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Lord Oliver Marsden has a secret. He's been in love with his childhood friend for years, though Vincent's never shown an interest in him beyond friendship. Ruggedly handsome, wealthy, and successful, Vincent is everything Oliver is not. And above all, Vincent doesn't prefer men.

Then Oliver discovers Vincent hires a man during his visits to a London brothel. Desperate to be with Vincent, Oliver orchestrates a deception, switching places with the brothel's employee. Yet Oliver's in for another surprise. Restraints and a leather bullwhip? Apparently Vincent isn't as conservative as he appears.

Lord Vincent Prescott has a secret of his own. One kept locked away and only indulged once a month. But this month's appointment is different. The mysterious man is so beautiful in his submission, rousing protective instincts Vincent can't deny. Yet Vincent refuses to believe he prefers men, for it could mean the end of his hopes of earning his father's respect.

Will betrayal destroy them or will they be bound together by deception?

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~☆~Dæni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

4.25 LOVE OLIVER AND VINCENT STARS

That's my rating for the entire series, including the two free shorties. Ava March is the queen of m\m Regency romance; I adore the scenes she writes and the HEAs she grants, despite the obvious historical limitations. Regencies can be stuffy or depressing. This series is neither. It's hot and filthy in the best possible way (bondage, oil, and dildos included).

Oliver and Vincent are both fully realized characters. I loved the depth of their relationship, the slow shift from lust to love (at least on Vincent's part; Oliver has been in love with his childhood friend Vincent for as long as he can remember), the subtle positioning of power. Vincent learns to open up and trust. He wants to take care of Oliver. Oliver learns to believe in himself and to rely on Vincent.

The three novellas and two shorties make up a full-fledged novel; definitely to be read in order and definitely recommended.

Gabbi says

The chemistry between the heroes literally took my breath away. I thought this book had so many sensual and very sexy moments for a novella. I wish the story had been longer. I really would enjoy reading more about them!

Bookwatcher says

Two lovers, concealed passion...
...heartbreaking couple

About the two main characters

Lord Oliver Marsden is deeply in love with his childhood friend, Lord Vincent Prescott. It's 1822, and we are talking about London as background... of course it's not possible to him declare his love and propose in the middle of the street (while witness applaud crying)... nope. Was a crime (sodomy) and was punished by hanging.

Oliver find one way to have just one time with Vincent. Pretend to be a whore, in the brothel.

Please don't judge both men. They needs can be only fulfill in brothels, where hidden of society men can love another men.

Oliver is perfect to a submission rule, while Vincent is a perfect dominant. So yes... they are two halves of a whole

So, it's not only about the angst of Oliver or Vincent frustration, it's an AMAZING love story story! The BDSM is incredible HOT, in such heartbreaking situation is still more justified... all will be the reflected in Oliver's perfect and total surrender to his passion...
Behind closed door love? Yes. So it's less powerful? Never!

No way this book get less than 5 stars and I'm already reading the second ...
I can't stop... Oliver and Vincent is my new obsession

Ele says

Will post a review when I finish with all books of the series.

But OH.MY.GOD! That last scene...

Also...marble dildos...

Let's do this.

Ana_P says

I'm gonna be honest.

As much as I like historicals, it is the kink factor that drew me in to this series.

And Ms. March certainly delivered on the kinkiness. I mean, these two were **HOT** when they found themselves in a bedroom.

However, I found that my joy of the novel was tempered with how the "relationship" (if you can call it that) between the MCs was portrayed; I just felt that it was too one-sided. Oliver has been in love with his best friend Vincent for years, but Vincent has never really looked his way. Only once Vincent finds out that the prostitute "Jake" who captured his attention is really Oliver then does he give his friend more than a passing glance and that's only because he likes how Oliver complements him perfectly in bed. He does not really say what he thinks of Oliver besides how he relishes how well they fit physically. Like I said, it was just all too one-sided for my taste, and I hope Vincent redeems himself in the sequels. We shall see...

Also, I wonder if all the *cough* toys *cough* the author used in the book were actually produced in 1822... Please excuse me while I go undertake a very important research project: *"The Sex Toys Available for High-*

Society Use in Early 19th Century London."

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

I'll admit I don't read a lot of historical but....

This was good. And soooooo smoking hot.

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

True. There were no MANTIES but there was a veritable poo poo platter of kinkanigans. Regency kinkanigans.

Vincent and Oliver are both second sons. You know "the spare". The overlooked or outright forgotten sons. Vincent is still seeking approval from his father. Oliver's father has been disgraced, outcast from polite society and Oliver has washed his hands of him. However, Oliver is near destitute so for him to come up with the money required to pull off his deception shows his level of commitment.

You see, Oliver is desperately (why does desperately always work in Regency settings?) in love with his childhood friend, Vincent. He's been harboring the belief that his love would go unrequited until he stumbles across some information that sparks an idea. He bribes the madam at Delacroix's to stand in for Vincent's monthly visit to the brothel.

Little does he know that Vincent is hiding more than the fact that he's partial to butt sex.

The whip cracked through the air. Oliver braced for a vicious snap. The lash grazed the head of his cock. A shudder rippled through him at the unexpectedly erotic caress, like the tongue of a skillful lover.

That seriously could've gone so wrong but it came out so right. Their whole first scene together was spectacular.

Everything that happened afterwards was just icing on the cake. Ms. March is always good for a little angst,

characters that act like adults, a believable storyline and solid writing. Needless to say, I'm diving directly into part two. With this passage this erotic can you blame me?

He could not explain it, but for some reason, he found a man's arse incredibly erotic. Wickedly so. Given the time, he could play with Marsden for hours, just toy with him, slide his fingers up and down the dark forbidden crease, trace the puckered hole, drive him to distraction as he waited for penetration.

I believe this calls for further investigation and, y'know, moral support.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Thank you for the gift, other elf!

Christelle says

A HOT historical romance with a touch of BDSM...This is a book sliced in 3 instalments : going straight to the next part.

I can say this : it is damned delicious and Vincent is an A** : I'm going to love seeing him crumble...#TeamOliver !!!

Dina says

Verrrrry hot story, with likable characters and interesting story. The final confrontation between Oliver and Vincent was well written, emotionally tugging and made me root for a nice HEA. Alas, I had to content myself with a HFN, which was actually fine considering the length of the story and the fact that there's a sequel where, I hope, they'll finally find their HEA.

Now, most of the sexual content (BDSM) of this story is out of my comfort zone and I admit I skimmed through some parts of the love scenes - mainly, when the leather bullwhip made its appearance, ugh. That didn't prevent me from enjoying the read, though. :)

Natsroshan says

HOT HOT HOT!!

I really liked this book and i don't know why i waited so long to read it.
I'm in love with Oliver_lol.And i liked the confrontation scene at the end (read it 2 times).
I'll wait for the sequel to see how the relationship between the two lords will evolve.

Amanda says

A fabulous romp through history. As someone who normally doesn't go for historical romance books, I was surprised by how much I liked this novella. The intimate scenes between the characters were smokin hot and the angst was delicious. I wish I'd read it sooner.

Judith says

3.75

No one warned me about the chains,whips,and collars,(I'm looking at you,Christelle...)

To be fair,it is mild on the BDSM but I wasn't expecting it....I'm not really complaining because Vincent was a bit delicious....all brooding male dominance....

Lord Oliver Marsden has been secretly in love for years....with his childhood friend, Lord Vincent Prescott.

But Vincent is straight...or is he?? When Oliver discovers his secret passion,he sees a way to get close to Vincent.

He *substitutes* himself for Vincent's usual whore in the brothel Vincent visits once a month but will one night be enough and will Vincent discover his deception?

There's something about a Historical book that seems to make things all the more dirty....maybe because it's forbidden and things seem so desperate and urgent? Whatever,this one definitely pushed my buttons!!

Recommended.

Jack says

Bound by Deception is another book that has been recommended to us by our friends here on Goodreads.

Once again, our friends have great tastes in their reading material.

It's a pretty rare to find a historical erotic romance in this genre. It's always interesting to see how things will turn out since homosexual relationships were even more frowned upon than it is today. I thought that Ava's heroes, Oliver and Vincent, are both interesting and very much a product of their time. The chemistry they have together is both passionate, but yet there is a tenderness that only two people in love experience also.

We loved the way Oliver's mind worked. He is both brave and determined to risk being discovered to have at least one night with the man he loves Vincent. Even if he has to deceive his friend to do so.

I liked that they were friends first. I thought their relationship was very natural and truly addicting to read about.

Something else I found interesting about this book is although there is some BDSM play involved between them, it was done tastefully but yet very erotic.

We are looking forward to reading more about Vincent and Oliver next week!

Daisiemae says

Wow! I really loved this book. Set in London, England in the year 1822 it was one of my first historical M/M Erotic Romance reads.

Lord Oliver Marsden has decided to take matters into his own hands. Born the second son, he has been often overlooked by the ton and his family, as someone that doesn't have much value or worth. His closest friend, Lord Vincent Prescott, is also the second son, but he comes from a more wealthy family and although more accepted by the ton, he and Oliver have easily become friends because they have that in common.

Oliver has loved and desired Vincent forever. When he discovers that Vincent visits the local bordello once a month and requires the company of a man instead of a woman, he approaches the Madam and buys himself a way to be Vincent's escort for the evening.

When the fateful night arrives, Oliver manages to disguise himself and with low lighting is able to deceive Vincent into thinking he is "Jake" a new escort for him to play with.

They have an erotic night (some light BDSM) and it ends with a passionate kiss that both men cannot forget.

I thought that Vincent and Oliver were definately wonderful heroes that have to overcome the strain society has given them.

The feelings that they have for one another rang true, and I really hated for this story to end.

I am hoping that Ms. March will continue their saga. It would be interesting to see how they work through their relationship and how they are able to stay together.

I know I am certainly hoping they will.
