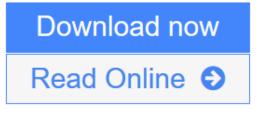


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After attending the wedding of one of her closest friends, and celebrating the betrothal of another, Mrs. Felicity Randall is looking forward to spending a peaceful summer at her house in the country. Several months when she may do and say as she wishes, without having to constantly be aware of her place in London Society as the respectable young widow of Major Stephen Randall.

But before Fliss can manage her escape to the country, she overhears a conversation in which two people discuss the murder of the new Earl of Winterbourne. Unable to see or identify either the man or the woman from her hiding place, but aware of where the murder is to take place, Fliss finds her plans for the summer changed completely, and requiring she procure an invitation to the infamous house party hosted every summer by the notorious Lady Eckles. A house party at which no respectable widow would normally dare to show her face.

Sinclair Montgomery has no time or patience for London society, as it had no tolerance for his mother so many years ago when she eloped with her Scottish Highlander, Sin's own father. But when Sin unexpectedly inherits the title of the Earl of Winterbourne, he has no choice but to go to England to view his new estates. It was certainly not his intention, once there, to find himself the guest at a summer house party. Although the rumors of debauchery and licentious behavior to be had there were certainly enough to pique his interest.

Finding the beautiful Mrs. Felicity Randall waiting for him in his bedchamber the second night of his stay, leads Sin to believe that perhaps all is not lost after all, and he proceeds to make love to the delicate beauty. Until she informs him the only reason she came to his bedchamber, has attended this house party at all, is to warn him his life is in danger. That there is a plot afoot to murder him whilst he is there.

Sin has only been in England a matter of days, certainly not long enough to have antagonized anyone into wishing to murder him, and leading him to wonder if the poor woman can possibly be deranged.

It would be a great pity if that were to be the case, when the sexual attraction between the two of them is instantaneous and highly combustible...

Author's Note: The stories in the Regency Unlaced, Knight Security, and Alpha Series, have stronger sexual content and language than my other books.

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Carissa Skipper says

Irish lady

This was a great read. An asset to the series. It was full of adventure and passion, ending with a HEA.

Heidi Meaton says

Mortimer does it again!

You know, I'm not normally one for series of books. Some are tedious. But Me Mortimer is a a fine story teller. Not just romance but generally. It's a difficult thing to do to keep an avid reader's attention. However she does it well.

Felicity and Sin are brought together by Fliss' sense of doing right. Only to stumble into an adventure of her own,physically and emotionally.

Sin discovers his own saviour in a surprising amount of ways and himself becomes a saviour in his own right.

Twists and turns in every way makes for a very good read. Fab!

Serenity says

How I wish it were a few more hundred pages longer, I just can't get enough of this whole series. The author became one of my favorite in the first pages of this book.

Cheryl Steckling says

Taken by the Earl by Carole Mortimer (Regency Unlaced 3)

Mrs. Felicity Randall is a widow, and spent her years being married to someone who did not completely satisfy her desires. Some of which she did not know she really wanted.

She is at the wedding of one of her closest friends and is in one of the rooms and has hid behind the drapes that so the couple that come into the room cannot see her. The couple exchange conversation regarding the murder of the new Earl of Winterbourne. Fliss cannot see the woman or man and can only hear their voices. It has been planned to happen at the house party that Lady Eckles gives every summer. Fliss was not planning to attend but she had to get an invitation to warn the Earl of Winterbourne, Sinclair Montgomery. Fliss being a respectable widow should not be at this summer party due to the kinds of games and things that go on at it. But she goes and finds that yes Sinclair is there. Next thing you know Sinclair finds there is a woman in his bedchamber, none other the Fliss. Warning him of the conversation she overheard. While Sinclair is at the party his horse and his groomer for his horse both take very sick and are thought to die. Then while Fliss is with one of the party guests she asks for water and another guest goes and gets her a

glass of water. She takes ill and barely makes it to her bedchamber.

This all verifying to Sinclair that something is happening at this party as for a moment Sin believes Fliss might be deranged.

This story is well laid out and kept my interest and read all 128 pages in a day. It is another awesome book of unlikely love by Carole Mortimer and look for the next to release in May.

Zena says

Another hot page turner filled with some serious sex, a murder plot, an orgie of sort and total trust between two very different people but strong main characters by the names of Sin and Fliss. I was really amused by the strange name, Sin, given to the Earl and he sure tried to live up to it. The story is written so that it is very easy to read and follow and it makes for a very interesting read.

Sadia says

A hot steamy novella. I think it is meant to be read all at once. At least I did. The story reached a happy conclusion quickly without dragging.

Shawntee Clark says

Taken by Sin, Sinclair that is!!!

This was a sexy, sensual story with a little bit of mystery and thriller. Sinclair is the ultimate lover, he was sinfully erotic, sinfully handsome and sinfully "Sin". The heroine, Felicity or Fliss, was feisty and strong once she began to see herself in a different light when she was around Sinclair. There's one scene I found deliciously erotic, I want expound on the scene but less say it has something to do with riding! Good read!

Julie ambrose says

Still loving this series

Again another sexy read whist lazing on the couch with a few hours of reading pleasure ,rather sexy and very naughty ,thanks again

Kathy Bunbury says

Filled with sensual tension.

Sexy and exciting! The story starts with a mystery followed by a debauched house party. I liked the

awakening of the prim and proper widow to a sensual woman. There's a sexual tension that runs throughout the story that can't be topped!

Sieravonne says

Negative stars actually.

I find it stupid that Felicity had to chase Sinclair to a debauched house party so that she could just warn him. She could simply send a note, you know.

Sinclair was a butthole for using Felicity's kind-heartedness against her and manipulating her.

I also think that it was stupid that Felicity had a foreboding sense and was able to recognize Millicent's (Sinclair's cousin by law and the mastermind of his demise) voice while in her *befuddled* state in just a few minutes of being in her presence. However, didn't have any presentiment inkling and wasn't able to detect Adam Sterling's (Millicent's lover and accomplice) voice when she went to have picnic with him *for hours*. She was in a clear mind then.

What makes it more stupid was that Adam talked more than Millicent when Felicity overheard them in the Woodrow library, but she was able to sense Millicent quickly but not Adam. Ms. Author, are you making your readers look stupid?

Though I never read nor watched *Fifty Shades of Grey* but have an idea base on my friends's stories, I feel like reading/watching the contemporary erotic romance (but in a Regency period) while reading this novella.

And what taste of freedom Felicity was talking about? She didn't have any! Sinclair was simply controlling her by making it look like it was her choice and apparently, she was too stupid to realize it.

Panin says

Sex on a horse????

Oh dear! I am all for suspensions of disbelief and a good fantasy, but having sex *on* a horse, while actually riding? No.

Pooja Ajmera says

Wohahahaha! Just beautiful! Read it guys!

Sheila Melo says

I Loved This Historical Romp of a Novella

FINAL DECISION: This short novella was fun, sexy with a tight story and a romance that I really enjoyed. This was my favorite of the series so far.

THE STORY: Mrs. Felicity "Fliss" Randall is a respectable widow. When she overhears a plot to murder the new Earl of Winterbourne, she is determined to warn the Earl. She ends up having to get an invitation to a notorious house party where she approaches the Earl in his bedroom. When Sinclair Montgomery finds Fliss in his bedroom, he believes the woman he finds in his room is there for pleasure and begins to make love to her. When Fliss insists he listen to her, Sin doesn't know whether to believe Fliss, but she sure wants her.

OPINION: This was an enjoyable romp with a very sexy premise. Fliss has been restrained and respectable all her life. She has always done what she should until she decides that she must warn the Earl of Winterbourne of the murder plot against him. That decision leads Fliss to do things that she never dreamed of doing. She discovers a recklessness and a sensuality that she never imagined during her perfectly respectable marriage. What's not to love about a Scottish hero named Sin who is determined to show the heroine her own sexual power and pleasure. The connection between the two is wonderful and the plot serves to move the romance forward without taking away the focus from the relationship between Fliss and Sin.

WORTH MENTIONING: Oh, there is a gentleman in this book who so deserves a happy ending of his own some day.

CONNECTED BOOKS: TAKEN BY THE EARL is book 3 of the Regency Unlaced series. This novella can be read as a standalone.

STAR RATING: I give this novella 4.5 stars.

Christina (SteepedinBooks) says

Sex. On horseback. With multiple orgasms. So many the heroine faints. On a horse. A horse that is so traumatized (I'm guessing) that the next time a woman tries to climb on him, he bucks her off and kills her. :/

Severita says

loved the story