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WARNING: This collection of erotic SHORT STORIES contains graphic and explicit sex, and is suitable only for 18+.

At Lord and Lady Quinton's now annual summer house party, sexually neglected and frustrated wives finally find their fulfillment.

Of Love and Lust: Piers and Judith, Lord and Lady Lipscombe have been married for four years, but their beddings have never been more than quick, five-minute affairs intended to secure the line. After being too rough and randy on their wedding night, he's always been afraid of hurting her again, so he held himself back. She thought their marriage was normal, until she saw the lustful looks continually passed between the Quintons. Could there be something more?

One Lonely Night: The boisterous nighttime activity of Vivian Flynn's neighbors is keeping her awake--and in need. When she takes a step out onto her portico for a bit of night air, she's shocked when those very neighbors come out onto their portico and make love in front of her. When her husband, Lord Tucker Flynn, comes upon her surreptitiously touching herself while spying on the randy couple, everything changes within their once lackluster marriage.

A Perfect Pearl: Elaine Shelton, Lady Raynesford, has never been dissatisfied with the efforts of her husband, Owen, in bed. However, she's never been left in awe by them, either. He makes love the very same way he does everything in life--in exactly the same, predictable manner, each and every time. Encouraged by her new friends, Judith and Vivian, Elaine takes a bold step: she intends to seduce Owen into variety, no matter the consequences.

Leg-Shackled: Audrey Veazey thinks she's always been rather open-minded when it comes to beddings with her husband, Lodge, but watching the other young, married ladies at the Quintons' house party titter and talk leaves her blushing. The Earl of Holbrook, the blackguard, insinuates in no uncertain terms that she's a bit prudish. Could that be? One thing is for certain--she intends to find out if her husband agrees with Holbrook or not, and if he does, she's determined to change his mind.

Uninhibited: A child bride who hasn't seen her husband for ten years, Naomi Cunningham refuses to spend another day as the Countess of Holbrook, essentially locked away in her husband's Hampshire estate. She seeks him out at the Quintons' house party looking for one thing--an annulment. When Naomi arrives, Grey is livid. His ire only rises upon her preposterous request, not to mention his unfounded desire for the woman who was only a girl when last he saw her. But will she be satisfied with a divorce, or might something else satisfy her?

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## **From Reader Review Wanton Wives: An Anthology of Regency Erotic Short Stories for online ebook**

**Ltlmer2 says**

**Sort of soft core Regency erotica**

House party where tame married couples discover slightly more adventurous bedsport. Not as scandalously hot as one would think for a collection of erotic short stories, but quite good all the same---with even a bit of character and plot development woven into the stories. Definitely not hard-core erotica, but likely spicy enough for many readers.

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**jj says**

Short, hot read.

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**Heidi Meaton says**

**Talk about unfulfilled.**

Too much is unsaid in these stories. All have great potential for a longer version, especially Naomi and Gray. Grave disappointments for all concerned eventually being thwarted with a bit of communication. I hope to see some longer versions. Oh dear, pardon the pun.

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**Lindy Dale says**

wanted a bit of light smut regency fiction after finishing Angel and this delivered. Read it in a day!

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**Amy Denim says**

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm a huge lover of the sweet Regency Romances of someone like Julia Quinn. All virtuous and virgins, but I love me a good Post-Napoleonic roll in the hay.

Catherine Gayle's delivers those yummy Regency men we all like to swoon over and a bit more than a romp in the hay in her short stories.

Often times in short stories or anthologies we readers just don't get enough time to connect with the characters, and in erotic romance it's often just about the sex. But these vignettes all go together under the guise of a weekend party (which I wish I'd been invited too) so we get a taste and a flavor of these young ladies and their husbands. That's right, you heard me right. Husbands.

This isn't some nasty (although heart-throbbing) rake de-flowering simpering young misses. This is husbands and wives getting down and dirty. And I loved that about this book. It's not whores, it's not about anybody getting cuckolded. It's good clean \*ahem\* fun.

Yes, it is about the sex, but for each couple I truly got a feel for their emotions, their wants and needs and not just the ones below the waist. The author really gets inside these characters head, not just their pants.

I love first lines. If they hook me, I'm in. (A great note for all the authors out there, including myself)

Since this is an anthology of short stories we get a bunch of the little gems.

Here are a few fun first lines from the book to tantalize you and some comments from me, just for fun.

"Envy had never been high on Judith Lipscombe's list of priorities."

Oh, come on, I can see her turning green from way over here.

"Vivian tolled over and tried to block out the sounds coming from the suite next to hers."

Ooooh, oh, yes, yes, yes. \*blush\*

""Tell us something delicious," Judith, Lady Lipscombe said to Elaine."

Now, you know these ladies are not swapping recipes for plum pudding here!

"Audrey Veazy had always considered herself to be a very open-minded woman - at least she normally did when in comparison to her contemporaries."

Oh, I have a feeling her mind is gonna get a lot more open before this story is over.

"Naomi's hand shook as the butler led her to the ballroom entrance, looking out upon the crush of lords and ladies."

I love a good ball. Especially when I know it's going to lead to more balls. \*wink wink\*

All right, so my mind is firmly in the gutter.

My recommendations:

I really loved this one, and I probably would have paid for it.

I'll most likely go search this author out and buy more of her work.

This one earns five stars from me!

This review is also posted on Amazon and my blog amydenim.blogspot

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## Stephanie says

An surprising good read all the stories interlocked and had a nice flow to them were the suspense was not just who going to have sex nice but what is going to happen next.

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## Alexa says

Historical erotic romance and historical smut of quality are a little hard to come across. Wanton Wives by Catherine Gayle, is a fair anthology of five stories of married women in the Regency era (not specified when exactly) who are unsatisfied with their love lives and set on improving it.

I got this as a freebie from amazon and didn't have many expectations since the uniqueness of the genre combined with the 0.00 \$ price didn't inspire me much, but I thought to give it a shot. Well, I was pleasantly

surprised! The writing was decently solid, the sex scenes were graphic and well described and the plot of most out of the 5 stories was well developed. I enjoyed mostly the first one, the story of Judith and Piers that were married for four years without success in their love life and found it almost unexpectedly after a little nudge and another more adventurous try. All the stories were connected directly or indirectly to Lord Holbrook who played the part of the villain "catalyst" helping the progress of each story, and keeping his own, last but not best to close the anthology.

Overall, it's a fun read despite the lack in accuracy of the era's talk, vocabulary and customs and I don't regret keeping this specimen of historical smut in my kindle.

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### **Courtney says**

Victorian erotic short stories. All the stories are interconnected, which was interesting. Several married couples are staying at someone's country house. Through various situations the somewhat prudish wives are shown 'the pleasures of lovemaking'. Not bad, but several of the stories are more than a little repetitive.

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### **Mitzi says**

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### **Nicky says**

This was surprisingly good.. I liked pretty much all of the characters but Holbrook needed a longer story. That was the only one that really disappointed me. The sex scenes were pretty good. not raunchy but not flowery either. But I didnt like how all of the stories basically sounded the same.. The sex scenes were so much alike.. I also didnt like the voyeuristic parts in this story but thats just me.. Holbrook's story had the most potential I think but fell way short. I hated how it ended.. Heck I hated how it started.. She seemed like she would have a backbone but it dissolved real quick.. I just want to know what happened to the Holbrooks not just assume they lived happily.. Or perhaps a little epilogue..

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### **Quinn says**

It's not often you find an erotic historical romance, and having read two (full length) that I really enjoyed, I was hoping for a lot more from this one.

Unfortunately, *Wanton Wives* is very much about the sex, and not the characters or relationship. While I enjoy a good erotic romance, I don't really read much erotica for that reason - I need a storyline and at least some character development. That said, the sex in *Wanton Wives* was pretty vanilla, so I don't even know whether this would be classified as erotica.

This one was a miss for me.

**1.5 stars**

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**Elizabeth Collins says**

This Anthology was good reading, this is a book that a wife should read with her husband if he like romance books. I hope you do another set of these books because I read all of the books in one day.

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**Lady Wesley says**

Hot sex. Very little plot.

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**Maria says**

I've been reading these tantalizing erotic Regency short stories over the course of a month, in between novels and novellas. Jane Austen would be shocked, right? Regency-era erotica? Somehow, I don't think so. The Regency era in which Austen lived was pretty wild and daring and featured a dissolute Prince Regent who freely flaunted his outrageous lifestyle. While Austen greatly disliked him, he was a fan of her stories and had copies of her works in all of his houses. He pretty much commanded, by way of his librarian, that her book, *Emma*, be dedicated to him.

*Wanton Wives* was a digital-only anthology of five erotic short stories by Catherine Gayle, an author I've been wanting to read for awhile now ever since I read some lovely and enticing samples of her writing on my nook.

For my full review: <http://bit.ly/HzjPta>

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