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**An old Blackhaven tragedy merges with a new quarrel...**

When Gervaise, the Earl of Braithwaite, first sees beautiful gypsy Dawn, he is struck by her likeness to his political enemy, Julius Gardyn. In his cups, he grasps the opportunity for a little vengeance and sweeps her off to his ancestral castle. In the morning, he is frustrated in his attempts to make things right by Dawn herself, who refuses to return to her family.

Dawn, dazzled by the handsome earl, has several reasons for staying with him. Pretending to be Eleanor Gardyn, lost heiress to Haven Hall, begins as a fun means to upset the earl's enemy, but when memories begin to tug at her, everything becomes much more serious. As she falls heavily in love with Gervaise, she starts to believe that happiness might be possible. Until the earl's prospective bride arrives at the castle.

However, many people, including Julius, fail to see the steel beneath Gervaise's good nature. Few have noticed that he always gets what he wants in the end. And he wants Dawn.

**The Blackhaven Brides books are a series, but can be read as stand alones:**

**The Wicked Baron**

**The Wicked Lady**

**The Wicked Rebel**

**The Wicked Husband**

**The Wicked Marquis**

**The Wicked Governess**

**The Wicked Spy**

**The Wicked Gypsy**

## The Wicked Gypsy Details

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### **Colene Myers says**

Dawn Boswell is a gypsy who is traveling with her family when The Earl of Braitwaite and his brother-in-law comes upon their camp. Gervaise decides to have his fortune told by the beautiful gypsy and while she is reading his palm he realizes that she looks familiar and maybe he can use her to get revenge on an enemy. Being in his cups he takes her home and proceeds with his plans.

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### **Lisa Jackson says**

#### **Wickedly good...**

Terrific story , another standalone in a series, that takes place in the quirky English village of Blackhaven. In this tale, Lord Gervaise is feeling restless and ineffectual as a member of parliament and a man, despite his reputation as a respected and responsible member of the nobility. While out visiting gypsies in the area with his more free spirited brother in law, he sees a young gypsy girl, who bears an uncanny resemblance to someone from his past. Dawn, is less interested in the past than in Gervaise, and agrees to assist him with his query into this situation. His initial reasons for this involve a bit of revenge and a lot of liquor.

The plot thickens and becomes even more interesting as they along with a cast of colorful supporting characters attempt to determine the connection and protect Dawn at the same time. In the meantime, the H and h are drawn to each other as their connection becomes more heated as moments go by.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable story and I highly recommend it to readers who enjoy historical romance with some intrigue and heat with their hea.

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### **Lana Birky says**

Every book in this series has been great & I think this one is my favorite of all! Mary Lancaster has a knack of writing that submerges you in to her characters & their story! Our hero, Gervaise Conway, Earl of Braithwaite, visits a gypsy camp that he allowed on the estate & meets a lovely young woman, Dawn Boswell, who has the rare color of hair as his long time enemy, Julius Gardyn. He also remembers the incident of a 3 year old girl being taken from her home 16 yrs. ago & her name was Eleanor Gardyn.

What ever happened to that little girl? This story is full of endearing secondary characters, love, romance, humor & such food mystery, you won't know the answer until the very end. I highly recommend this book & any in the series to all historical romance readers!

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### **Debbie Glenn Brown says**

Gervaise, the Earl of Braithwaite sees an opportunity to get back at his political enemy, Julius Gardyn. He stops at a gypsy camp where he meets dawn Boswell and notices she looks similar to his enemy. He hires her to pretend to be Eleanor Gardyn, lost heiress to Haven Hall, begins as a fun means distract Julius. Dawn

begins to have memory flashes as her memory tugs at her and Gervaise begins to believe she might actually be Eleanor Gardyn. She and Gervaise become closer and romance starts to bloom until his perspective bride arrives and everything changes when Dawn's life is at risk. A story filled with mystery and adventure romance various twist and turns. This is my honest opinions after I voluntarily read a copy of this book that was provided to me with no requirements for a review.

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## **Barbara Literski says**

### **Is She The One?**

Another great book by Mary Lancaster in her Wicked Series.

This one is about Gervaise Conway, the Earl of Braithwaite,

and Dawn Boswell. Gervaise remarked that Dawn looked familiar. When he see's that is owed Dawn has reddish-blond hair he realizes that she looks like his enemy Julius Gardyn.

Gervaise also remembers that a little girl about three years old vanished sixteen years ago and her name was Eleanor Gardyn.

Julius is envious of all that Gervaise has so he tries to cause trouble when he can.

So what happened to that little girl?

I would recommend this book to any one that likes Historical Romance with a little mystery!

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## **Mojca says**

Gervaise Conway, frustrated with his inability to make things better with his politics and slightly in his cups, concocts a cunning plan to take some revenge on his political enemy. He decides to take a beautiful gypsy girl on loan from her family, since she bears the uncanny resemblance to his nemesis's family. He'll pass her for the long lost, and presumed dead, Eleanor Gardyn, in order to prevent her uncle Julius from inheriting Haven Hall and evicting the Benedicts.

Dawn has her own motives to stay at Braithwaite castle. First is rather petty; she wants to get back to her father for having sold her to the earl (and then presumed she'd steal from the man). Second is much more personal; there's something about Gervaise that draws her, and soon she finds herself falling in love with him.

But even if she *is* Eleanor Gardyn, the gap between them is still too big. And gets even bigger as the dowager countess returns from Scotland and brings a prospective young countess with her. But no one counts with Gervaise and what *he* wants.

This was a lovely story. Romantic, slightly suspenseful (it was more of a mystery than straight-up suspense), with a little bit of angst, drama and star-crossed love thrown into the mix.

I liked the heroine, and especially her predicament as she straddled both worlds while not really belonging in either. Her struggles, both with accepting the truth about herself, but mostly as she dealt with her feelings for Gervaise, were nicely portrayed.

On the other hand, I have nothing much to say about the hero. He was a rather formulaic romance hero, with a deceptively calm exterior that hid a will of iron and determination that only few knew about or recognized. But since this was mostly Dawn's story, it helped that her hero didn't really overshadow her. He had his moments, mostly at very opportune times, when either Dawn or his mother needed a push or a shove, and he accomplished his mission with aplomb. I have a problem with his name, though, but that's probably just me.

Since this was a story of love blossoming on two opposite sides of the society spectrum and a story of self-discovery, the supporting cast did an excellent job of supporting the two protagonists, and create a suitable backdrop of support, disdain or scorn (provided by the hero's own mother, who I never really liked, but luckily she came around, since she had no other option).

The suspense/mystery subplot seemed rather superfluous, not really pushing the plot forward; it served more as filler and the actual catalyst for the initial meeting and the overall plot. The real reason behind the disappearance of Eleanor Gardyn was never really explained and the villain and the motive came out of the left field and seemed to be written more as an afterthought to make it all come together nicely.

But, as I said, this was a love story and a story of self-discovery and it didn't need much else to keep it afloat, so the disappointment in the suspense/mystery department didn't really impact the overall reading experience.

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### **Denise says**

This was such a fun addition to this series. Gervaise, having an issue with a very unreasonable neighbor, attends a fair. Being a bit tipsy, but very aware of the gypsy fortune teller, he hires her as the "missing heir" to the fortune and estate coveted by the neighbor. The beautiful, sweet gypsy named Dawn, agrees to play along. Somewhere along the way of making and carrying out the plans to disrupt his neighbor, they fall deeply in love. A few mysteries are solved, but they do find their way to each other in a most unusual historical romance.

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### **Kat Green says**

I have really enjoyed books 1-7 in this series by Mary Lancaster, but *The Wicked Gypsy* is probably my absolute favorite so far. You will laugh and some of the hilarious dialogue between characters and cry as well once you become emotionally invested in the characters and their situation. This one is full of mystery, intrigue, romance, and some very unexpected twists in the story. I can easily recommend this book and the entire series really, to all my friends who enjoy the historical romance genre. This is a delightful, suspenseful, page turner.

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### **Cynthia Houser says**

#### **Gypsy**

I have thoroughly enjoyed this series! *The Wicked Gypsy* is a very good book. The characters are well developed and engaging. Falling in love in love certainly gave the Earl a softer side. I have to agree with

Tamar when he said that he liked the Earl better when Dawn was around. The plot was suspenseful, a gypsy paid to kill a toddler.

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### **Maria says**

What a fun read! This is the eighth book in the Blackhaven Brides Series and it did not disappoint. This series continues to get better and better. Gervaise, the Earl of Braithwaite, and the spirited gypsy Dawn are a hero and heroine that will delight you. He makes a poor judgement call and sweeps her off to his ancestral castle...to which by morning he tries to make amends and return the breathtakingly beautiful gypsy home. Dawn, is having none of it.

Dawn, is very interested and intrigued with the very handsome Earl. She believes it would be in her best interest to stay with him and not return home. But fate has a few twists and turns for these two.

In my opinion, this is as good as book one

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### **Alice says**

#### **The Earl and the Gypsy**

A missing child heiress, dancing gypsies, a tough Dowager Countess with a potential daughter in law, and a local estate come together in a brouhaha that swirls around Gervaise our local Earl. Dawn or Eleanor is a very strong, insightful match for him as they both work through the difficulties of this romance.

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### **Debra Hogan says**

Gervaise Conway, Earl of Braithwaite is looking for relief from his standard duties. He is drawn to a gypsy camp he has allowed to use a cottage. Dawn Boswell is a fortune teller in this band of gypsies. Because of her coloring, she has felt out of place her whole life. She has fair skin and strawberry blonde hair. Gervaise Looks at her and determine her will use her to shake up his competition in the House of Lords. As he gets to know Dawn he becomes convinced she is the long-lost cousin of his competition. Dawn is conflicted. She is learning how to be a lady and falling in love with Gervaise. How could she very go back to the gypsies? This is a lovely book with many twists and turns. It has a surprise ending you will NOT see coming!!!! I have really enjoyed all of this series from Ms. Lancaster.

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### **Maggie Whitworth says**

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Such an interesting and exceptional series.

The Wicked Gypsy is the 8th book and just as awesome as the others .

It's what I've decided to describe as a soft and loving romance,

Mainly because of the beautiful relationship that grows between Gervaise and Dawn , they are matched so perfectly and you can see their love growing from one page to the next .  
Their are some brilliant tender moments and they make you catch your breath , they are so sweet and realistic.  
I loved this book and am looking forward to more .

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### **Lori D says**

Another great addition to the Blackhaven Brides series. When I see Mary has a new book, I cannot wait to read it! A man who sees an opportunity to get back at a political enemy, Julius Gardyn. A girl who starts to find lost memories coming to the surface. What could it mean? Gervaise, the Earl of Braithwaite was travelling by a gypsy camp where he meets Dawn, a gypsy girl. Not really in the best frame of mind ( ok tipsy), he carries her home because she has a resemblance to Eleanor Gardyn, lost heiress and sister of Julius. Could things be that simple? As they spend time together and Dawn begins to have memories surface, she begins to believe she might be Eleanor. As the two get closer, things begin to happen that could change everything. Mystery, adventure and romance all come together to make this an intriguing story that I could not put down. Cannot wait for the next in the series although this book can be read as a standalone.

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### **Sandra Standefer says**

This is the 8th book in the Blackhaven Brides Series, although it is a stand alone book. Gervaise, the Earl of Braithwaite, first sees beautiful gypsy Dawn, he is struck by her likeness to his political enemy. In his inebriated state he comes up with what he thinks is a great idea. Dawn has the same color hair and likeness as Julius Gardyn and comes up with a plan to tell Julius that she is his missing cousin and heir to the inheritance. Dawn upset with her dad for off to the Earl refuses to go home after Gervaise wakes up and realizes what he has done. This was such a fun story to read. I loved Gervaise and Dawn. Dawn is such a feisty lady and just loved her character. I loved that all the characters from all the Blackhaven series are intertwined. So enjoyable to read, I definitely recommend this or any of the series.

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