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The final steamy chapter in the popular Seasons series from USA Today Bestselling Author Jess Michaels.

Viscountess Felicity Barbridge escaped a violent marriage with her life because she was willing to make desperate choices. Now those choices are back to haunt her, as is the object of her girlhood obsession, Asher Seyton.

Asher was never anything more than a servant's son, but he's elevated himself through an education and is now a respected solicitor. He only returns to his childhood home to help with a financial issue, but when he realizes Felicity is being threatened, he's driven to stay and help. Even if he must now face all the feelings for her he tried to repress over the years.

Will Felicity be able to trust Asher enough to share more than passion? And will Asher's own secrets unravel all they've built?

Length: Full-Length

Heat Level: Intensely passionate

Part of the Seasons series but can be read as a standalone story.

Adored in Autumn Details

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Susan says

Somewhat wallpaper in its historical context: Ladies at the time were discouraged from masturbating; not to mention that if her husband was so abusive, she would not know what an orgasm was, let alone be interested in giving herself one. The author should stick to contemporaries.

Sharyn says

Nice wrap up to the whole series. All loose ends closed!

Elaine says

Lovely ending to the series. All wrapped up nicely. Really enjoyed reading this book. Great series.
5?

Ermione Pickwick says

2.5

Jen says

This was the last book in the Seasons series.... I am so happy I decided to take a chance on Jess Michaels work! I have enjoyed this series immensely and I look forward to checking out more of her work!

In all four of these books, they had the perfect balance of romance, sex, and mystery! Throughout the stories there was a bit of suspense and questions that kept me eager for answers! Finally in the end we get all the answers!! Everything came to a head beautifully!

Phoenix77 says

Jess Michaels brings her Seasons series to a satisfying close in her latest release Adored in Autumn. Threats that have been hanging over various members of the Danford family are all tied together in an investigation that gives a deserving woman a second chance at love.

At the close of the previous book, *One Summer of Surrender*, it was revealed that the late Duke of Kirkford had collected the scandalous secrets of the ton into a journal he frequently used for blackmail. His knowledge helped him keep many influential families in his pocket, and his threat to expose Viscountess Felicity Barbridge's deepest secret allowed him to destroy her brother's betrothal through clever manipulation. When he died the journal passed to his heir, who is just as unscrupulous as his cousin, leaving Lady Felicity fearful that everything in her past will be exposed, creating a scandal for her family. Fortunately, blackmail will often leave some kind of a money trail that a trained financier can follow. Felicity's brother summons Asher Seyton – a friend of the family who has elevated himself from a former servant into a respected solicitor – and asks him to help them track down the new Lord Kirkford, who has gone into hiding.

Asher and Felicity were once desperately in love with each other; however his status as a footman in her household kept them from ever acting on their emotions other than one stolen kiss on the eve of her *début*.

Please read the full review at [Romantic Historical Reviews](#)

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

'Adored in Autumn' by Jess Michaels is book four in the "Seasons" series. This is the story of Felicity and Asher. This book can be read alone but book three "One Summer of Surrender" did touch some on Felicity story. This book also ends this great series!

Felicity has been in an abusive relationship and is now trying to escape from it. But she is finding things are starting to catch back up to her. Asher was Felicity young girl crush and is now back into her life. Asher started off as a servant's son but with time, education and money he has brought himself up in the world. When Asher meets Felicity again he stays to try to solve her problems.

This was a nice second chance at love story with an additional story of surviving.

Another great book by Ms. Michaels!! "My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read."

Ltlmer2 says

Good end to the series

All loose end tied up well in this final book. I liked Asher, but this one was a bit too angsty for me as well, though not as much as Book 3

Laura says

Absolutely loved this book. It was the final (I think?) in the series and it was very well wrapped up. I really felt for Felicity and her sad history, and I think the author dealt with this very sensitively. Asher was also an amazing hero, perfect!

BigComfyChairBookReviews says

Nice End to the Series

The plot was intriguing and fun to follow. But, I don't think I have ever groaned this many times at a heroine. I understand she has been through a lot but, her constant fear is depressing. Not once did she smile or have a good time. Even sex didn't seem to make her happy. A couple reviewers called her strong, but I saw no evidence, she was constantly afraid of things she couldn't control, and let her attitude effect everyone around her. Lucien was a supportive hero, but rather boring. The author tied up some lose ends, that I really wasn't interested in, so I skimmed the last couple of chapters. I have read several of Jess Michaels books and I recommend her to fans of the genre who aren't looking for anything truly original or life altering. This book was my least favorite in the series. **WARNING:** there is sex in this book, it is not erotica, but enough to be a steamy & hot adult romance. Please do not read if you are looking for something PG. Romance-5/5 Steaminess-4/5 Explicitness-4/5

Beverly says

Brilliant

Thank you Jess another wonderful book about intrigue love and murder. What a mixture to keep me on tender hooks. Hugs X

Austine (NovelKnight) says

I stuck with them all. Crazy, considering this series has been a bit up-and-down for me but here we are. Thankfully, *Adored in Autumn* was probably my favorite of the four and a nice wrap-up for the Seasons series, if a bit *too* neat.

If you're thinking about reading any of these books, I highly recommend reading them in order because they're all closely tied together.

Felicity is the main reason I loved this book more than the rest. She has this strong personality that you catch glimpses of but due to the events of the book, she hasn't been herself and it's hard not to root for her to succeed in clearing her name. After suffering at the hands of her late husband, you *want* Felicity to have her happy ending.

Honestly, I couldn't care less about Asher, her love interest. I liked that the book was a romance between classes since society and its rigid structure seem to always play a role in historical romances and these stories shake things up a bit. But other than that, I thought he was an idiot for constantly putting himself down but going right ahead and hooking up with Felicity anyway.

The story picks up immediately after the ending of *One Summer of Surrender*, overlapping in that initial scene but from Felicity's perspective and following her family's attempt to preserve her murderous secret. I'm not sure how I feel about the actual plot because, on the one hand, the author ties in all the books' events together, bringing everything full circle which I kind of liked. But it also felt too neat, too perfect. Verdict's still out on that part.

All the tension in the middle was a bit lackluster. I predicted most of the final outcome near the beginning after having read the other three books. And the romance itself was alright, but not swoon-worthy. Some of the descriptions were downright cringe-worthy instead, and the entire relationship seemed based on a single moment. I get that they were friends before all that but the actual romance hinging on a kiss years before didn't quite work for me.

Now I wouldn't say that Michaels has an extraordinary writing style. I was neither impressed nor disappointed. It *does* flow quickly, though, which is nice. These are very quick reads which made me enjoy them more because I wasn't spending as much time looking at parts I *didn't* like for too long.

Would I recommend this book, this series? Maybe. They're quick and light but nothing truly amazing. I enjoyed them for what they were, average romances, and they'd be a good series to binge one after the other. If you want a heart-stopping, swoony romance, this isn't the one for you. Good, but not great.

Janet says

Viscountess Felicity Barbridge escaped a violent marriage with her life because she was willing to make desperate choices. Now a few pages in a coded book threaten both her & her family.

Asher Seyton has thought of himself as never anything more than a servant's son, but he's elevated himself through an education and is now a respected solicitor. He only returns to his childhood home to help when he receives a note from Stenfax saying Felicity is in trouble.

Now they must now face all the feelings for each other they have tried to repress over the years.

This book follows on from One Summer of Surrender, whilst it could be read as a stand alone novel I would highly recommend reading the series in order, you won't be disappointed. This final instalment is riveting, I found it SO hard to put down.

Felicity was pushed into marriage to a nobleman who was abusive. She & Asher had fallen in love as teenagers but he was the Earl of Stenfax's valet's son & when they were seen kissing he was 'persuaded' to leave. However both had continued to love each other & when they meet again their passion for each other not only sizzles but almost combusts. Their road to a HEA is rocky, there is the coded book to find, the code to break. Rosalind & Celia are also still searching for their father.

The denouement is so well done & touching. I thoroughly enjoyed the book (& the whole series), the characters are well drawn, the plot riveting & very well paced. The intensity of the chemistry between Asher & Felicity is just so hot

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book

Sheila Melo says

"He kissed her because he loved her. And he had never stopped loving her for one moment in all the years they'd been apart. Even when he wanted to. Even when he tried."

FINAL DECISION: I love the cross-class story where the man is of the lower class. Here, there was a bit of angst, a bit of drama and I really liked that the characters knew the value of characters over title or privilege.

THE STORY: Felicity, Viscountess Barbridge, killed her abusive husband in self-defense. Now her secret is in the hands of her family's enemy. In order to track down the potential blackmailer, her brothers call in Asher Seyton, solicitor and financial advisor, to help with the financial investigation. Asher is the son of a servant and grew up with Felicity and her brother. Asher broke Felicity's heart when after a kiss, he left her. Now Felicity and Asher have to face their long ago feelings and the current threat on Felicity's future.

OPINION: I love books with cross-class romances -- especially ones where the man is of a lower class because it upends the normal trope. Here, Felicity is an aristocratic woman, the daughter of an earl and Asher is the son of her father's valet. The two were children together and friends (along with Felicity's two older brothers). As Felicity grew up, however, an attraction grew between Felicity and Asher. At her debut six years ago, the two had their first and last kiss as Asher left the next day. Felicity married the Viscount who beat and abused her. Now Asher has returned at Felicity brother's request because Felicity is in danger.

In the prior book in the series, an enemy of the family has found out that Felicity killed her abusive husband in self-defense. The potential blackmailer must be tracked down before the secret is revealed, ruining Felicity and her family. This plot moves the story along, but the center of this book is the romance between Felicity and Asher.

Felicity is a woman who has closed herself off after her horrible marriage. Fear, disappointment, lack of trust in herself and others dominate her life now. When Asher returns, Felicity begins to feel again and wonders if she can at least have a sexual relationship free from fear.

Asher and Felicity are good people who got torn apart by their class differences. Asher feels keenly the class differences. I thought this book did a really good job of showing that even if Felicity *thinks* that the two of them were always equal, Asher's reality was something different.

There is something very sweet and gentle about these characters together and yet their is definite heat in their relationship. I liked these characters quite a bit and the story is not dark or angst filled but rather is about two people working their way through past obstacles and finding a future together.

This is an enjoyable read and a fine conclusion to series as it wraps up the ongoing storylines and gives readers a look at all the characters coming together and solving the mysteries that have arisen.

WORTH MENTIONING: Everyone gets what they deserve in the end.

CONNECTED BOOKS: *ADORED IN AUTUMN* is the fourth and final book in the Seasons series. The romance in this book is self contained by there are continuing storylines that depend upon the prior books in the series.

STAR RATING: I give this book 4 stars.

NOTE: I received an ARC of this book via Netgalley in order to provide a review. I was not required to write a positive review. All opinions contained herein are my own. This review was originally posted on Top10RomanceBooks.com

Jennifer Becker says

What a way to finish the series. Felicity is a tortured widow by what her ex husband did and what she did. Asher is the love of her life and he let her go. with time running out to find the man hiding Felicity's secrets old feelings resurface and blaze anew. They will face down old enemies together and reunite a family.
