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In Lavinia Kent's scorching new eBook original novella, two wounded hearts find that only the sweet release of temptations long denied can heal the pain of past sins.

Five years ago, Miss Sarah Swilp had been deeply in love with Jonathan Perry, the second son of an earl. But when Jonathan inherited his aunt's lands and money, he turned cold, demanding Sarah's maidenhood and uttering those unforgettably cruel words: "You do know I won't marry you." She refused, of course, and that spoiled everything. Now, just as she's agreed to a marriage of convenience, Jonathan reappears—and after Sarah gets one look at his lean, hard body, the embers of desire burst back into flame.

Over time, Jonathan has learned quite a bit about the art of pleasure—though nothing has ever given him so much joy as the husky timbre of Sarah's laugh. It had hurt to leave her, but what other choice did he have? Perhaps he'd been too afraid of ending up like his brother, targeted by a woman seeking a title. Seeing her again, Jonathan can't help wondering what might have been if only Sarah had surrendered to red-hot lust. Fortunately, judging by the wicked look in her eyes, it may not be too late to find out.

***Sarah's Surrender* is intended for mature audiences. Don't miss a preview of the next novel in the Bound and Determined series, *Ravishing Ruby*.**

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From Reader Review Sarah's Surrender for online ebook

Sarah Robinson says

My first historical erotica read but definitely not my last. Lavinia Kent is a master of steam, and this book will have you hot and bothered from the very start.

(Nat) Reading Romances says

Sarah's surrender has a dom/sub relationship with very light BDSM touches. Lavinia Kent proposes a sexy historical story of second chances, the blurb really caught my attention. It can be read as a stand alone.

Sarah and Jonathan were apart for five years but seems like Jonathan never grew up emotionally. They talk as their break up was a big misunderstanding, but what actually happened is that they weren't ready for marriage. The couple has a great chemistry together, however, I had a bad time trying to like Jonathan. He's incredibly selfish and not the least sensitive about her - mainly when they had their first time together. The last sex scenes were good but I had my issues with their first encounter.

I was curious and wanted to see where the story would go. The problem is that by the end of the story I still saw him as "an ass and an idiot", though now I understood his reasons I still couldn't forgive him like the heroine did. I sensed some desperation to lose Sarah to another, but the realization they were in love with each other was obscured by the sex scenes. In my opinion this was one of those cases of too many sex scenes! Overall, it was a nice fast paced novella with enjoyable moments. A hot read for your weekend.

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Jessica Alcazar says

Short ~ Sweet ~ Historical smuttiness ... check, check, cheeeeeeeeeeeck! lol

Do not be fooled by the shortness of this story. It packs a heart-wrenching punch! You will be glued to the story and will not put it down till the end. You will get your naughty hotness, as you always do with Lavinia Kent, but your heart is going to hurt for Johnathon and Sarah, both. They've met before. Five years ago. They were young. But now they aren't *They each have a past of their own.* Their own crosses to bear, but only *ONE future to share.* It's a lovely story, told very quickly but yet so very well!

Kudos and props to Lavinia Kent!!!

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Erica Chilson says

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads

5 stars for the first 60%

3 stars for the last 40%

4 stars overall.

I have a love/hate relationship with this series, and I mean that in the best way possible. "Why can't I quit you?" I was asked to review this title after swearing it off, and I caved when its allure dragged me back in.

The Bound and Determined novellas baffle me. In the beginning half of each of the novella, I'm passing out the rarely given 5 star. I fall madly in lust with the story, ready to give it my virtue, and when I wake in the morning I'm filled with regrets and no ring on my finger.

Okay. Enough metaphors.

Lavinia Kent has a way with her words, her writing style, where it pulls me right in from page one. Her characters are relate-able and likable, even if you didn't like them in previous titles. As soon as they narrate their stories you're on their team. I respect that ability in a writer.

I can't explain the following. There is nothing I can pinpoint. I will be in mad-lust with the book, and something shifts, drags a bit, like I felt it should have ended by now, even with its so few pages. In Sarah's Surrender's case, I was *way* into it, but when the 'action' was interrupted by hate BJs and endless angsty miscommunication chat, and then they explained their reasons for their initial separation for pages on end, the grip lessened and its hold on me was gone. Then the last 30% was sex scene after sex scene with relationship chat interrupting the good parts.

While I could empathize with Jonathan (to a point), Sarah was wholeheartedly correct in how she felt about what happened in their past. She could explain that until she was blue in the face(and she did), and he was NOT going to understand. I still don't buy that he understood by book's end. Which infuriated me, considering the time and age this was set, Sarah's reasons were shoved down both boys and girls' throats from birth. If he hadn't explained, and explained, and beat his explanation like a dead horse, I could have overlooked it and went on my merry way. But it dragged the pacing down. "*We get it already!*" Following that was a bunch of redundant sex scenes that if they hadn't been one after the other they would have held my attention. But in that moment, it lessened the emotional impact and made it less in my eyes. Yet again losing me as a reader.

Yes, I recommend this series.

Yes, against my better judgment, when I'm asked to review the next, I'll hem and haw but I'll give in. & just like every other toxic relationship, I'll be hoping things change.

Kristine says

Original review can be found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

** I received an advanced readers copy of this book from Loveswept via NetGalley in exchange for an

honest review. Thank you!**

At only 96 pages it is hard to say anything about this novella that the synopsis doesn't already say. Basically, in my opinion, the big story happens before this novella begins. I think I would have enjoyed a book that was completely about their past together. Sarah and Jonathan had a shared history that ended badly and when Sarah saw Jonathan five years later she wished to fulfill her fantasies with him before agreeing to marry a man that she did not love.

This novella is mostly about the two of them coming together at Madame Rouge's. What can I say other than it gets hot. I'm talking pages and pages of between the sheets, in the pillows, on the floor and in the chair hot and sexy action. Mixed in with all the pillow talk there was plenty of blame being thrown around over their past which did hinder my enjoyment ever so slightly. Accusations, name calling and general immaturity are not sexy qualities. Am I the only one that found it slightly odd that Sarah kept falling asleep?

In the end, Sarah's Surrender is a sweet and sexy, quick and easy novella that is sure to entertain. I have only read one other book in this series and both can be read as a stand alone. The common thread is Madame Rouge's.

JG says

Sarah's Surrender is part of the Bound and Determined Series by Lavinia Kent and although it can stand alone, its best appreciated when the previous books especially Bound in Bliss is read first. Like the previous books, the main couples sexual encounter is all done at Madame Rouge's which is like a modern BDSM club. Sarah and Jonathan were young lovers once but meeting again 5 years later after their separation seems fated. For Sarah has resigned herself to marrying for money to pay off her father's gambling debt (what else) the very thing Jonathan has thought her to be. But now Sarah is determined to be Jonathan's lover once and for all even for one night before her decision to accept the marriage proposal of a man old enough to be her father. So this is essentially erotica with BDSM elements set in Victorian England and while Sarah and Jonathan were quite complex characters and the story quite short everything clicked into place due in fact to the excellent writing. The sex scenes were steamy, the dialogue quite heartbreaking but this makes the HEA quite sweet.

ARC provided thru NetGalley

Elaine says

Excellent story. Wish it could have been a little longer.
However, I did enjoy reading it.

Diana says

Sarah's Surrender (Novella) A Bound and Determined Novella by Lavinia Kent.
This is the first time reading this author and I want to read more. First of all, this is a Hot Steamy Erotic

Historical Romance, I didn't know they did stuff like that back then. I felt like the writing was awesome and the story line was fantastic. I loved meeting Sarah Swilp and could understand how she felt, the love of her life left her and now he is back and she is supposed to marry another man, someone she doesn't really want to marry but has to.

All she needs and wants is one night of passion with Jonathan, and it brings everything back, including his feeling towards her. I don't normally read erotica, but I felt the story line was really interesting. Will Sarah marry the man of her dreams or the man that her Father wants her to marry? What will this one night stand do to her? You will need to read this great book to find out.

I did receive an advanced ARC for an honest opinion.

Eva says

Usually I am not for novellas but this one was good, really good because it took place in a very restricted timeframe so it worked for me!

It's the 2.5th part of a series called "Boud and Determind" by Lavinina Kent. Anyway, I didn't know the writer nor was the cover in any way Victorian – it's a nice cover but it doesn't fit the timeframe of the story in my opinion.

Sarah needs to marry for money because her father is a gambler, so she wants one night of pleasure, one night to know how it would feel like. Jonathan, once her sweetheart, is now a rich rake who inherited a lot of money, money that obviously changed him in Sarah's opinion. Years ago he told her that he would never marry her, even if she gives him her maidenhood – it was the reason why she left.

Now she has to accept a marriage proposal from a man, who could be her father, somebody who her father owed money to. She meets Jonathan and offers him the only thing she has to give – one night without relations.

The series' title already says it – it's a BDSM story but I'd say rather light if you are used to Kate Pearce novels. It was highly erotic and romantic too. Kent has a way with words that make you read and read even at 2am in the morning just to know how it might end.

For a novella it was very, very well done – character development, storyline, timeframe fit, good dialogues and no rush in narration.

Rating: 5*****

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WTF Are You Reading? says

When a single glance across a crowded ballroom brings Sarah Swilp face to face with Johnathan Perry; she is immediately reminded of all the things that she both loves and hates about the man.

More importantly however, she is reminded of all the things that she desires.

Yes, as much as it pains her to admit. Even a heartbreaking spat between the two and five years of separation, with nary a word exchanged, has done little to quench the flames of unchecked passion that burn only for him.

Her dilemma...

Both he and she are slated to be wed to others. He, to the young and very well heeled Miss Bliss. She, to the much older Mr. Meyers.

Adding insult to injury in her case, is the fact that hers is far from a love match. It seems that she has, for all intents and purposes, been sold to the man in exchange for the repayment of her father's gambling losses and other debts.

With mere days left before her betrothal to Mr. Meyers becomes official, and mere feet standing between herself and her heart's greatest yearning. Sarah knows that the time has come to choose. One night of bliss or an entire life filled with want.

Though the premise of this tale leaves a bit to be desired at the outset. (The bits preceding the sex, to be exact.)

The descriptive nature of authoress Kent's prose coupled with the intense longing that seems to radiate from the pages of every scene that the two share, turn reader attention away from the rather lack-luster beginning. While sex rules this read, there are also plenty of surprise realizations, revelations, and recriminations being tossed back and forth between the two between orgasms.

As is often the case with Historical Romance, Sarah plays the untried ingenue, to Johnathan's worldly plunderer.

Borderline kink with a BDSM bent for Mr. Perry prefaces a rather abrupt, but well deserved 'happily...'

Zeee (I Heart Romance & YA) says

I have mixed feelings about this book. Although it is well written, I had problems with the plot and the flow of the story. That's not to say that I did not enjoy it, it's just that I wanted more - plus the story just ended before it even started!. Sarah's Surrender is an e-novella that follows right after the second book Bound by Bliss and centers on the jilted fiancé, Sarah Swilp.

THE MAIN CHARACTERS

Sarah is in a bind. She is already bound for spinsterhood and her family has money problems and she has to marry fast. Recently jilted, she is now forced to accept a proposal from her father's partner who is about her father's age. Of course, she hides scars deep within herself and is mostly a wallflower. Now, what I didn't like about Sarah is that she is just too timid. Sure, she actually grew some balls and demanded for what she wanted but I still thought that she was too timid. Well, the reason for her behavior could be explained by being hurt by her OTL Jonathan five years ago.

Jonathan Perry, Sarah's OTL, left her five years ago and swore never to marry her at all. Now, I really had problems with him as the hero. I know that he had his reasons but I thought what he did to Sarah was just too callous and underhanded and did not have any basis at all (IMHO, anyway). So he returns to London and is surprised to see his love (so he says) Sarah to be a totally different woman. I also had problems with the way he dealt with Sarah and I still believe that in the end, he didn't really love her at all.

THE PLOT

This book is a novella and it really read like one. At less than 100 pages, it was a very, very quick read for me. To be honest, I had difficulty getting into the story at all. I think the plot suffered a lot because of the shortness of the story. The characters weren't well developed - heck, their love wasn't well developed at all. In fact, I still think that the two main characters weren't really in love with each other but they were in lust. The story basically happens within 3 days (with only 2 nights being the sole focus of the plot). There was a lot of scorching sexy-times but I think it didn't help the plot other than cementing the fact that Sarah and Jonathan were in lust with each other.

OVERALL THOUGHTS

This novella had potential, I thought. If only the characters were well fleshed out, and most importantly, the romance was done really well, I would have enjoyed this novella. I have read all the books in this series, including the novellas and I think this one was the worst of all.

RECOMMENDATIONS

You may want to read the first two books in the series: Mastering the Marquess & Bound by Bliss. The novella Revealing Ruby can also give you a short teaser for the next full length book in the series: Ravishing Ruby.

If you're like me who enjoy historical romances with a lot of scorching sexy-times, read books by Jess Michaels. If you haven't read her before, I suggest starting with Taken by the Duke (Pleasure Wars #1). This review was originally posted on I Heart Romance & YA

Ruthie Taylor says

~~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads ~~

I have enjoyed all the books in this series, and this lovely little novella is a great addition to the set.

We have met Sarah before, and heard of her woeful life due to her gambling father, and are too well aware that she deserves better. Now that we get her story it is even clearer that she is the victim of a great, yet foolish wrong. She is however pragmatic and resourceful - characteristics that will serve her well!

This is a delightful, sexy read, with a lovely ending - I recommend it to you.

Pamela Fernandes says

The book cover is not historical. I deducted one star for that. I also feel the story was quite stunted as things progress very quickly from physics to a proposal. Jonathan tells Sarah, he won't marry her and walks away from her. After five years he returns and tells her he was testing her. ??? I didn't like the hero at all. This

book could have been better, but I like this author's work and will wait for more historicals.

Linda says

What to say ? Sweet Sarah Swilp is going to have to agree to marry Mr Meyes, a man her fathers age and a creditor of her fathers . Not only is this a bad night because her last hope has just proposed to another leaving her no other choice, but the one man she loved and broke her heart five years ago, Jonathan ; show up on this very night .

The draw she feels to him is undeniable even after being hurt all those years ago, but he is still bitter over how they came to an end to spite that his own statement elicited her reaction.

However once these two kiss the sparks fly and have Sarah considering giving herself to Jonathan after all these years, before she is stuck in a marriage that she does not want. With an older man she has no desire for. With decisions made and plans arranged. And Jonathan very much in charge of the nights sexual explorations this book gets hot and spicy quickly so have your fan ready. What happens when you take a virgin to a house of ill repute and to a reserved private room filled with draws of toys..... One hell of a life changing night!

A short, sexy , spicy hot novella with an overall sweet story that is close to impossible to put down.

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Gigi says

A surprisingly quick and sexy read...

‘Sarah’s Surrender,’ is a novella in the Bound and Determined series...and I find that it did soften my feelings toward Miss Swilp and her earlier comments of Bliss (in the previous novel). This novella did enlighten on whom she once was... and who she will be again. And all due to one man, Jonathan Perry.
