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When a loathsome rake steals one of her most cherished family heirlooms—and nearly her virtue as well!—Francesca Dunroy devises the perfect plan to put him in his place. At a ball being held in her honor—she didn't "take" in her first season, now her family is determined to get her a match in her second—she'll offer him a clandestine kiss sure to convince him to return what is rightfully hers. But in the dark hallways surrounding the ballroom, Francesca makes a terrifying mistake. She seduces the wrong man!

The recipient of Francesca's caresses is none other than Justin Maddox, London's newly titled duke and most eligible bachelor. A defiant Scotsman who disdains London society, he's sworn to steer clear of the ladies of the *ton*, but he can't escape the memory of Francesca urgently pressing her lips upon his . . . and neither can she. But when a shocking and dangerous secret from Justin's past resurfaces, the couple will have to risk tattered reputations and treacherous enemies to nurture what has quickly become true love.

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Cherie says

DNF: The heroine is TSTR. She needs to get a necklace back from a man who tried to elope with her then tried to force her when she wouldn't go. She lost the necklace in the scuffle. It's sentimental and valuable. She asks him to meet her in privacy (stupid #1), she starts a kissing fest with a man who enters the room not realizing its someone else (stupid #2) then when the rake arrives she demands the return of the necklace (stupid #3). The blackguard blackmails her for the return of the necklace and she decides not to go to her father with the truth (stupid #4). I can't stomach this chit getting a happily ever after. Not that we always get what we deserve but I read fiction so I don't have to always deal with reality.

Amanda says

This story had an excellent plot, however, the female characters' personalities seemed to change about half way through. A spoiled heiress suddenly found honorable backbone instead of whiny recklessness, a step-mother who seemed deep at the beginning of the story suddenly turned shallow. Bigger themes of grief were remarked upon, however, they weren't really explored in a manner where I really believed the hero & heroine had their HEA. There was a villain who was too easily vanquished, and the sibling themes were heavy, when there was no in the story to explore and iron out these differences. While these are the issues with the story, the hero's personality and positive traits stayed true though the whole book. Overall, it was an enjoyable read.

WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

The book starts off with Phillip (Justin's bro from the previous book) signing away the Dukedom to Justin. An interesting beginning but the bickering between Phillip and Justin was honestly very childish at times. We get it Justin wants to make his own way in the world and not just be given the title of Duke.

Right off the bat Francesca and Justin seem like two immature selfish characters.

I thought it was a bit presumptuous of Francesca to grow angry at Justin for taking her virginity. She never told him no, in fact was quite encouraging. After her coming at him on the terrace and then finding her in another man's apartment in men's clothes I can see how he was mislead in her true nature.

The whole ordeal with Justin's first wife Moira was wrapped up to cleanly; the author portrayed her as maniacal and then had her just giving up Justin. Moira had deranged stalker written all over her and then the author just had her calmly walking away.

I never understood why Justin and Francesca were attracted to each other. I think the author wanted to show them as independent strong willed people but failed horribly and made them into immature, selfish, braying jackasses.

The book was awful. I read the entirety of it but did employ some speed reading tactics. AVOID!

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Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

I didn't love the book but it was better than I expected. I didn't like Justin in the last book so I didn't have much hope of liking this book but it wasn't bad. It was enjoyable just not a "wow" read. I felt the end was wrapped up way too fast.

Elis Madison says

[the newly discovered Duke of Colster (hide spoiler)]

kris says

Justin/Tavis is apparently a duke even though he was raised as a blacksmith! Francesca is like totally hot and independent! THEY BONE IN A SEMI-NON-CONSENSUAL ACT. And then like complete idiots get caught making out in her backyard!!

1) SEMI-NON-CONSENSUAL SEX.

2) HER FATHER / STEP-MOTHER WERE COMPLETE ASSHOLES BUT OF COURSE SHE ~~FORGIVES AND ~~FORGETS THROUGH THE POWER OF LOVE??? Even though her step-mother makes a comment about her unborn child hopefully being a boy to replace the one that died? And her father tells her to move on because he's got his new wife and potential "son" to care about??

GROSS.

3) Not much for a climax in this book! Which in some ways was GREAT because no unnecessary kidnappings or guns or explosions or pregnancies--just an irate ex-wife who's big tantrum gets deflated in like 2 lines. But also kind of like "...oh, it's OVER???"

The TBR Pile *Book review site* says

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The first few chapters were rather dull. They were building up the story but were a struggle to get through. It could have been cut in certain areas and really gripped the reader at the beginning. Once Justin and Francesca have a mistaken kiss, Bedding The Heiress turns into a romantic adventure!

Their strange connection unfolded beautifully and really drew me into the historical setting. Both have secrets that are opened and quickly places both of them in precarious positions. In the end, I found myself routing for their growing love.

Bedding The Heiress was an entertaining and romantic read with characters I really enjoyed.

Christine Kirchoff says

I read this some time ago. It was a great historical romance, just what I was in the mood for.

Elaine says

Very enjoyable story. Cathy Maxwell rocks!

Lady Darcie Guenon says

Justin Maddox recently found out that he was taken from his real family and is the true Duke of Colster and is also the holder of the Sword of Mckenna. Some say this sword is powerful and Justin will stop at nothing to hide it even if that means fighting with his twin brother and trying his best to get out of London until he meets and kisses Francesca Dunroy.

Francesce Dunroy need to get her mothers pearl necklace back from a notorious rake so she asks him to meet her in the library hoping to seduce (sorta) him into giving it back, but her plans go south when the gentleman who walks in is none other than Justin Maddox himself.

After the meeting things begin to heat up as Justin and Francesce fight their feelings for each other and the dangers that arise along with them.

Michelle says

I read the book prior to this In the Bed of a Duke a while ago and when this one popped up on my overdrive suggestions I grabbed it. This was my lull between books. A quick read and an enjoyable one. The 3 stars goes to the quick wrap up of all the plot points introduced.

There was this whole story line for the hero Justin with the sword of the Mackenna that was apparently just fodder for the next book.

And the story of his previous wife story line was also wrapped up fairly quickly with little mess. And that story line for this period I feel would be a bit messy.

But the read was enjoyable and I felt the chemistry between the two MC's. Both very proud people with some trust issues.

steph says

I loved this. I was not expecting to love this book as much as I did because honestly, I really didn't like the

previous one but this one, ohmygod this one was so great. I really like Justin and Francesca and I even though they were married in like 3 wks of meeting each other which can get really annoying in these novels if done *wrong*, I believed them here and their love because it was done **RIGHT**. I like, can't really explain why I love these two so much because I started off disliking them (really Maxwell, you got to stop it with the couples sleeping together within 24hrs of meeting each other. It can be a bit repetitive) but then something changed as I continued reading and it grew to something more between them and they trusted each other and told each other everything and realized they each had to let go of past angers and I don't know. I JUST ADORED IT.

Cs says

As with every book I have read from Cathy Maxwell, this was a great read. I have not been disappointed with anything so far. I know I can pick up any book from her and get a few hours of enjoyment. Her books combine just the right amount of humor, romance, and suspense.

Amber Gray says

Justin Maddox, the newly-anointed Duke Of Colster, is not adjusting to London life well. He much prefers the life he was leading in the Scottish Highlands to the glittering, but fake, world of London's high society. The one bright spot is the mysterious Francesca, whose kiss he can't get out of his mind. Of course, even that takes an unexpected turn when the tempting Francesca turns out to be the very proper Miss Dunroy.

Francesca Dunroy doesn't know what she was thinking. Kissing a strange man during her coming out ball was not a wise decision. And it's made even worse when she realizes that it was no other than a duke! Francesca is desperate to protect her reputation, which is suddenly being attacked from all sides. But maybe the one man who is the biggest threat will also be her salvation.

Really enjoyed this book, it flowed very well and I enjoyed the characters.

Jill Dunlop says

Bedding the Heiress is the fourth book in the Cameron Sisters series by Cathy Maxwell. Francesca Dunroy is the daughter of a wealthy business man. With the recent remarriage of her father to a woman younger than herself, Francesca finds herself in the arms of a notorious rake. At her coming out ball, she arranges for a clandestine meeting in her father's study, but mistakenly kisses the wrong man, the Duke of Colster. Justin can't forget the kiss and seeks to find Francesca and get more than just a kiss from her.

Bedding the Heiress is a quick, breezy, entertaining read. The story is relatively light, with plenty of action to keep the plot moving forward quickly. Francesca is a head-strong, prideful girl, a little on the spoiled side,

but the author never takes it too far into bratty territory. Justin is a brooding Scotsman, but again the angst is never overdone.

The major quibble I had with the book is the fact that Justin and Francesca fall in love over the course of two days. These two days make up over two thirds of the book. For as many major conflicts in the book as there were, everything was wrapped up too hastily for my taste. From Francesca's strained relationship with her parents, Justin's return to England and his duties as a Duke, to the whole mystery surrounding The Sword of MacKenna, the resolutions were too superficial. But if you want a light read with just entertainment in mind, without a lot of angst, then I would recommend it.
