit more so I could really see their feelings blossom and maybe show us more about their past instead of a methodical story that was easily explained in a few paragraphs.

While this wasn't my favorite story, it was extremely short so it made for an entertaining bedtime story and I will definitely be reading more from this series.

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## **Tracy Emro says**

4.5 stars

Years ago Lord Hartley Corry fell in love with Miss Anne Barkley, but when their father's refused to approve a marriage between them, he left to join the army - hoping to make a living to support her. But when he returns to England five years later, Anne has disappeared. He is devastated and returns to India, but he has never forgotten her. When he returns to England again, six years later and takes a position spying for Lord Fulkham, he doesn't use his connections to find her, because he doesn't want to learn that she married and will never be his. He makes it clear to family and friends that he is a confirmed bachelor, because if he can't marry Anne, he won't marry.

So imagine his surprise when he arrives at his brother's hunting lodge for a week of manly pursuits and finds not only a house party in full swing but his lost love Anne! But she is no longer Miss Barkley, she is now Lady Anne. He convinces her to meet him alone and is ready to pick up where they left off - but Anne has other ideas.

Anne was heartbroken when Hart left her with no word, he promised to elope with her if her father refused and instead he just up and left. It was probably for the best, her father told her that he was a gambler and a wastrel and the rumors she has heard over the years have only confirmed what her father said. She insists that they don't know each other and she doesn't trust him. He asks if he can court her, give them time to reacquaint themselves and see if marry is possible.

Anne is still in love with Hart, but old fears and new secrets keep her from fully committing to him. He is sweet and woos her with gifts and kisses, but she can't seem to accept him - especially when he is so closemouthed about his prospects. Hart wants to tell her, but he needs her to trust him and commit before he can. When they finally make love and she still refuses to marry, he knows what he has to do to prove that he loves her for her and not for what she brings to a marriage.

This is a very sweet second chance at love story, it is very short, but it is well written, flows without feeling rushed and has wonderful characters, warm love scenes and a very lovely ending. It is part of the Sinful Suitors series, but it can be read as a stand alone title with no issues.

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## **Julie says**

Hart has been living a secret, but when he runs into his past love, it finally believes it has become a

hinderance. He wants to put right what he should have long ago but there's only so much he can explain and the lady isn't too eager anyway.

A great fast read, just right for an afternoon. Nice little plot with engaging characters. A well written novella, lots of detail for a short read. Loved it!

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### **Caitlyn Lynch says**

The second son of a marquis without a articular inheritance of his own, Hart didn't have much to offer Anne when she was sixteen. Her father's refusal, and his own family's disapproval, of the match drove him away and into the army, spending six years in India before becoming a spy for England.

Now he's back, and Anne is still unmarried, still very much an original, and still the only woman he's ever loved. Winning her won't be easy, but he's not about to walk away from her again.

This was a really enjoyable second-chance romance from the queen of Regency historicals. Anne was a delight, with her creative instincts and her fabulous hat collection, and I thought Hart was the perfect foil for her. He really appreciated who she was as a person, loving all the things about her which were unique (and which she thought made her undesirable).

Beautifully written with a charming cast of characters, the only quibble I have with this story is that it was over too soon!

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### **Barbara Rogers says**

Series: Sinful Suitors #5.5

Publication Date: 7/2/18

Lord love a duck – save us all from those all-knowing, omniscient parents who wreak havoc on their children's lives – even after said parents are dead and gone! Those parents created havoc on the lives of our lovely hero and heroine in this delightfully written, very short novella. I thoroughly enjoyed the novella and that is why I would have really liked it to be a bit longer than it was. However, it did tie up the Sinful Suitors series nicely.

Captain Lord Hartley (Hart) Corry is the spare heir to a cold, unfeeling, uncaring marquess. When Hart fell in love and wanted to marry, his father flatly refused to allow it. Not only that, he pulled him out of school and bought him a commission with a unit that was leaving for India very quickly. Hart sent his beloved a note telling her what had happened, where he was going, why he was going and asked her to wait for him. Then, while he was gone, he wrote her letter after letter – and never got anything in return.

Lady Anne Barkley's father was a very rich merchant – then, later in life, inherited an earldom. When Hart asked for Anne's hand, she was only sixteen years old and her father thought him to be a fortune hunter – not to mention that her father hated the aristocracy - so he refused to allow the marriage. What is Anne to think when the man she loves and plans to marry abruptly leaves for India? Is it because what her father said about



him being a fortune hunter was true? Why didn't he at least write to her? Why did she have to learn of his leaving through an article?

Fast forward about eleven years and you have Hart arriving at his brother's hunting lodge for a week-long gathering of male friends to hunt, drink and play billiards. To his great surprise, there is a ball in progress when he's greeted at the door. Now, will he stay or will he go? He tells his sister-in-law "I know a matchmaking scheme when I see one, dear lady." He decides he won't go into the ball, but he will go into the card room and find his brother and friends.

Whoops – he runs smack-dab into a lady – wearing a wild turban. Shock, it is Anne. He has never forgotten her and has always loved her. Now, he can find out why she never answered any of his letters, why she didn't wait for him and maybe, just maybe, they can find their way back to each other.

It is a delightful, but very short path for them to find their HEA. I loved Hart from the beginning but had a harder time warming up to Anne. I did come to like her, but she just had way too much self-doubt and angst.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book and certainly recommend it. It was a wonderful story and a great wrap-up for the series.

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## **Elaine says**

3.5 stars rounded up to 4

The Risk of Rogues is not one of Ms. Jeffries' best books but still very much enjoyable (at least in my opinion). I love second chance romances and this one was very sweet. Overall the romance was good and I liked the plot I just wish the book was a little longer. This was a very short novella and I feel like it could benefit a lot if it was another hundred pages longer and we could find out more about Anne and Hart and what makes them tick. Hart makes (or has made in the past) some mistakes that may have been forgiven a little too easily and quickly in my opinion, but if you get past that it keeps you entertained. Overall it's a sweet story, there's nothing that particularly stands out as extraordinary though in positive or negative way, but with the likeable characters, it makes for a cute and quick read. Recommended.

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## **Bambi Unbridled says**

Drat, I realized as I went to start this book that I have missed the last couple of releases in the Sinful Suitors series! I don't know how that happened! So now I have some catching up to do, because I have enjoyed the installments that I have read thus far.

The Risk of Rogues is a short story novella, which was a nice diversion and easy to get through as I have been recovering from surgery this week. I think it can be read fine as a standalone, though I do believe there was some character crossover from the past couple of books.

Captain Lord Hartley has returned home from his regiment and is endeavoring to lead the life of a spy. He certainly didn't expect to run into his former flame at his brother's house party, but doing so leads him to form a re-attachment to "the one who got away." But before Hartley can form a permanent attachment, he has to decide if she is still the woman he loves, and would make a good wife for his future endeavors.

Lady Anne was equally shocked to bump into Hartley, and it causes all kinds of feelings to surface. At 27 years old, Anne is viewed as "on the shelf" and likely to stay that way due to her diminutive dowry. She isn't sure that she can trust Hartley's affections, or whether he will give up (again) when things don't go his way.

I enjoyed watching these two circle each other, and I thought Hartley did a good job with his re-courtship of Anne. The two definitely had chemistry and were well-suited.

If you have an hour of down time and are looking for some historical entertainment, this book is a good choice. I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book that I received from the publisher, Pocket Star.

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