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A frosty bluestocking and a hot-blooded rake. A stolen kiss and a Yuletide wedding. Sparks fly, but will hearts melt this Christmas?

When confirmed bluestocking, Tessa Penrose, is thoroughly compromised at a Yuletide ball by Jasper, the Earl of Arlington, she is none too pleased to have to marry him. But not only her reputation is at stake. Can Tessa trust this disreputable rogue with a secret she will do anything to hide?

One thing is certain: she dare not trust her husband with her heart.

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Angie says

"You're thinking about seducing my sister right now, aren't you?"

Jasper started guiltily. "I...er...as I said, she is exceptionally attractive. And I aim to make her happy."

Trevilian lifted his brows. "Indeed, you will, Arlington. Or you'll answer to me." --Christian & Jasper, Earl of Arlington

Quick, sweet and heartfelt Christmas read worth picking up!

This novella was a sweet and uplifting Christmastime story. Both of our MCs are not entirely what they appear to be outwardly to Society, and watching them learn to trust and love each other was lovely. Though their first-meet was unconventional (and slightly cringeworthy), they were both willing to put their hearts on the line for a chance at love. There was the typical misunderstanding surrounding the former mistress, but Jasper was spectacular at grovelling and luckily Tessa was willing to forgive. Overall this was a worthwhile and sweet novella, and I recommend it if you have time for a shorter and cleanish read!

Dee Deacon Foster says

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Told most of her life that she was worthless, would never fit into society, and no man would ever want her, Tessa Penrose has accepted, even desires, the role of spinster. She has her painting and her charity work to fulfill her life. A life where she's learned to avoid society functions – teas, dinner parties, balls, etc. – lest anyone learn of her deficiency. Well, she avoids those not held in her home or the ones for her little sister soon to make her debut. Which is why she's at a ball, sitting at a table watching her aunt eat and discussing Tessa's life with Tessa desiring to be anywhere else but there. Given a reprieve from her aunt Tessa escapes to her sanctuary. Little does she know that escape will change her life forever.

Jasper Hargreaves, Earl of Arlington, abhors ton events so when he finds himself at a trial come-out ball for his best friend's little sister he questions his state of mind. Well, the part of his mind that isn't numb from indulging in drink and women in an effort to forget the horrible secrets he lives with daily. When approached with a diversion he happily accepts not realizing the diversion is to become so much more.

What happens next is an emotional roller coaster for the reader (at least this reader) as well as the characters. Follow along as Tessa battles with the realization that she wants more than her life is now while battling her lack of self-worth. As Jasper battles his demons for a life that he catches a glimpse of; a life that may prove he can have a happy future.

Add to the mix of emotions a spiteful letter, a runaway bride, a determined groom and an aunt who will do anything to make sure her niece is happy (even go behind her niece's back) and you have a wonderful tale written by Amy Rose Bennett.

Crystal Cox says

Spicy Regency With Complex Characters You Will Love

Tessa and Jasper have secrets that keep them from happiness. Starting off their relationship with a scandal will they be able to get past their insecurities? Tessa and Jasper *sigh I just fell in love with both of these characters. The writing was so well done that I had barely wrote any notes because I just wanted to keep reading. It was amazing to me how complex the author was able to make the main characters. The ending will just make you sigh with contentment, well done!

Genre ~ Regency

Series ~ No

Ending ~ HEA (No Cliffhanger)

Sex ~ Spicy (No open doors except for some implied oral)

Would I read again ~ Yes!

Mrs Caroline Trevor says

Great

I found this a good book. Tessa a bluestocking with a secret she'd like to keep hidden and Jasper a complex rake with a similar secret. Can they find happiness after their secrets are revealed.

HR-ML says

England, December 1816 onward.

This was my 2nd read by this author whereby she fit a condensed story into a novella and the HEA felt genuine. This originally appeared in an anthology entitled "Bluestocking Belles' Mistletoe etc."

The author featured Jasper (an earl) as a hot-blooded rake & Teresa ("Tessa") as a "pretty enough" frosty blue-stocking artist. Tessa's brother hosted a party. Tessa soon adjourned to her artist's studio upstairs. Jasper walked into the seemingly empty studio with a buxom widow. Tessa heard moaning but didn't see these 2, until briefly later. They did not see her. After the widow left & the H fell asleep, the H + h (who never met before) had a heated exchange of words.

This story explored was fidelity do-able? Must a person be whole and perfect? Jasper lost part of his foot in war

& Julia 2 fingers in an accident, both discussed sensitively
w/o maudlin overtones.

Nicole Strycharz says

Excellent little Christmas novella!!!! Historical romance that was just what I needed for the holidays!

Gwessie Tee says

Utterly adored this story very very much and literally could not put it down, at one point even making hubby jump literally laughing out loud during an epic scene that shaped their imminent future, and no I'm not going to give spoilers, very well written, I would also love to read the other stories that this was originally part of as I adore the Bluestocking Bells however on trying to find the set found it was no longer available, if possible and someone could tell me which other stories were alongside this in Marriage Mistletoe and Mayhem I would love to purchase them,

Beautifully written thank you so much for writing it xxxx?

Elaine says

This was a very cute and charming story. I liked it quite a lot. A lovely HEA, as always, and very much enjoyed reading it.

I will definitely be reading more from this author.

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Pamela says

I liked this light ,and enjoyable holiday book. This was the typical blue stocking proper lady, who also paints, who is in the library at the wrong time. She gets caught in an embrace ,with a good natured rake, who doesn't complain at all about a quick engagement, and wedding. My only problem was that both of them had a deformity, that was not completely discussed between them.. The book went only a few days past their wedding, so not much time was spent between the couple. It was pleasant to read, and had a cute and funny parts. It just had great potential to go deeper, and learn more about the couple, and their future. That is a problem with Christmas books. They revolve a few weeks before the holidays, and after.

Lola says

Skipping all the best parts --really?! This book started great, but then it felt incomplete. Like something was missing: connection between Hs, further development, scene details? I know this was supposed to be a short

read, but still it came out weak.

Teri Donaldson says

Tessa was content being a confirmed bluestocking. Jasper was content being a rake. Both shared a secret. In one moment, and it involves a sigh worthy kiss, their lives change.

A marriage is planned and performed. The secret is shared between the two of them. Will they live happily ever after or is there another secret that may destroy the life they are trying to build?

This is a wonderful holiday story with delightful characters!

Amanda Richardson says

Very sweet Christmas novella. Tessa, a bluestocking with a shocking secret, is compromised by Jasper quite by accident. She isn't happy about marrying Jasper, she thinks he will be disgusted by her secret, but Jasper has secrets of his own. Their HEA is very sweet. Good reading, no passionate love scenes.

Evelyn Nathalia says

I blushed a lot while reading this story and I love it!!!

Tessa Penrose was compromised when Jasper, the Earl of Arlington, kissed her. The consequence was one that she wanted to avoid. But since the damage was done, she had no choice but to marry him. Jasper couldn't help it when he saw a beautiful woman after he was awake. When he realized he had to be wed to her, it was not fear but happiness that he felt. Can she trust the infamous rogue with her heart?

Tessa was a bluestocking with deep loyalty to her family. Even though she did not wish to be wed, she still respected her family decision so that their reputation won't be tarnished.

Jasper was in her studio previously with another woman and he fell asleep. Tessa was trying to take her stocking and slipper and Jasper kept teasing her. Jasper was a thoughtful and sweet man despite her roguish nature.

Their courting sessions were great and I love the way Jasper treated Tessa later on.

A must read!!!

Tabetha Waite says

A lovely Christmas novella. It has a similar trope to many I've read, trapped into a marriage by a compromising position that neither anticipated, but there was a slight difference that I enjoyed, the fact that the heroine and hero had personal imperfections.

Kristin Davison says

The storyline isn't very original, but I like how unique the main characters are.

