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Total Pleasure

Unsure of his reception, Jack Lennox adopts the guise of his own secretary upon returning to his ancestral home to claim his father's earldom. When he arrives, he's stunned to discover the previous earl's lovely young widow, a woman of beguiling curves and sensual smiles, warming the bed...

Absolute Surrender

Mary Lennox is determined to remain in Pinchbeck Hall and a mere secretary isn't going to tell her otherwise. But Jack Smith is a man of many talents and soon she's succumbing to his erotic games of pleasure. Only Mary may have underestimated the intensity of her wanton longings and the depths of Jack's dark desires...

Note: *This book is about Jack Lennox who you met first in **SIMPLY SCANDALOUS**.*

The Sinners Club Details

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Literary George (For Your Literary Pleasure Blog) says

Full review at For Your Literary Pleasure

Bazinga! was this book full of surprises. First of all I wasn't expecting this book to be set in the 1800's - one look at this cover and I was not thinking historical romance. Secondly, I wasn't expecting it to be historical erotica - is there even such a genre? If there is I had yet to stumble across it until **The Sinners Club** and hot dayum I think I love it. Pearce creates the perfect 1800's society with a slash of risque slightly modern erotic sexual encounters. There were so many twists and turns I wasn't expecting and every character has so much more depth to their story than it initially seemed. Pearce is truly a magician with sexual exploits. I don't think I've ever enjoyed a M/M encounter more than in this novel.

Much as I loved the characters I was confused about Jack's interest in/love of Mary. I didn't read the blurb so I hadn't set them up as "the couple" and had thought Jack liked Simon more. The reason being I hadn't seen Mary and Jack's relationship develop beyond random encounters but maybe I was more focused on Simon. Jack and Mary treated each other like equals and Simon as the addition yet for emotional depth, I felt the connection with Simon as better developed. I was irritated with how nasty Jack and Mary became with each other when they believed themselves to be betrayed. While I wasn't utterly convinced by Jack and Mary I was satisfied with their happy ever after, if a little bit curious of Simon's role in their future lives.

xxx Literary George
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Tin says

Disclosure: I received an ARC copy through Netgalley. Thank you to Kate Pearce and Kensington Books for the opportunity. Yes, this is an honest review.

The First Sinners, the e-novella that introduces this new series, left me with a very good impression so I was eager to try out the first book, **The Sinners Club**. Luckily, my ARC request was approved and I immediately read the book as soon as I got it.

A bit of a warning: this book is an erotic historical romance and does **contain M/M and menage scenes**.

But what this book also contains is the engrossing story of two siblings and a secret agent who gets tangled up in their labyrinthine plan to secure the late Earl of Storr's estate for themselves.

Jack Lennox never knew he had nobility running through his veins. He never knew that his father was the youngest son of the fifth Earl of Storr. His entire life, Jack survived by doing what was necessary, honour and morals be damned. His situation improved when he worked as an agent for the crown. Discovering his bloodlines, Jack now has a chance to live the life he has dreamed of -- and maybe put down some roots in a place of his own. But his claim to the title isn't without complication: the Lennox Family lawyers hint that

there is some trouble at the late Earl's estate and asks that Jack go to investigate it.

Not knowing who or what to expect when he arrives at Pinchbeck Hall, Jack pretends to be Jack Smith, the secretary to John Lennox, who has been sent ahead by his employer to inspect the estate. When Jack arrives there, what he sees is the place of his dreams: a land that calls out to him, a land where he feels he belongs -- but he also meets the late earl's widow, Mary Lennox and her brother, Simon Picoult. The family lawyers were never informed of the former earl's marriage and neither was Jack -- add to that, the young countess is pregnant and Jack's claim to the title depends on the baby's gender.

Jack's claim is further endangered when he comes to know and *like* the siblings, whose lives were not so different from his own: forced at a young age to do the unspeakable and the unthinkable -- the sacrifice of one's innocence -- for survival.

The premise of the story is deceptive in its simplicity (and even the blurb is only 5 sentences long) but Kate Pearce impresses me with how well she plots out the mystery involving the Picoult's. Beyond that, I loved seeing Jack's transformation from ruthless and ready to take no prisoners to a man who finds his heart (and conscience).

"Don't do that. Don't pretend."

"How do you know I'm pretending?"

"Because like knows like, and in your position, I'd be offering exactly the same currency."

"And what would that be?"

He slowly turned to face her. "My body for a few hours of pleasure."

- loc 2036

Mary is an equal match for Jack: she will stop at nothing in order to get what she and her brother worked so hard for, struggled so hard for. She initially considers Jack Smith *and* John Lennox as collateral damage but has a change of heart when she sees Jack's goodness and integrity -- two virtues she had not experienced in a very long time.

Finally, I like how Kate Pearce depicts sex in the story. It is never gratuitous and never just sex for the sake of sex (but it is explicit). In this particular novel, the meaning behind the act shifts as the story progresses: from an act of power and manipulation, to an act of sacrifice, to an act of healing before finally becoming an act of love. It's an interesting reflection on the part of the reader but the characters in the story experience this as well and becomes part of their growth.

She tangled her fingers in his hair and held him close. There was nothing to say. Words were for clients. This was for each other. Mary closed her eyes and went straight to sleep.

- loc 3349

There's really a lot more to talk about in this story but I worry that I might spoil it -- and part of what makes this story so interesting is how the author will gradually reveal the layers of Mary and Simon's and Jack's stories. My one complaint is how Mary's parentage gets sorted in the end. I thought it was a little too convoluted, considering how complicated the plot was already and I wish that this particular point had been simplified.

The Sinners Club is the first book in Kate Pearce's *The Sinners Club* series. It will be released on December 31, 2013.

Tabatha says

THE SINNERS CLUB is the first book in Kate Pearce's newest series of the same name, and I think it was a fantastic start. I absolutely adored her House of Pleasures series, so Kate is one of my must read authors for historical erotic romance. I cannot stress enough what a great read I found this to be, and I am impatient for the next book to be out already.

Jack Lennox has been named the new Earl of Storr after coming into his inheritance from his father. Before he can legally take his place as the new Earl, he goes undercover as his own personal secretary to investigate what has been going on at Pinchbeck Hall since the previous Earl was laid to rest. He is surprised to find the pregnant widow of the previous Earl and her brother in residence, and is even further surprised by his own intense attraction to them both. Upon meeting the siblings, Jack knows that with Simon and Mary Picoult nothing is as it seems. He is determined to figure out by any means necessary what game the two of them are playing... even if that means he has to seduce them both.

The mystery and intrigue go so deep in this one that I promise you will never be able to anticipate what is going to come next! I swear just when I started to think that I had things all figured out, the story took an unexpected turn. I had plenty of moments where I realized that nothing was as it seemed, but when I thought back the hints were all there. I must also admit that *The Sinners Club* was seriously one sexually decadent read! I do have to caution that it isn't going to be for your typical historical reader, as it does have m/m and ménage elements as well as an orgy. But like I said... it was quite the steamy read with tons of sexual excess, but not in such a way that it detracted from the story at all. Honestly, I think that the heat and chemistry between the characters and the very complicated plot definitely made this one worthy of reading. I can't wait to read the next book, and I'm already speculating that we may perhaps find out what is going on with this Mr. Keyes?

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Shile says

3.5 stars.

I liked it but not that much.. I felt no connection between Mary and Jack. Jack and Simon on the other hand had chemistry.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Amanda's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

5 STARS

The Sinners Club by Kate Pearce is the first book in her new series of the same name. I think this book is a great beginning, to what I hope is another great series by this author. When I first started reading erotica the House of Pleasures series was my first introduction to the genre and I fell in love with the stories and many characters. I feel that Sinners Club is going to be the same mixture of diverse characters with varied backstories and many sexual interludes.

Jack Lennox just found out that he has just recently inherited a home and title as the new Earl of Storr. He goes to visit his home in Lincolnshire to check it out along with a side mission of investigating the whereabouts of Lord Keyes. Thinking that he would have a better chance of getting to the truth in disguise he decides to go under the guise of being the new lord's secretary. When Jack encounters the siblings, Mary Lennox and Simon Picoult, living in Pinchbeck Hall, he is taken by surprise that Mary is the widow of the old earl and stands in the way of Jack's inheritance.

Jack wasn't sure what he was going to encounter when he got to Pinchbeck Hall and found himself attracted to both Mary and Simon. He was now on a mission to find out who they were and why they ended up at Pinchbeck Hall, which was most of the story and the mystery surrounding their circumstances. Intermixed throughout were many encounters between Simon and Jack, Mary and Jack and ménage, which were highly sensual and explicit. These only enhanced the story and the characters themselves.

I found The Sinners Club to be a hot, historical erotica and must read if you are a fan of the genre. Kate Pearce writes a detailed and easy plot to follow. You might find yourself wondering where she is going to go next and what she might reveal or not (whereabouts of Lord Keyes)!

Her characters are likable and are developed over the course of the story. I hope that we haven't seen the last of Simon or Jack and I look forward to the next installment of the Sinners Club series. This is what I would expect from Ms. Pearce and she delivered it exceptionally well.

Sylvia says

Jack Lennox recently found out that he is next in line for the earldom. Following his solicitor's advice Jack decides to investigate what is happening at his new acquired ancestral home. Jack was first introduced in the House of Pleasure Series (SIMPLY SCANDALOUS). I can't wait to sink my teeth in that series. Jack was torn by his fascination of Mary Lennox, Countess of Storr and her brother or the desire to finally own a home of his own. The story slowly reveals and uncovers each and every of Mary's secrets. It was so hot and scandalous of the bed partners. It was a scorching page turner. Can Jack get what he most desire? I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Blondie says

Kate Pearce wrote another very sexy historical romance with plenty of love to go around! I gave this book 4* because of the abrupt ending. No this book does not end on a cliffhanger but I felt like Simon didn't fit in, in the end and I loved his character. The characters come alive on the pages of this book each one bring life to the pages. This book is full of twists and surprises that you really don't know the full story until the very end. There just is not much I can say about this book without giving something away.

Booklover, Indianapolis says

"I like sex...the person's gender isn't important. I strongly believe that we should experience every kind of copulation available to us."

This is essentially the theme and plot of this book.

I loved Kate Pearce's House of Pleasure series. I realized I never read the last couple, but that's ok – I can't imagine they could measure up to the first few (and reviews here on GR back me up on that). I'll get to them one day.

So I came across The Sinner's Club and discovered it was a spin-off of sorts from HoP series, so I jumped right in. And I was so bored! Even with all the sex scenes, I was bored! It took me a week to finish something I should have been done with in 2-3 days max! Jack Lennox goes to a house he is set to inherit, but not knowing the situation there as the former occupant is recently deceased (a distant relative of his), he pretends to be his own secretary. Once he arrives, he meets brother and sister Mary and Simon. Mary is the widow of the dead Earl, pregnant with his child, and determined to hold onto the house and the money no matter what. Jack feels a connection to Simon, and before you know it, they are in bed together. Later, Mary watches, and ultimately joins in (view spoiler). A lot more sex ensues – I mean A LOT – like, I-was-kind-of-over-it a lot. I know erotic historical romances ask us to suspend belief a bit – but I still had a hard time wrapping my head around the idea that Jack was so not-caring about the (view spoiler) incest that he was participating in. And how homosexuality was such an easy to find part of life in the mid 1800s England. And how vague the storyline was. There were secrets galore, I didn't quite follow some of what the characters were stressing about or trying to hide, the ending was a big fat nothing, and Jack was clearly more into Simon than he ever was into Mary. The author tells us Mary and Jack are in love, but we never see them fall – Jack has way more sex w/Simon vs Mary (and he also has an encounter w/Adam, who should star in his own book sooner or later). And while I didn't read the short story intro to this series (but I will), there still should have been some explanation about Keyes – who is he, why do we care, who is the crazy woman w/a gun presumably holding him hostage? Stay tuned for Sinners Club Book #2. Might give it a try, in case this was a one-off in the series. But unfortunately, I feel like KP has, in her last few books, mistaken erotic for "put in as many sex scenes you can – oral, anal, m/f, m/m/f, bondage - and have them do nothing to enhance the story other than try to titillate."

~ Lei ~ Reading Is An Adventure ~ says

★★★??½

1st book in new series with Jack Lennox as a side character from the House of Pleasure series our main hero in the Sinners Club.

Jack is bisexual although he prefers women and he's had a lot of practice with both. I didn't feel the connection between (shit, I can't remember the other character names - not good!) Mary and Simon and it ended up as mf although I'm sure Simon will pop in until he finds his one and only.

Ending was abrupt - it had sexy times but I was disappointed there was (view spoiler)

Anyway, I got this for \$2.99 instead of the list price of \$9.99 which is good since I don't think it would have been worth \$10 bucks to me.

Erica Chilson says

Sadly, I must be brutally honest in this review. Uh-oh.

If you are a Kate Pearce fan, read this book. If this is your first venture into reading Kate Pearce, turn around and start on one of her other amazing books, finish those, and then come back. My reason, if this was your introduction into her writing, you might not continue, & you'd miss out on some amazing reads.

My issues:

I have a problem with a premise built solely on miscommunication, where a simple conversation clears everything up. The conflict was so easily fixed or ferreted out, that I was baffled.

Being female, I tend to try to identify with the female protagonist. But Mary took a backseat, even when she was the narrator. It felt as if the book was Simon & Jack's book. When she was in the driver's seat, all of Mary's reasonings, her indignation, and her actions were... ugh. *"How dare he lie to me? When I'm the biggest liar."* *"He's trying to trick me out of HIS ancestral home.* which is what this type of read is about: bloodlines, families, and legacies. That's pretty major. *"HOW DARE HE!"* I kept hearing the MC saying in my head. She didn't really say it, but that's how it read to me. It was just so... irrational. How dare he? Jack was protecting his *assets*, as his right when dealing with lying thieves. With all the self-righteous indignation, Jack was right to protect himself.

I just wanted to say, "grow up and take responsibility for your actions. You talk a big game, but your actions contradict your words."

For me, the book felt very, very long when it wasn't. Usually I'm hooked from page one, and I found myself just wanting the book to be over, simply because I didn't connect with any character. Not only did I not connect with the characters, they didn't connect with each other either. & the ones I would have rather had couple up at the ending... didn't.

Will I read more from this author? Everything she writes.

Do I recommend this title? Only if you are a dedicated fan, or if you need the info contained in this book to continue on with the series.

sparklyunikorn says

The Sinners Club by Kate Pearce

Disappointed because I truly liked the story only to be ruined by Jack and Mary's non-existence love. Why did I say that? I was finally warmed to the idea of Jack and Simon as lovers. Their chemistry was super and hot, alright. And suddenly, Jack and Mary were besotted to each other. Ehhhh exactly how and when did that happen? When all I sensed between them was "friends with benefit". Did I miss something? Besides, Mary is annoying as hell. Ugh, I hated her. Anyway, whatever. As long as I enjoyed the mystery and the interaction between Jack and Simon, I could just ignore the not-so-good stuffs and be ignorant and content with the book. Read on your peril. P.S. Book contains M/M, M/F, ménage and orgy scenes.

Anna's Herding Cats says

Well. The Sinners Club...was quite the surprise. A fun one. But, damn, a surprise. Starting with...a lot of male on male sex. *blinks* Yeah. I, uh, didn't see that coming. LOL Really nothing was as I expected with this one other than it being one hell of a steamy and entertaining read. The characters were charming and damaged, the romance...rather peculiar but intriguing and the storyline filled with twists and curiosities. Which was all just excellent.

The quick of it is that Jack has found out he's to inherit a title. Only when he arrives he finds the former earl's wife...pregnant with a potential heir. And his dreams of having a home of his own kind of crash down around him. But all is not as it seems on either side.

I really liked all three of the main characters--Jack, Mary, and her brother Simon. They're an interesting combo of being secretive and yet upfront and bold which really keeps you on your toes wondering the full story. The three had a great rapport going and I liked watching them feel each other out. They all had inklings the other side--Jack vs Mary and her brother-- was hiding something and engaged in a bit of a game with each other to find out the truth. I don't usually like games in my romances like that but it actually really worked this go around.

Now, this one wasn't your typical boy meets girl and falls in love story. It's definitely a romance but things are more...fluid. And attractions aren't limited to just Jack and Mary. All three are very open about their enjoyment of sex, all of it's varieties and combinations and they're pretty free with indulging their desires for each other. Which was...interesting.

He reached out and cupped her breast. "I like fucking, my lady, in all its glorious, messy, filthy ways. I like making people cry out and scream and come for me. I enjoy it even more when they reciprocate."

So. Those steamy bits. Yep. I've officially read my first male on male sex. Hello! It really was a surprise. Most of the intimate moments throughout actually happened between Simon and Jack even though the

romance was Mary and Jack. They had her blessing and more often than not she was in the room when things got steamy. And damn did it get steamy! Everything was very intimate and sensual. There are were some kinda squick you out moments dealing with the siblings but as things are revealed they make more sense.

My only real complaint was the beginning. It was pretty confusing there at the beginning and felt like I'd stepped in mid-story which is kind of the case since this is a spin-off and there are 9 books in the previous series. It was pretty noticeable that I'd missed out on quite a bit of previous world building but thankfully as the storyline progressed less emphasis was put on those things and it was easy to get lost in the story. After that there were only occasional uses of names that weren't familiar that I think if I'd read the other series would have clicked immediately for me. So minor but worth mentioning.

Overall, Pearce created an incredibly sensual world and a unique romance that will have me coming back for more without question. I loved the different feel and texture of the relationships and that things weren't always cut and dry. It was different. But different can be a very good thing.

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Ana Maria says

WOW WOW WOW

Me encanta como Kate Pearce es capaz de crear personajes con tanta libertad sexual sin culpas. Que separan perfectamente el amor de la lujuria y no se hacen problemas con eso.

Respecto a este libro, todavía lo estoy decantando.

Algunas casualidades y cambios de personalidad que todavía no me cierran, y menos en inglés. Y un final algo precipitado, aunque es posible que se redondee mejor en el próximo libro que es la historia de lord Keyes.

Aunque no es indispensable, creo que es conveniente leer antes el 09 de la serie de House of Pleasure, en donde Jack Lennox hace un aparición y es prácticamente co-protagonista. También en ese aparece lord Keyes.

Como siempre, tenemos muchas "perversiones", tríos, relaciones H/H y H/M, H/M/H, etc, pero lo habitual. Y sí, los lectores somos testigos de cosas peores pero no realizadas por los protagonistas.

Y por supuesto, siempre con un argumento detrás: disputas por herencias, abogados, investigadores privados, secretos del pasado.

Sería para tres y media por el final abrupto. Pero le subo a 4 porque me encantó Jack, ya del libro anterior.

Albert says

Title - The Sinners Club

Author - Kate Pearce

Summary -

Jack Lennox has learned that he is heir to Title and Lands and he may well be the new Earl of Storr. Only there is already someone living in the family estate of Pinchbeck Hall. Someone who claims to be the Dowager Countess of Storr. The surviving wife of the last Earl of Storr. And she is pregnant making her child to be, the true next Earl of Storr.

Jack must unravel the truth from the web of lies to save his own inheritance before it is taken from him. Is the Dowager's claim correct? What is the true nature of her relationship with the man she calls her brother. More so, what is the truth behind the relationship of Mary, the Dowager Countess and late Earl of Storr.

Review -

As with most erotica, what makes it good and makes it fail is not the sex scenes. Like in real life, sex is at its best when there is some form of emotional attachment between the participants. Here, the acts of emotion are muddled and you can never be sure what is felt by the characters.

Have they been living lies so long that they no longer can feel the truth? Perhaps. But in the inability to express true emotional the physical relationship is just one act after another. Albeit well written and fearless, but still lacking the emotional attachment that is the strength of Pearce's other novels.

A good read but I had expected better.

Hollie says

The reason this book didn't get 4 stars was because I didn't feel the "love" between Mary and Jack. Their whole relationship was secondary until the end in this book so when they start talking about being 'in love' with each other I was mildly shocked. Maybe I missed a page or two. Book is M/M/F.
