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In 1861, lonely railroad heiress Tempy Bliss, a budding journalist, is elated that Charles Dickens wants her to write an article about gambling for his newspaper. But when casino owner Lucien Hamlin bans Tempy from his gambling palace once he learns of her profession, she begins to suspect a much bigger story is at hand. Lucien's secretive behavior goads Tempy into uncovering the real story. Lucien is a hard-driving businessman whose life is about to be upended by his unexpected inheritance of an earldom. It's a fact he'd rather not have announced, and certainly not in newsprint, until after the sale of his casino. With Tempy's career goals progressing, as well as her dreams of becoming a part of her fiance's family, she refuses to accept defeat even when Ernest sends her a letter from Paris informing her he's fallen in love with a Frenchwoman. Tempy resolves to win him back while simultaneously conducting her research at the sumptuous Hamlin House casino.

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Sheila Larkin says

Intense and awesome!

A lot of times people post reviews where they talk about what happened in the story. I don't like to do that because the back cover does that, and anything more is a spoiler. So I'll just say this - what a great story!!!! I really felt like I got a chance to connect with the characters (Tempy is awesome. You'll like her, I did!), and I really wanted her and Lucien to GET TOGETHER! Romances are supposed to have happy endings, but there were times when I thought "no way! it's just never going to work out!" If you are looking for some romance - and who isn't? - this one is really good!

Sheri Ferguson Edmondson says

I loved this book. It's a blend of My Fair Lady, Pygmalion, and the movie French Kiss all rolled into one delicious morsel. If you're looking for a great summer read, this is the book for you.

Regency Girl says

I love stories set in Victorian England. Add in a feisty heroine and an appealing hero, and what's not to like? A fun read that kept me turning the pages until the HEA ending.

Wendy Larken says

A great escape to another time and place and a wonderful romance as well! I loved the cameo by Charles Dickens!

Claire says

I received Gambling on a Scoundrel as part of a Goodreads giveaway.

Railroad heiress and budding journalist Tempy Bliss has been tasked with investigating London's gambling underworld. Still nursing a broken heart after her fiance leaves her for another woman, Tempy is determined to win him back in the course of breaking the story. What she didn't gamble on (no pun intended) is the entrance of Lucien Hamlin, a soon-to-be-earl, whose large gambling den is the site of Tempy's research. As, against Lucien's will, she learns more about him, Tempy finds herself questioning everything she ever knew about the man she thought she loved.

It's relatively rare to read about a hero and heroine, neither of whom was raised in the peerage. Tempy's

father made his money in business, while Lucien only inherited his title late in life. I liked this slight deviation, which gives the setting and tone of the book a slightly different feel than most period historicals, a bit grittier and more down-to-earth. An entertaining read.

Kathy says

"Bliss Has Romantic Adventures" Tempty Bliss is a sweet and funny heroine. I enjoyed her romance with Lucien. Perhaps there could be more adventures with Tempty?

Carra says

Put together an interesting storyline filled with intrigue and well written scenes with characters that capture your attention and have depth, then add the historical aspect and throw in a dash of romantic tension, and you've got *Gambling on a Scoundrel*.

I haven't read a lot of historical romance books, not for any dislike of the genre, but really more because I tend to gravitate toward the paranormal and sports romance books. I actually had to look up some terms for clarification (though I got the gist of things based on context anyway), but this did not take anything away from the story for me. It actually made me more interested as I got to learn terms and customs I wasn't aware of from that time period.

The story flowed smoothly and kept me interested the whole way through the book. Tempy did frustrate me a bit at first with her desire to try and win Ernest back-if that had happened to me I would be the first one saying "good riddance"-but for the most part she was a strong character, especially during a time in history when strong women were frowned upon. And speaking of strong women, I loved the character of Millicent and thought she was a great role model for Tempy. And Lucien...*sigh* A strong, protective, shrewd man who helps others and is still a gentleman...a perfect lead male for this story.

I really enjoyed this book, and can't wait to read more by this author, and definitely more in the historical romance genre. 4 well-deserved stars!

Elizabeth says

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4 1/2 stars.

I absolutely loved loved this book!!! It takes place in 1861. It was a great and wonderful escape to another time and place!! It's beautifully written and easy to follow. It's a book you don't want to put down, ever! I really really loved the characters!! I grew attached to them. I absolutely adored Tempy and couldn't wait for the happily ever after with Lucien! Lucien is hot!!! In fact, I want him! ;) I found myself rooting for them through out the whole book. I wanted to be there with them as their love story unraveled. If you love historical romances, and who doesn't? I very highly recommend this book. You should read it, you won't be disappointed! I will be looking for more Sheridan Jeane novels as I enjoyed this book immensely.

