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The Royal Duo that took the romance world by storm come together in this very special boxed set.

### ROYAL SEDUCTION

Frontier Louisiana is set aflame by Rolfe and Angeline - a dynamic prince on the trail of his brother's killer and the innocent beauty he mistakes for her wanton cousin. But death rides with the prince and his captive, and their only protection is love....

### ROYAL PASSION

Mara must seduce and betray Prince Roderic, son of Rolfe and Angeline, or her beloved aunt will suffer. How is she to attract this commanding royal who consorts with gypsies? And how can she bear to choose between her aunt and the prince?

## **Royal Princes of Ruthenia Box Set Details**

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# **From Reader Review Royal Princes of Ruthenia Box Set for online ebook**

**Kayltee says**

**Intriguing book.**

This book held me bound to turn the pages to see what would happen next. My only regret is that it ended too abruptly

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**Erica Spencer says**

My review of the first book is posted under its title rather than the box set. The second book is even more of a yawn-fest. The author is a good writer, but if I had wanted a history of France's politics, I would have bought one of those instead of a romance novel. I liked the characters and the mystery surrounding them but skipped whole sections of the history stuff.

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**Stacy M Ditto says**

**Fantastic**

Picked this set up for free and was pleasantly surprised. Excellent writing, believable characters, interesting and complex plots. The set was hard to put down. Looking forward to reading more from this author!

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**Ranga Raju says**

**Great Novel**

I love the words, the humor, the sarcasm and the Insight. I love both the books. Looking forward to finish all the books by the Author

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**ABesse says**

I tried. I really really tried.

When the main lady gets. . . \*ravished\* shall we say within the first few chapters, I keep reading. I said to myself, hon, you're a prude who doesn't even look in the mirror naked. It's some sort of bondage play that you don't understand and that's just fine. The girl seems fine if not rather jolly and fiction is fiction so I kept on reading.

It's a detailed and interesting story. And I wanted to see what the cousin really knew or did and all that and if the prince would fall in love ya know?

But then I got to the part where the cousin is raped by five guys and then not half an hour later does a sexy dance and asks the sixth to also rape her. Gotta nope out there.

There are some things I don't want to understand, or even think about too hard, and this book is now one of them.

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## **Linda Sims says**

### HISTORICAL ROMANCE BOX SET

prince Rolfe has travelled from Ruthenia to the Deep South of America on the trail of his dead brothers mistress. Max had been heir to the throne, but had been murdered, and Rolfe suspected that Claire de Buys was either involved, or knew what had happened. But so far Claire had proven elusive. This evening Prince Rolfe is due to attend a party, upon arrival he sees a young woman, whom he believes to be Claire. She fits the description. But she informs him that Claire is her cousin, she is Angeline de Buys. Of course Rolfe doesn't believe her, and some short while later he kidnaps her.

### ROYAL PASSION

Mara is being blackmailed, one of her family owes money. So the person who is owed wants Mara to seduce Roderic prince of Ruthenia. Mara has never seduced any man before, and feels at a loss how to go about this. But once she gets close to Roderic, the idea of lying to him, let alone causing him harm becomes more and more difficult.

First read for me by this author. On the whole both stories were quite well written. They were both overlong IMO. Which made both stories at times rather hard going. I am given to understand that both books were originally published in the early eighties. Apart from the leading characters in both stories, the side characters were not very well fleshed out. But my biggest objection lies in the first of the two tales. When Prince Rolfe kidnaps Angeline, he forces himself on her believing that she is her more experienced cousin Claire. Quite frankly whether he thought she was Claire or not didn't make it right. Then rather than being remorseful after discovering his error, as Angeline was a virgin. He has sex with her at every opportunity. While still insisting to hold her a prisoner. Angeline for her part barely made the slightest objection as to what was happening. But later in the story when another male character attempts to rape her. It's shock horror, even from Rolfe. And why was this other mans behaviour considered different? Because unlike Rolfe who was tall virile and handsome. The other guy was overweight and unpleasant. I thought that was just too much.

That certainly affected my rating. Overall quite well written, the dialogue was a little pompous at times. Not sure i would recommend these.

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## **Monique says**

Yeesh! How to review and rate.

Royal Seduction: 3

It includes what the author calls forced seduction. Let's face it, Rolfe is right later when he tells Angeline's aunt that he has scarred her soul, not her body. It was rape but he made her respond. Despite that, I felt it was written well given the time period it portrays.

Royal Passion: 1.5

This wasn't the worst book I have ever read, but even bringing Rolfe and Angeline back couldn't keep it from being terrible. Roderic is far less fleshed out and he is clearly cut from the same cloth as his father. I was far more interested in the two secondary romances than I was in the main plot and both of those were so glossed over it was depressing.

I am inclined to think that the author wanted to find a way to neatly close the loop on Angeline and Andre's abortive love. It flopped.

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**Nenia ? Queen of Literary Trash, Protector of Out-of-Print Gems, Khaleesi of Bodice Rippers, Mother of Smut, the Unrepentant, Breaker of Convention ? Campbell says**

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I can't stop staring at the way that the box set is positioned in this photo because if you look at it from the side, it kind of looks like historical menage, with the dark-haired woman slowly edging in one the red-haired woman and the dark haired man, like, "I want in on that action! Is there room for one more?" Only it's kind of creepy to think about, because that woman is her godmother (more on that).

ROYAL PRINCES OF RUTHENIA is a duology by Jennifer Blake. The books are set in a fictional Balkan country called Ruthenia, and the hero of each book is a Ruthenian prince. Initially I was skeptical because I think the last historical romance I read that was set in a fictional country was by Christina Dodd. It was not good.

These books surprised me, though - both of them are beautifully written and the first one especially has amazing dialogue. The sensory descriptions are vivid and poetic, and I can't imagine how much research went into these books because the gala scenes, fight scenes, and day-to-day scenes are equally well done. So is the sex, if you're into that sort of think, wink, wink, nudge, nudge.

**Royal Seduction: ?????**

This book was close to perfect, and you should really check out my full-length review on that book's page. ROYAL SEDUCTION is very much a classic bodice ripper, written in the vein of the other greats, like Rosemary Rogers or Laurie McBain. The writing is *especially* lovely in this book and the hero and heroine's witty repartee flew off the pages. There's a lot of sex but the romance doesn't really happen until later, because it's enemies to lovers - the hero thinks first that the heroine killed his brother, and then that the heroine is covering for the person who did. So yeah, he's not happy.

I seriously can't say enough about this book, although I would caution you that it does have forced seduction, so if that's something that upsets you, you should probably keep that in mind. It doesn't happen just once, either, but I personally felt like it fit the story, and that the hero was definitely being portrayed as a not-nice person for doing it. At its core, this is a book about vengeance and betrayal, so many of the bad things that do happen fit the theme of the story and the ruthlessness of the characters.

**Royal Passion:** ??½

NOOOOOO, the first book was *so good* that I immediately launched into this one, and I couldn't believe the dip in quality. I don't think I've been this disappointed by a bodice ripper sequel since reading Rosemary Rogers's DARK FIRES after SWEET SAVAGE LOVE.

ROYAL PASSION is set thirty years in the future after ROYAL SEDUCTION and the hero is actually the child of the first couple. Overall, the plot kind of reads like a pale imitation of the first book: hero and heroine at odds, court intrigue, betrayals, final confrontation, near-death experience, nursing back to health, pledge to love one another forever and ever, etc.

There's also a shift in tone, which I think will please people who don't like the bodice ripper formula (e.g. bad things happening to everyone, all the time), but for me it felt really weird and jarring, because the first story was *so dark* and now suddenly we have secondary AND tertiary romances to pad out the plot, as well as animal sidekicks and villains who LITERALLY look like the devil. I go into more detail about my thoughts on ROYAL PASSION in my Goodreads review, but the TL;DR version is that I was expecting so much more and was delivered so much less. Boo.

I was pretty disappointed with ROYAL PASSION, but I'm rounding up for the hot lovins.

Overall, ROYAL PRINCES OF RUTHENIA was a fun, quick read. I got through this box set in just a couple days. Usually I say, "Go for the box set!" because it's such a great deal, but I feel like in this case, I'd

advice you to just pick up the first book and have done with it. The first book is AMAZING.

3.5 stars

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**Dawn Pressel says**

Just not for me

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**Cindy Woods says**

I actually read the entire series and found it quite good. I'm no fan of "forced" seduction, but after reading the entire series from start to finish I have to say it was well written, creative, adventures galore, humorous at times, romantic and maddening. I found a great combination of very interesting stories overall. The heroes are virile, sexy and honest characters and the heroines brave, seductive and funny. I would definitely recommend the series to historical, fantasy, romance fiction readers in a heartbeat!

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**Mara says**

I read only the first book in this set. It was the same story, setting, and type of characters of her Louisiana Historical Collection. I didn't like it anymore the second time.

I realize rape is often a staple of bodice-rippers and I really do not want to engage in a discussion. I will only say this. There are authors who do not glamorize it and those who do. I believe Ms Blake belongs to this latter group. Rape in romance is always fake and it caters to a whim, that said there is something called plausible behavior...

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