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Sebastian Falkner, the Duke of Stowmont, having only recently rid himself of the guardianship of one ward, by marrying her off to the man she loves, has now learned he has been named as guardian to a seven year old boy. To makes matters worse, that young boy is to be accompanied to Sebastian's London home by his stepsister, Miss Horatia Chelford.

From the moment Sebastian meets the plain but outspoken Tia he knows she is going to be a thorn in his side. But one he does not intend to suffer for any longer than he has to.

Except he very soon forgets he ever thought of her as being plain and unattractive, and sees only the fineness of her indigo eyes, the silkiness her ivory skin, and the sensuous allure of her highly responsive body.

Having suffered the recent and violent death of her beloved stepmother, Tia is determined she will not lose Martin, her young stepbrother, too. With that in mind, she is determined to establish a place for herself within the household of Martin's new guardian, Sebastian Falkner, the Duke of Stowmont.

But she had not expected that gentleman to be quite so coldly haughty and aristocratic, or so devilishly handsome. Indeed, Sebastian Falkner causes a hitherto unknown warmth and desire within Tia which blazes out of her control at the least provocation. And Sebastian can be very provoking.

But the person who murdered Tia's stepmother has followed her and Martin to London, putting both of them in danger. As a consequence, Sebastian is also put at risk, from a man who will stop at nothing to acquire what he believes was stolen from him.

Will Sebastian be able to keep Tia and Martin safe?

Or protect his heart, which he had believed was too cold and cynical to ever be given to any woman?

Author's Note: The stories in the Regency Unlaced, Knight Security, and Alpha Series, have stronger sexual content and language than my other books.

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Aou says

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Naima says

nggak suka. heroinenya seperti wanita murahan. terlalu banyak imajinasi panas dan adegan hot. Yang menjadi tidak menarik karena wanitanya terlalu mudah mengalah dengan daya tarik seksual sang duke. belum lagi pembicaraan mengenai menjadi mistress.

Meghan says

I really liked this book in the series. I had two problems with it though. The end felt rushed. Very rushed. Second a big part of the book revolves around making the little boy Martin safe and happy, but he has no real scenes and no dialogue so he's not a nicely fleshed out character. Instead he comes off as a plot device.

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Zena says

This is Sebastian and Tia's story of how they met and fell in love.

We know Sebastian from an earlier story where he was Guardian to a young lady. In this story he becomes Guardian to a young boy, Tia's step brother.

I really loved their mutual realization and acknowledgment of their love for each other. It was such a touching scene.

This story is a page turner and is very easy to read. The only thing I wasn't happy about was that it ended too abruptly as I felt there was a lot more detail that could have been put into that ending.

I do however recommend this as a good romantic regency era book and am sure you will enjoy it.

Elaine says

I enjoyed reading this sexy story. Loved the storyline and the characters: Sebastian and Tia. I hope that "Mr Graham" gets his story.

4.5*

Dorothy Moore says

DorothyofOz

Again Ms. Mortimer has provided her readers with a four star rated plot line and developed characters between Sebastian, Tia and Lysander. As usual Ms. Mortimer has provided extremely intimate and graphic love scenes that allows the reader to vicariously feels those scenes in real life. While these books are sexually explicit they would provide impending new brides for lessons for their wedding nights.

Sheila Melo says

FINAL DECISION: Enjoyable little novella that is hot. The short nature of the story doesn't allow for much characters development but the characters of Sebastian and Tia are fun in their interaction with one another.

THE STORY: Sebastian Falkner, Duke of Stowmont, is a rake who ironically keeps getting unwanted wards. Having just gotten rid of one, he finds himself guardian to a seven year old boy. And this child comes with his adult step-sister. Horatia "Tia" Chelford is a self-described mousy woman whose betrothed was killed in Waterloo. Believing that she has lost her chance for love and marriage, Tia has dedicated herself to her step-brother. While the duke intends to rid himself of the opinionated and mouthy Tia as quickly as possible, Tia intends on finding a way to stay. At the same time, Tia and her stepbrother are in danger from the person who murdered Tia's stepmother.

OPINION: I've come to enjoy Mortimer's Regency Unlaced series which are generally short novellas with an emphasis on the hot sex. The stories focus on the sexual relationships and the characters tend to be in situations which heightens the tension in that relationship.

This book follows in that formula. The characters are set in the beginning. Sebastian is a man who never expected to be a duke but has taken on the role with a disdain for society. He cares deeply for his family, including his illegitimate half-brother who acts as his secretary. When he is given the guardianship of a young boy, he intends to fulfill his duty but doesn't want anything to do with the older sharp-tongued step-sister -- until he can't resist her.

Tia is a woman who has lost everything except her younger step-brother and is willing to do anything to stay with him. She has loved and lost and she accepts her limitations. When she has the opportunity to find some happiness, she is willing to take it -- even if society would not approve.

I liked this book. My one complaint is that everything is wrapped up too quickly and too neatly. I wanted a bigger confrontation on Sebastian and Tia's relationship or a bigger part for the villain in the story. Instead, things are just resolved too quickly (in a couple of pages) and that left me wanting in the story.

WORTH MENTIONING: The duke's illegitimate half brother looks to be getting his story next.

CONNECTED BOOKS: PLEASURED BY A DUKE is the seventh book in the Regency Unlaced series. It can be read as a standalone. The only connection to the prior books are the mention of other characters in the epilogue.

STAR RATING: I give this book 3.5 stars. This review was originally posted on Top10RomanceBooks.com

Kem Hutchison says

Good quick read..

Good quick read.. just wished was a little longer. Seemed to move to fast to be real. But was still a good story

Lily says

Another fun and sexy novella in the Regency Unlaced series. I was eager to read about Sebastian, the Duke of Stowmont, after being introduced to him in the last novella. His stiff and unyielding personality made me curious as to what kind of woman would be able to melt his icy heart. I loved how Tia wormed her way into his life and challenged his beliefs about women. I also appreciated how he thought her plain and unattractive until he got to see beneath first impressions. The novella was too short by far and as with all the stories in this series, I wanted to get to know the characters better and have a more in depth story to sink my teeth into. The steaminess continues to be both erotic and passionate, but would have liked to see it develop even further. I have been entertained by this enjoyable series and look forward to when the next book comes out.
