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Sarah Dusenberry is enduring her fifth season, and is tired of her mother pushing her toward a husband, when it's clear no man wants her. Why can't she just travel with a companion, lead the life of a well-off spinster? But her mother wants her to have the protection of a man and will not part with the funds Sarah needs for her dream of travel. In search of her own funds, she answers an ad for an artist's model, never thinking of how she'll be modeling—or how much she'll enjoy it.

Grayson becomes entranced with his new model and pursues her in society as he struggles to keep his distance in the studio. What will Sarah do when she learns the truth?

THIS BOOK CONTAINS EROTIC CONTENT.

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From Reader Review Eye of the Beholder for online ebook

Tonileg says

Historical English society doesn't work for everyone in it. Anyone that might be considered outside of the norm is quickly made into a spinster, or worse, is outcast. I really liked Sarah Dusenberry and although her mother is suffocating, she does get a lot of love and consideration. Mrs. Dusenberry could have just forced her into a marriage or isolated her in a country house for the rest of her life. So when hidden artist Grayson Adams finds a new and completely unacceptable virgin well born woman to be his new model for his very naughty paintings, he surprises himself by falling in love with the sassy spirited lady.

Cute very sexy scenes in the art studio! Fun concept and well written.

78 pages and kindle freebie

2 and half stars

Lorraine Lesar says

I don't recall reading a Emma Jay before, but certainly will in the future. This is a short free story, about 70 pages. It is described as a erotic story, but I would class it more as a sexy, regency romp. Sarah is twenty one and considered "on the shelf". Grayson Adams lives on the fringe of society, he secretly paints erotic paintings and sells them - making him very rich. Sarah wants more in her life and wishes to travel, knowing that her mother would never allow it. To raise her own funds, she answers an advertisement for a "artist model". At first, she doesn't realise that the painter is Grayson Adams due to dim lighting and then him wearing a mask etc. to hide his true identity. Things start to heat up at a surprising rate and Sarah has answers to all those questions young virginal maidens should know nothing about until well and truly wed! I loved it, yes there were a couple of typo's and a bit of modern language that would never have used it that day, but who cares! A sexy, short love story. Recommended.

Glynnis says

Pretty terrible, but hilariously so.

Favorite lines:

"Do you think I could let you walk away? Have I not told you that you're the most incredible woman I've ever known"

She took a step back, breaking his hold on her.

"You-I didn't think-"

"You didn't believe me."

"No"

He stroked his knuckles down her cheek. "I don't lie, Sarah. I hide things, but I don't lie."

Good luck with that one, Sarah! Also:

"When we resume, I want the strap lower," he said, doing his best to sound professional in his fake Italian accent when he was so hard he couldn't think of anything besides tasting her sweet flesh...

Man, it is SO DIFFICULT to maintain a professional demeanor, a fake Italian accent, AND a boner!

Lila Hunter says

What it is about: "Grayson Adams is living a double life in Victorian England. By day, he paints erotic pictures, by evening he attends the balls where eager mamas throw their virginal daughters at him, though he is merely the youngest son of a baron. Lately, however, he's lost his muse, and wonders what it would be like to paint one of those virginal society misses."

My thoughts: I love sweet romance novels without much graphic information. I guess I am a little on the prude side, but I sometimes enjoy a change in the past. In this erotic romance, the author is able to interlock the eroticism and the historic story in one coherent short. Everything the characters experience is related to the story and not for the pure desire of writing an erotic story. I do think the ending was a little stretched and would like the story to end before it did.

*Synopsis taken from Amazon

Vivian says

Deliciously steamy with a refreshingly liberating ending.

Quinn says

I've been feeling a little bad about all the one-star ratings I've been dishing out to the Kindle freebies I've been snapping up with abandon, but I finally found a good one!

Eye of the Beholder was actually a very worthwhile read, and had the elements that I've found missing in most of the other erotic stories I've been reading recently. Finally, there's romance! Finally, there's character development! Finally, it's hot! A wonderful HEA is the icing on the cake.

It's fairly rare to find historical erotic romance, much less *good* historical erotic romance, so I'm very happy to have stumbled across this one.

Diana~ (Kiss Me Books) says

Meh. This short read was a pretty decent historical romance at best. There wasn't much to the story since it was so short... but you kind of get the gist of the storyline and the characters in it. Grayson Adams happens to have two lives where he's an erotic painter by day and an "esteemed" gentleman/younger son of a baron by night. The heroine Sarah Dusenberry is your 'typical' lady, who is almost towards the age of spinsterhood,

and is not exactly drop dead gorgeous. Well, the hero sure thinks so though. I had some trouble with her because some of the moves that Sarah made were so... *stupid*. There were a couple of moments in the book where I wanted to hit my head against the wall because of her stupidity. I don't really have much to say about the hero either because he was so... flat? Grayson's character development didn't call out to me at all. He pretty much just wanted to get into Sarah's pants-- to put it bluntly, lol.

Oh and the romance. It felt like their relationship was built upon lust? Usually I would have no problem for that, but I tend to judge pretty high when it comes to historical romances. If Sarah was truly an innocent, why the heck would she pose nude for some stranger? What the! That is just waaaay off. I guess, just because she believes that no one will marry her, it's "okay" to do that. *Sigh* I don't know, but this one just didn't work out for me. I mean, it was okay for a nice quick read but I was also pretty disappointed as well. Overall, **3/5 stars**.

Krista says

A fast read that's sure to heat up your morning, afternoon, or evening (or maybe even all three). I greatly enjoyed the characters including an experienced lead male and an innocent leading lady. The story line is one familiar to readers of romance and erotic works, but it's condensed into a very short time span and relatively few pages rather than a full length novel. I was very satisfied with the character introductions, progression of the story, and conclusion. It works nicely as a short story; however, I can see how it could also benefit from being expanded into a longer read. Overall I enjoyed it and look forward to other reads by author Emma Jay.

Tip: This book uses the word "cock" freely and regularly. I'm not a fan of the word and found it a bit distracting in its overly-redundant use. This, along with a few missing/incorrect words, brought my rating from a four to a three.

Rebecca A. Rogers says

Grayson's a man who lives life as an erotic painter and as a gentleman who attends balls.

At twenty-one, Sarah is practically a spinster. She's given up on the idea of marriage and wants to travel Europe. When she sees an ad for an artist model, she applies...in person.

Grayson recognizes her from the balls he's attended, and he doesn't want his identity revealed to high society, so he concocts a plan to remain hidden from Sarah so he can paint her. Now, Sarah feels like she's living a double life, as the aloof Grayson has suddenly shown interest in her, but what she wants is the man behind the brush. Little does she know they are one and the same.

Overall, it was a nice piece of historical erotica/romance that had a fresh storyline and didn't take long to read.

MBR says

Eye of the Beholder is an erotic romance written in a historical setting. Sarah Dusenberry is 21, and her mother is desperate that she find someone suitable to be married off to. Sarah's average looks and her strong

willed nature makes her a less an ideal candidate for the gents of the ton when it comes to choosing a bride, which is the reason why Sarah spends her time at the balls glued to the wall, as if on the outside, looking in.

Grayson Adams, the youngest son of the Baron of Cricksham, is a man who leads a double life. A man who has made a fortune in painting and selling erotic art, Grayson has been feeling out of sorts of late, as if in need of a new muse that would get his creative juices flowing. A well placed advertisement gets Sarah on his doorstep, a woman who has intrigued him even before she turns up willing to be the model that he is looking for.

Fact that Sarah is a virgin makes it difficult for Grayson to act on his desires where she is concerned. But Sarah has no such qualms when it comes to the man whose touch sets of such wanton and wicked desires in her. As these two become entangled with want for each other which is strengthened by other feelings which none of them wants to put a name to, Grayson's deception could end up being the obstacle that could break the two apart even before they can get started.

Eye of the Beholder has an interesting premise, which could have been really good if it had been a full length novel. I wish that Emma Jay would write full length novels like Two-Step Temptation which I loved so. I have always said in my reviews of her books that Emma Jay has the ability to draw a lot of emotions from the reader apart from the excellent portrayal of eroticism she strives for in her stories.

While the overall story worked for me, Eye of the Beholder had certain elements that didn't, because it seemed a tad unrealistic for Sarah, a virgin brought up in a society that shuns wicked behavior of the sort to give up all her inhibitions, just like that, even though she had been seeking adventure for a long time. It was hard for me to understand where she was coming from because for someone who has never been exposed to pleasures of the flesh, she certainly was ready to give up all that societal indoctrination for the man who sends her senses humming. In a contemporary setting, yes, it might have worked, but with a virgin heroine in a historical setting, I just remained a bit unnerved by that.

All that aside, Eye of the Beholder provided me with the kind of read that I wanted when I picked it up. Something short that would wet my appetite for more!

Recommended for those that love erotic romances in a historical setting.

Rating = 3.5/5

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D.G. says

If you have this book, please delete it right now. It's TERRIBLE.

I download very few freebies but the nice cover made me think this could have some potential (if somebody spent the money on the cover, then maybe there was something to the story.) Not so much. It's clear the author doesn't have a clue about the mores of the time, the sex wasn't even that hot, the characters were caricaturish and there were tons of plot points that went nowhere. For instance, the morning after, the heroine decided to leave London with no explanation whatsoever. We didn't see them quarrel or anything. They had sex and the next scene, she's talking to her mother about leaving.

I know it's short but just save yourself the trouble and delete it now. There's nothing to recommend this.

Sarah Carp says

The book has a great storyline and is easy to follow. There are two main characters and they are Sarah Dusenberry and Grayson Adams. Sarah is trapped in society's views that a young woman should be married off to nobility. She longs for adventure and sets out to free herself from the wills of society. She follows an advertisement for modeling but soon discovers that it's not as innocent as she first thought. Meet Grayson. He is merely the youngest son of a baron and has no wish to play that role. He is an artist and paints nude paintings of women by day under a false name. These two meet and there are the ups and downs of a untimely relationship. I recommend this book. Warning there are detailed sex scenes.

Amanda says

So much for sleeping, this short story kept me cornered until I finished it, even though I stopped reading it to go to bed I could stop until I finished.

This was a great short story, showing the ridicule people get when they go against what society finds acceptable. Set in England during the Victorian era Sarah longs for travel and adventure while Grayson is in need of a new muse.

The ending was a little rushed but it is a short story and it wasn't as rushed as some I have read. I highly recommend reading this especially if you are a historical romance fan as this story leans more toward historical romance than erotica.

Lindsay says

I was really surprised by this book. It sounded good, but I didn't have much hope that it would live up to my expectations for it. The reality was the book exceeded my expectations.

My only complaint was that it was a short story. I would have loved to see this as a full length book. I don't normally read short stories or novellas because I'm always disappointed with them. However, I would be willing to buy this book and reread it in the future. I would also read other books by this author.

SassySami says

This is a pretty good little story, even though it was free. Sarah is nearly a spinster, attending every ball in town because her mother doesn't want to accept that her plain little girl isn't exactly prime marriage material. She longs for adventure and feels trapped in her mother's proper English home, so on impulse she answers an ad for a model and meets Monsieur Cresson, the Italian artist who keeps his face hidden for fear of discovery. That evening, her society crush, Grayson Adams, approaches her at a ball, intrigued by the brave girl who'd bared nearly everything for his alter ego.

I enjoyed the story, the characters, and the sex. I liked that Sarah was introduced to sex gradually, rather than all at once; it drew out the sex scenes and felt more natural. You won't regret reading this one.
