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## Capturing Cora Details

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# From Reader Review Capturing Cora for online ebook

## **Maria says**

This was really too short for me to enjoy.

In this short novella Cora Reeve is in love with her childhood friend Branwell. She has a bet with her friends as to who will be engaged first. He hears this and proposes to her. Cora thinks Bran is joking, therefore she turns him down in front of everyone. Bran just knows he has to convince her that he is truly sincere in his proposal. He wants her for his wife.

An opportune game of hide and seek presents itself. Bran turns up the heat in order to demonstrate to Cora what she makes him feel. Cora is momentarily stunned with Bran's demonstration of his true affections. Will he be able to convince her of his sincerity?

If really short novellas are what you prefer then this might be for you. Unfortunately, it is not for me.

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## **Kristi Simonsen says**

Definitely enjoyed this historical romance and can't wait to read more in this series. This was my first read from Madelynne and I will definitely be reading more. A great story, wonderful characters and steamy encounters - you can't go wrong!

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## **Monica Cullip says**

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This story was gifted to me in exchange for an honest review.

I liked the cover, I liked the story concept and I love a good historical romance so I was hooked at reading the blurb. I knew it was going to be a quick read as it only has seventy pages. I am happy to say that it packs a punch in those pages and does not disappoint.

Miss Cora Reeve is talking with five other young ladies as they all search for husbands and they wager a little bet to see who can become betrothed the quickest. Cora has always had her eye on her best friend Branwell Locke but she knows that he only sees her as a childhood friend so she feels that she is in no danger of winning the wager.

When Branwell proposes to her in a room full of people she assumes that he is fooling around and runs out of the room thoroughly embarrassed. The only problem is that Bran has suddenly seen Cora in a new light and he is serious. So much so that he chases after her to try to convince her.

What follows is a lighthearted love story as Bran tries to convince Cora of his love. She is a tough one to crack though. I loved reading about how innocent she is and her introduction into kissing and what comes next. It was a delight to read. I would rate this story a 4/5.

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### **Julie says**

Couldn't put it down, had to read it in one session, just not long enough.

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### **Rhiannon Overby says**

Capturing Cora is a short historical fiction novella. This book can easily be read in one sitting and was quite enjoyable.

Cora and Bran are childhood friends who have fallen in love with each other. When Bran makes a grand marriage proposal after a bet in mentioned, Cora believes that he is only making a joke of the situation. Bran much now convince Cora that he meant every word of his proposal and get her to accept.

This novella is based in a period of time when chaperones were a must for young ladies. Therefore Cora has little knowledge of sex so the erotic scenes in this novella are representative of a woman who is exploring not only an mans body but her own, for the first time.

\* I received a copy if this book in exchange for my honest opinions\*

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### **Jessica Alcazar says**

Let me tell you how much FUN I had reading this story, in a nutshell of course because I never give away plots in my reviews....

Ok, so we have Cora and Bran as childhood friends who develop feelings. We hace Cora making a bet with her girlfriends on who can get engaged first. Bran proposes to to Cora and she says no cuz she thinks he's only doing it cuz of the wager .... cue LMAO @ both of them! So kudos to Madelynne Ellis for coming up with a plot that was going to humor me into NOT putting the book down and just keep reading till the weeeeeee hours of the night!!!!

This story has just about everything you could ask for. It's got humor and fun, great characters that you can relate to and have a good laugh at and yet feel bad for. HOT, and I mean steamy HOT persuasion from our hero that he really DOES care ..... you get the picture.

This is a really quick fun steamy read. Try it, you won't be disappointed!

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## **Sharon Moritz-rosenthal says**

I really enjoyed this book, however I wish it was longer. I do look forward to more books in the series. Cora and Bran have loved each other a long time and Cora sets a wager up and Bran proposes. They don't know they are in love with each other and so this story is about them figuring that out.

It was a good story, just too short and I would have liked maybe a little more storyline to the story.

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## **Farrah says**

A quick, little, delight of a read, Capturing Cora was a lovely historical romance novella. It was a sweet, light read that I liked-a great way to pass the time.

Cora and Bran were both great. Cora had a mind of her own and, though she loved Bran, she only wanted him if she knew for sure that he loved her, too. Bran was adorable. He was determined to prove to Cora that he had meant his marriage proposal and he was wonderfully charming. I really liked them both.

The romance was sweet. Cora and Bran were already in love with each other. It was only a matter of making their feelings know. And the definitely had some chemistry and were unabashed about exploring it. I thought they were wonderful together.

The plot was quick and I was fully engaged the entire way through. I really liked the story and the ending was lovely.

Capturing Cora was a lovely little novella. I really liked this quick read. Romance lovers, if you want a light book to pass the time, then you'll definitely want to check this one out.

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## **Laura Greenwood says**

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of Capturing Cora from Netgalley in exchange for my review.

Bran and Cora have grown up together, though now that it is Cora's Season things have changed slightly. Cora has made a bet with her friends, the first one of them to get a genuine proposal wins a gift from each of them. Bran, always being a fan of big gestures, thinks that he can win Cora's heart by expressing his own and winning her the contest. Cora is shocked by Bran's flamboyant proposal and wants to believe that he is genuine but just can't. Bran then sets out to prove himself and ends up using methods that he hadn't actually considered before, and are only possible because of Cora's penchant for doing things she isn't supposed to.

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Capturing Cora is a quick read, and enjoyed as such it is great. Though as it is a short read not many of the characters are expanded on much and the setting is fairly basic. Though at the time of reading it was the kind of read that I was after, so in that respect it was perfect.

What I liked about Cora was that she wasn't a blushing woman who was scared of what came next. Instead she knew what she wanted and went to get things (well she went to get Bran). Though I liked this, in some ways it didn't fit so well with the era but it worked for the book.

Even though it was short and there wasn't much time to develop the characters I did feel that Bran and Cora had a history of affection (and fun) and that that had developed into love. There was also a good amount of chemistry between them which made their interactions have more weight.

I also liked the fact that the language used in the book wasn't old fashioned, but wasn't modern either which made it feel right to the era without being difficult to read. I like the way that this works in books and thought that it was good in this one.

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### **MissyGirl says**

Cora makes a bet with her friends to see which one of them will get engaged first. She tells Bran, her friend who she has always had a crush on, about the bet, and he then proposes to her. So, of course, she believes he is joking. Now Bran has to find a way to prove that he really does love Cora, and the proposal was real.

Unfortunately, I didn't connect with the characters in this book. Capturing Cora was my least favorite in the series. The (historical) language was a bit over the top, and the sex scenes didn't really have their intended effect, as they were more funny to me than erotic. I would suggest reading the other two books in this series, and skipping this one.

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### **Jessica says**

**Rating: 3.5/5**

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Bran and Cora have been friends since childhood, and each secretly pines for the other. When Cora and her friends wager on who can secure a proposal first, Bran overhears and thinks it will be a good opportunity to help Cora win, especially since he actually wants to marry her anyways. Cora is upset by Bran's first attempt

at a marriage proposal because she does not think it sincere.

*“She longed for the summer days they’d spent scrambling over hills and wading through brooks, and how they might live those days over as lovers if only he felt the same way.”*

Soon after, Bran corners Cora privately and convinces her to hear him out. From then on all bets are off as the couple takes their friendship to a whole new level.

*”I want you, Cora Reeve. I want to do wicked things to you that will make more than this faint heat colour your cheeks...and maybe once I’ve made you sob with bliss you’ll finally take me seriously.”*

This is a short story that was quite entertaining and centers on the friends-to-lovers theme. With the story being so short, there's not much time to delve into the characters' personal histories, but I feel that more detail about Cora and Bran's past relationship would have made me feel more connected. This story is a historical, and I believe the author made a great attempt to make the setting and dialogue true to the time. With that being said, the dialogue was almost too well thought out - to the point that it seemed more humorous than appropriate at times. Nonetheless, this story was a quick, fun, sexy read, and I don't think that these minor shortcomings should be taken too seriously. I would be interested in following up with other books in this series.

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Shadow's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

Capturing Cora is a short story-in fact more of a vignette set in Regency England, where proper young ladies are always chaperoned. However, love will find a way.

Cora has discovered she loves her childhood friend, Bran, but thinks he feels toward her like a little sister. When he discovers she has wagered among her friends as to who would be the first to become engaged, he loudly asks her to marry him. Thinking he is joking, she turns him down.

His efforts to convince her he is serious and her efforts to learn more about male anatomy make up the rest of the book.

Although I generally love Regency romances, this one fell short of satisfaction. It felt more like the bare bones of a longer novel rather than a short story and the characters were not as compelling as I would have liked. I just wanted more of the story than was here.

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## **Esther says**

It was an okay read.

Cora and Bran childhood friends . But Cora has been feeling more for Bran lately and she is very much more aware of him physically. Cora has has improper thoughts about Bran and things they can do together.

Well a group of her friends and her make a wager on who will become married first. Bran is made aware of the wager and also is in Love with Cora. So he offers marriage she thinks he's teasing. Bran than goes about convincing her he's serious and proceeds by showing her. Physical pleasure.

This book was too short and did not do justice to making the characters like able . Also everything seemed mechanical and routine in the pleasure department. Very bland.

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### **Amanda Richardson says**

I liked this story, it is a short novella, but I enjoyed reading about Cora and Bran. Cora wants to wager among her friends about who will be engaged first. She is in love with Bran, but she doesn't think Bran sees her the same way. When Bran learns about the wager, he proposes. Cora declines, loudly, because she thinks he is only being silly and doesn't really want to marry her.

Bran really does want to marry her, and decides he has to find a way to show her that he loves her. Romance and love scenes in this are pretty steamy. Good, fun reading!

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### **Holly Full Moon Bites Book Reviews says**

#### **May have slight spoilers.**

In author Madelynne Ellis's first Romps & Rakehells novella we meet quite a few characters namely our two main characters, Branwell "Tinker" Locke and Miss Cora Reeve.

They have been friends since childhood but now their feelings for each other are a little bit different. Cora longs for Bran to like her as more than just a friend but after a wager with her friends and Bran proposing marriage to her in a very flamboyant fashion she is hurt, thinking he was just kidding around.

Bran was not kidding around; he has long since realized he loved Cora and just did not admit it, but he knows she is the only woman for him. But after the first attempt and her refusal he knows he will have to think of something to let her know he was being serious about his proposal.

For a short novella you really get a feel of both characters past together and not to mention there was a good portion of erotic scenes. ;)

I really liked this it was short, sexy, fun read and I look forward to the next novella in the series.

I would recommend this novella to anyone who likes a good and quick erotic historical read.



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