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Molly says

I love Eva Devon books. This story is about the Duke of Hunt sister Lady Gemma, is finally ready to get married. Alexander Duke knows the violence ways of the seas. So what will happen between these two. I really enjoyed this book and already can't wait for the next book by Eva Devon.

Rose Blue says

3.5 Stars as reviewed at Roses Are Blue: <http://wp.me/p3QRh4-vx>

Lady Gemma Eversleigh has decided she's found the man for her. Unfortunately, thus far he hasn't succumbed to her charms. Gemma doesn't understand why American sea captain Alexander Duke isn't captivated by her beauty, charm, intelligence, wealth, or noble connections. When Gemma decides to press the issue, and confront Alex at a dance, he's very abrupt, almost giving her the cut direct. To her query, he plainly states that he's not interested.

Alex has been aware of Gemma's interest in him, and though she's lovely, he has no interest in pursuing any relationship. He's suffering from recent heartbreak and deceit at another woman's hands, and his wounds are still raw. When Gemma becomes bolder, Alex sees no recourse but to be rude to her, ensuring that she'll leave him alone.

Yet, it seems that Gemma feels that she's entitled to pursue Alex. She has a very free spirited mother who encourages her in her reckless behavior. First, she arranges to ensconce herself in his coach, and when Alex enters, she has the driver take off so they're alone. Eventually Alex throws himself from the moving vehicle to escape her. Her next attempt is to follow him aboard his ship uninvited, and this time a somewhat intoxicated Alex allows himself to give in to his passion. Now Alex feels compelled to marry Gemma, but she takes offense at his perfunctory comment about marriage and leaves.

I like Alex, and I understood his reasons for being somewhat surly. He's an honorable man, who doesn't like deceit, who has just been betrayed by someone he loved. Gemma, to me, was spoiled and felt that if she wanted Alex, she should have him. He clearly showed his disinterest and said no, yet she pursued, almost seeming stalkerish. I could feel this couple's passion, but not a genuine love.

This is the first book I've read by Eva Devon, and the style is very different from those she has written as Máire Claremont. There are many humorous moments in A DUKE BY ANY OTHER NAME, and the story was intended to be light and sexy. If you read with the understanding that Gemma is simply a strong and determined woman, then you will enjoy this somewhat madcap adventure. While this book can easily be read as a standalone, I think I would have enjoyed it more if I had read Jack's story (Gemma's brother) first and had some more insight into the scandalous Eversleigh family and their equally notorious friends.

Patricia Perez says

Great

I really loved this series. I am hoping that there is going to be book number 8. Hint Hint!!!!!! Happy reading???

Nessa says

A SOLID 2.5 STARS.

THIS STORY HAD POTENTIAL BUT IT HAD QUITE A FEW GAPS THROUGHOUT THE STORY THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER. I read this feeling not quite attached to the characters, I skimmed through the story a little because it was almost...surreal.

OUR HERO is not a DUKE. But, his name is Alexander Duke, an American sea Captain and he's the one our heroine decides is the perfect match for her. Alas, this story doesn't involve much swashbuckling adventure...not the kind that warrants for any attention anyway. When he first meets her, he finds her truly beautiful but treats her like the dirt upon his shoes. Why? Because she's a complication he doesn't need and he doesn't trust women. Not after having his heart trampled upon by a married woman. But, there's only so much No's he can give out to a persistent woman like Gemma and when they finally fall into bed, he offers to marry her. Although...the daft man made it sound like a chore he was obligated to do and voila! The heroine refuses him flat out. He has yet to discover that this British family is unlike the ton. It's funny to see him absolutely flustered by their outright reaction...so different from what a normal family would do...like demand he marry their sister/daughter after taking her innocence. Clearly, I felt sorry for him when he was like a flotsam in the ocean...wavering between love and indecision.

OUR HEROINE is raised in an unconventional but powerful titled family. Her mother is like a modern mom, encouraging her to test the waters with potential suitors as long as she doesn't get caught. Even if she was caught 'in flagrante delicto', she would still have her brothers' and mother's support. When she decides that the dashing American Captain would suit her fine, she pursues him wildly, giving him a rather hard time to avoid her. The Captain accuses her of trapping him...in a way yes I have to agree she is by doggedly pursuing him and ending up in his bed. BUT, in their era...he wasn't wrong to say so and thus, the poor man is thrown into a loop when she ups and leaves.

OVERALL I can't say I truly enjoyed this story...it just left me feeling bereft and not empathizing with the characters at all. Something was missing in this story...and this might be the least entertaining addition by this author yet.

Maria Dariotis says

Who said that Dukes are perfect?

Lady Gemma is divine she's headstrong sassy and an unconventional woman. She's had enough of flirting and frolicking at every ball around town, she's ready to settle down with a husband that will be of her choosing. After all she's an Eversleigh!

Her prey and hopefully soon to be husband-Captain Alexander Duke- but surprisingly enough he's not what he seems and she has no effect on him....or does she.

Captain Alexander Duke has seen the evil in mankind and nothing burns more than the manipulation of beautiful women. He's sworn to never give his heart ever again that part of him is dead. But what is it about Lady Gemma that has him literally panting like a dog after a bone?

What an awesome story where the roles are reversed, it's nice too see that women can be the go getters in love ! Eva Devon has a winner not only in this story but the whole series! The reader can't help but fall in love with the couple Gemma is not the typical young lady of the ton and poor Alexander wears his stoic stuffy attitude like a tight suit .

But Gemma is the one that pops his buttons!!!

I strongly recommend Eva Devon's books they have everything one can possibly want in a book and more!

Received a copy for my honest opinion, all opinions are my own.

♥?♥?Helpless Romantic?♥?♥ says

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This book has everything you can want in a novel: romance, thrill, and humor. These characters come to life on the pages the further you read about their courtship and adventure. Eva Devon did an excellent job with this novel, and I definitely recommend it to everyone!

Jean Henson says

Love this series

I have read all 7 books in this series and love them. Hopefully their will be more of their antics in future books.

Donna Foster says

Wonderful book!

I would have given her a five star rating but she would have no reason to go higher!! really like the Duke's Club series! I plan on reading all her books!

Ella Foisy says

Only my opinion

Most impressed with the page turning. Isn't it silly such a common thing makes such a difference. Again the author delivered a attention getting tale. I'll keep reading of you keep writing.

booksofallkinds says

A DUKE BY ANY OTHER NAME by Eva Devon stands out amongst the best of the Regency and historical romance genre with its deeply evocative settings, well-developed characters, and the inclusion of serious historical events to flesh out this invigorating time period, all expertly blended with passionate relationships founded on loyalty and love. Lady Gemma is strong and defiant, just like so many in her scandalous family, so when she sets her sights on Mr. Duke for a potential husband, she is shocked when he does not seem inclined to accept her proposal. Alexander Duke knows firsthand that you can never trust love or the word of a woman, and he carries the scars from his past alongside those that he has witnessed on the violent seas. The last thing he needs is a spoilt little rich girl looking for a husband. But as her presence surrounds him at every opportunity, Alexander soon learns that she is intelligent, headstrong, caring, and willing to help those who need it most, and when she is with him she fills his senses in every possible way. Sadly love is not a possibility for him. But when a scandal threatens can Alexander do everything he can to make it right? Even if it means opening up his heart to the possibility of love and heartbreak?

Well-paced, thoughtful, and extremely addictive, A DUKE BY ANY OTHER NAME by Eva Devon completely captured my interest from the first sentence and kept me under Gemma's and Alexander's spell to the very end. Gemma is a wonderful character as she is so upfront, fiery, independent and loyal, but yet has a vulnerable, softer side at times that makes her so relatable. Alexander struggles to let go of his past, and while at times I wanted to shout at him, you cannot help but love him as he is such an admirable, loyal, giving character who wants to change the world for the better. With lots of energy, sizzling passion, friendship, family, love, and yearning to make a difference, A DUKE BY ANY OTHER NAME by Eva Devon is everything you want in a book and more. I highly recommend this novel and all of Eva's books as she is one of my go-to authors for a guaranteed cracking read. Enjoy!

*I voluntarily reviewed this book from the author

Goodfella79 says

I'm a devoted fan to reading a series like this in order because so often the stories intertwined as these do -- in a splendid and compelling fashion. The downside is that you start see where the formula that the author uses with success in earlier books starts to wear thin. I agree with other reviews that Gemma seems to be a more of a spoiled brat and a bit stalker-ish. And where the Duke of Aston's advice in other books to help his

royal peers win their soon-to-be brides is on point, here it is a little off. In fact, because of the interference of Alexander's brothers, the story takes a hugely different turn that is strangely familiar with another entry in this series. One of the things that has sold me on this series is the strong women of independent mind and spirit. Gemma seems to be the least of them though her involvement in abolitionist issues is the activity that is supposed to convince us of her commitment to things that should be outside of her ken. If Gemma was truly going to be cut from the same mold as Cordelia and Patience, then she needed more depth and roots.

Inn Auni says

I'm sorry. I truly am. I tried but, for the life of me I couldn't like Gemma. She came off as annoying, spoiled brat. Okay, maybe he didn't mean it when he rejected her the first time but, after the second, she should have stop pursuing him. It's borderline stalkerish. If their role were reverse, believe me the outrage he'll receive. But, because it was Gemma, a woman, she was label as strong-will. This is not girl power. This is cringe-worthy. Again, I'm sorry.

Bonnie Colletti says

Couldn't put it down!!

I LOVED READING THIS BOOK!! I love the characters and my favorite is the Duke of Aston! He had me LOL!! The Eversleighs are such a unique family and the way it's written they seem like such a real family. Wonderful writing!!! Will definitely be reading every book in this series!!!

Dee Deacon Foster says

What do you get when you cross a female from the scandalous Eversleigh family who is determined to take charge of her own destiny with a stoic American ship captain who vows never to marry as all women are untrustworthy – you get an entertaining tale written by the talented Eva Devon.

Lady Gemma Eversleigh sets her sights on the dashing American, Alexander Duke, resulting in the proposal of marriage she desires until the moment is ruined by thoughtless words. Alexander finally gives in and asks Gemma to marry him (well sort of asks) and is shocked when she refuses. Now he finds he will do anything to have her in his life but can he make her see his love for her is real?

I LOVED Gemma, her determination, and her strength. When the unexpected happens she forges ahead on her own and she doesn't make it easy on Alexander when he declares he needs her in his life. Gemma's brothers were a force to be reckoned when protecting their sister and hilarious in their encounter with Gemma after learning her secret. And Alexander, well who couldn't help but fall in love (and be exasperated with) the caring, but dense, man.

Eva Devon has written a strong story of two determined people finding their way to love. Now I want to know who she has planned next and what delightful torture she has for them!

Elaine says

Enjoyable. 3.5*
