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The Devil DeVere Series - Library Journal Best E-book Romance 2012

All's Fair in Love and Abduction

In the second installment of the award-winning Devil DeVere series, Ned's daughter Vesta is preparing for her come-out only to have her world turned upside down when her father returns from London with a bride of his own! Put out that he is so wrapped up in his new bride, Vesta accompanies her godmother, Diana, to town where she meets and falls instantly in love with the gallant Captain Hewett DeVere.

"Hew" DeVere, younger brother to Viscount Ludovic "The Devil" DeVere, has returned from the war with plans of selling his commission and settling down. He quickly becomes enamored of the older but beautiful Diana, and barely notices eighteen-year-old Vesta. When Hew fails to respond to her feminine charms, Vesta takes extreme measures to capture the object of her desire, but Hew didn't survive the worst of the war only to succumb to Vesta's wayward wiles.

"You conniving creature! How can you possibly think I could ever love such a spoiled, petulant, self-absorbed, and scheming little wretch?"

Proving the adage that opposites attract, this hilarious romp pits the would-be huntress against the gallant hero in an epic war of wills. *(Romantic comedy with mature content)*

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From Reader Review The Virgin Huntress for online ebook

Rane says

Victoria Vane pens yet another wickedly fun novel with the Virgin Huntress. With the spoiled Lady Vesta Chambers trying to win over Captain Hewett DeVere let the sparks fly!

With Hew being pretty scarred inside and out, he has his heart set on the simple like, sadly things just don't go the way he plans as Vesta stands in the way.

I liked the very honorable Hew, and with a brother like "The Devil" DeVere, yeah, he pretty much the angel of the two. He takes his hits and just keeps on getting up when he lands in trouble mostly due to Lady Vesta's plots.

Vesta got on my nerves, the spoiled little brat but it only went to show what an amazing author Victoria Vane is as I had to keep on reading even when not truly liking a character!

Another fun and great addition to this series!

Wendy says

Another sexy, witty and fun read from Victoria Vane.

Lady Vesta Chambers an 18yr old rather "spoilt" girl who confesses her undying love to Captain Hewett DeVere. Only to find out he doesn't return the sentiments quite as much as she would like. She along with her godfather Lord Ludovic DeVere, Hewett's older brother, cook up a scheme to get them together. And what a scheme!

Lady Vesta Chambers

Captain Hewett DeVere, a soldier who comes home scarred from war, just wants a quiet life. He's a gentleman, and a sweetheart. But underneath that exterior he's a sexy, sizzling alpha, brimming with sexual tension that's just waiting to be unleashed. Oh wow, does he sizzle! Grrrrrr!

Captain Hewett DeVere

I thoroughly enjoyed this little romp and looking forward to reading the next installment in this great series!

ARC generously provided by Victoria Vane.

Karla says

Original review posted at: <http://sweptawaybyromance.blogspot.com/>

5 Stars!! The fun continues in this deliciously sexy, amusing installment in The Devil DeVere series!!

As the saga continues Vesta Chambers, Ned's daughter, is accompanied by her godmother and surrogate mother, Lady Diana, to London to prepare for the upcoming season. This is her coming out, but Vesta has other plans and he goes by the name of Captain Hewett DeVere! She has her sights set on him and nothing, not even her own godmother is going to get in her way.

Hew is Vic DeVere's younger brother. He is charming, debonair and always the gentlemen. Vic offers Hew a proposal; find himself a wife and produce an heir. Vic has no desire to marry, and due to his reputation as the "Devil" he doesn't feel he's fit to be a father, or produce any offspring at all.

Vesta is a spoiled brat, but she's also determined, witty, and a very naughty girl. When her godfather, Vic, gets wind of the fact that she is taken with Hew and determined to win his heart, he schemes with her to get him away from London and Diana who Hew's taken a shine too. Vesta and Vic are two peas in a pod, neither has any shame and they cracked me up. The Virgin Huntress has marked her prey and hunt is on!!

I loved the pairing of Hew and Vesta. I adored him, such an admirable sweetheart of a man. She was a character that initially annoyed me because she was childish, but that played nicely and made for some very funny moments when Hew and her got their sexy on!! She was innocent, eager, and a very willing student. Her sexual knowledge was limited to what went on in the breeding sheds and gave me quite the chuckle.

"Yes. It is common for a man to awaken thus." "May I touch it?" she asked.

"Bloody hell!" he cried. "No! You may not touch it!"

"But I know how. I saw you only yesterday. Is that what you do to make it go away?"

"It is one of several methods," he replied. "Another is just to ignore it."

"But it is so large and swollen. Is it painful?"

"No, just uncomfortable. Now, may we stop discussing my..." The appropriate word for feminine ears failed him.

"Phallus?" she offered. "That is what the grooms call it."

"Why are you eavesdropping on grooms?"

"I used to watch the stallions mounting the mares."

"You what!" Hew almost choked.

Sweet, steamy, sexy, and loads of fun!! Even as quick as these two get together, the affection and desire they feel for one another is quite evident. When Hew reveals a secret to Vesta, it made their intimacy that much more exciting, sensual and **SMOKIN' HOT!**

Wonderfully written and highly entertaining, I can't recommend this series enough. Novellas that read like full length books and one flows seamlessly into the next. *The Devil You Know* is up next and I can't wait to get to know him better!!

I was given a copy of this book by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Lisa says

Lady Vesta Chambers has had everything and anything she could every want and is floored when her father returns from London, where he was preparing for her coming out, with a young bride. It brings her spoiledness to the for front and she is even more anxious to get to London and debut and be a young woman in society. So when her Aunt Diana volunteers to take Vesta in her fathers place, Vesta is relieved. After all, her godfather, Viscount DeVere, will be available to help her in any matter, should that need arise. Upon riding early one morning, Vesta spots the man of her dreams and falls head over heels. When it becomes know that this is her godfathers brother, she is ecstatic....only to become jealous of the attention he is paying her aunt! Calling upon her godfather to help pull off a lavish undertaking to secure the heart of the dashing Captain Hewett DeVere, Hew does not stand a chance against Vesta.

The novella was pure fun! Vesta was spoiled and childish at times but when she set her heart on something, she did whatever it took to secure it--even if it meant taking a drastic measure that will leave you going 'she didn't!' And Hew turned out to be a delicious man with a surprise that made me love him all the more. Falling for Vesta was not in his plans but when he does, he falls hard and gives her his whole heart in the most beautiful way! Sigh. As two polar opposites, Hew with his strength and steadfastness and Vesta with her petulant and impulsive nature, these two were sure to combust together and they certainly did! Victoria Vane once again drew me into the Georgian time period with wonderful details to dialect, mannerism and surroundings. Being a novella, I always want more and in this case I did as well. I would have loved seeing Vesta and Hew butt heads longer but it still worked well with the length. This novella made me laugh, sigh and spend a couple delicious hours away from reality to end with a smile on my face! Highly recommended for fans of enjoyable, sexy, emotional, fell good stories! I can not wait for more in this series! 4 1/2 stars

Thanks so much to Victoria Vane for providing me with a copy of this ebook!

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Updated to add: The Virgin Huntress is a Kindle Freebie! Not sure how long the price cut will last, so grab it now!

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00E...>

The Virgin Huntress is the second book in Victoria Vane's *The Devil DeVere* series and another fun, sexy romp through Georgian England!

Desperate times call for devilish measures...

Coddled and pampered, since her mother's death, Lady Vesta Chambers is beside herself when her father goes to London to prepare for her come-out and returns with a young bride of his own. With her world turned upside down, Vesta accompanies her godmother, Diana, to town, where she is smitten the moment she lays eyes on a certain captain of the Seventeenth Light Dragoons.

But when the object of her passion has eyes for another...

Captain Hewett DeVere, younger brother and heir to Viscount Ludovic "The Devil" DeVere,

has returned from the American war scarred, disillusioned, and looking forward to settling down to a quiet and respectable life. But when the handsome and straight-laced captain turns his eyes toward the widowed Diana, Vesta is prepared to take devilish measures to prove she is no longer a little girl, but a woman with the passion of... a huntress.

This story begins right on the heels of the first book, *A Wild Night's Bride*, and is written with the same detail to period dialog, dress and social routines and rituals which is one of the things I most love about Ms. Vane's stories. I found myself laughing at some of the situations Hew was caught in, thanks to Lady Vesta's plotting, while on the other hand there were times I found myself not liking her so much *because* of the plotting. What can I say? I'm forever on the side of hero and Hew is one sexy man!

The bottom line: I always enjoy Victoria Vane's tales. Her characters are funny, sexy, and sometimes too full of themselves for their own good! But one thing we can be sure of, they're *always* entertaining!

My thanks to the author and Breathless Press for providing me with a copy of this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

? Irena ? says

2.5

I was wondering what could possibly happen to make Vesta tolerable. I mean, people have continued with the series after the first book. The answer is: over-the-top everything.

After the first couple of pages I remembered how annoying Vesta was in the first book, but this book showed me that she isn't the only one. While I could see that a spoiled girl could change or be made interesting as opposed to annoying, I still fail to see why on Earth would Ludovic De Vere want anything to do with self-righteous Diana. I don't doubt I'll get more on that in future books, but I *really* don't like Diana now.

So, Ludovic De Vere gets five stars because he doesn't give a damn or even if he does, he doesn't stoop to begging or acting differently all of a sudden. The last scene showed that at least.

The rest is just a filler as far as I am concerned. Although, what Vesta did was pretty bold and funny. She kind of redeemed herself. No need for her in future books though.

Carol *Young at Heart Oldie* says

Victoria Vane has done it again! Well-written, entertaining, witty, inventive and sexy, I loved every moment of this novella!

Let me introduce you to the protagonists....

Lady Vesta Chambers

~ 18 years old, wilful, spirited, clever, conniving, petulant, pampered

Captain Hewett (Hew) DeVere

~ 28 years old, handsome, dashing, brave, good, honourable, straight-laced

The minute Vesta sees Hew, she falls head over heels in love, but he seems to be smitten with her godmother, Lady Diana. So convinced she can persuade Hew that she is the perfect woman for him, Vesta decides to take drastic action. **KIDNAP HIM!!**

What transpires is a mad-cap romp involving...

A cup of tea with a generous amount of lemon juice and copious amounts of honey in it

A ship's crows nest

A conveniently positioned shaving mirror

The perfect punishment

culminating in...

A sizzling hot love scene with an unusual surprise

and Vesta getting her man...

"He twined a curl around his finger and kissed it. "Taken as a whole, my love, you are infinitely greater than the sum of your parts—and everything I didn't know I needed."

DeVere is his usual manipulative self and I'm really intrigued by the underlying tension between him and Diana. I can't wait to read their story.

Among the secondary characters, I really like Polly, Vesta's Abigail, with her no-nonsense bluntness which made me laugh on more than one occasion.

"Took a faint, my sweet arse!" Polly mumbled once Diana and the others had departed. "Now, young lady, you tell me what this ruckus is all about," she began her diatribe. "You may have fooled the rest wi' yer damsel in distress act, but don't think to bamboozle ol' Polly."

There was also Pratt, DeVere's groom, who gets entangled in all the various shenanigans.

I have one small gripe. I thought Vesta did seem a little too young for Hew but it's only a minor criticism and

it certainly didn't spoil the story for me. I also appreciate that in the 18th century, gentlemen did marry ladies much younger than themselves.

I'll finish with one of my favourite quotes.

"I have found only one effective way of dealing with a recalcitrant mount," he said, dipping his head so his deep blue eyes bored into hers. Vesta forced her breath out slowly even as her heart rate accelerated. She swallowed hard. "And that is?"

"By riding it to exhaustion."

"Then, Captain Hewett DeVere," she whispered. "Do your worst."

VERDICT: WICKEDLY FUN READ

RATING: ★★★★★

This ebook was provided by the author Victoria Vane in exchange for an honest review.

Victoria Vane says

This is the second title in the Devil DeVere series and a delightfully light-hearted romantic romp!

One of my Favorite Scenes between Hew and Vesta:

"But it is so large and swollen, is it painful?"

"No, just uncomfortable. Now, may we stop discussing my..." the appropriate word for feminine ears failed him.

"Phallus?" she offered. "That is what the grooms call it."

"Why are you eavesdropping on grooms?"

"I used to watch the stallions leaping the mares."

"You what!" Hew almost choked.

"Well, how else is a girl with no mother supposed to get any education? Although I doubt Mama would have told me very much. So there's really no reason to be timid, Hew. I already know all about the mating process. And to the best of my knowledge, the stallions never 'ignored it until it went away.' Please feel free to relieve yourself of it. I would even help you if you would like. I'm not the least afraid for I have seen much larger ones."

?Karlyn P? says

Vesta Chambers, Ned's pampered and spoiled 18 y/o daughter from book 1 in this series, is now in London for her come out in hopes of finding a husband. She is accompanied by her godmother Lady Diana, a beautiful widow who once thought she might marry Ned. Since Lord DeVere, Ned's best friend and enemy to Diana, decides to avoid/delay his responsibility as Godfather to Vesta, his younger brother, Captain Hewett DeVere, takes on the role of seeing these two ladies about town. And while Hew sets his eyes on Diana, Vesta wants him all for herself and will go to great lengths to have him.

My Thoughts:

I am enjoying this series quite a bit, and will continue through (can't wait to get to Lord De Vere and Diana's story!), but I had some trouble with this one. Namely, the heroine and her plot to secure Hew as her husband was a bit much for me. I am not a big fan of spoiled and naive heroines, especially when it includes irresponsible machinations to secure her love interest. The difference between Vesta and Hew were huge, and I simply didn't see them as a plausible romantic couple.

However, there was still a lot of fun and delicious aspects to this story. The writing is stellar, and despite the crazy fast plotting of the lead romance, I couldn't help but stay glued to the story. I really liked Hew as a character, but I wish he would have pursued a lady more mature minded like Diana. I also enjoyed the bit of time we get between Lord De Vere and Diana. Oh, their story promises to be good.

Keri says

There is short and then there is too short and this ebook was too short to accomplish what it needed to. Vesta was a spoiled, immature brat and the book wasn't long enough for me to buy into her maturity. Especially since she took one look at Hew de Vere and decided that she was in Love! As mature ladies we know it is bad form to kidnap your intended by drugging him and putting out to sea for three days to ensure that he has good and truly "ruined" you. Hew for his part was like heck no, you aren't getting me and then the next day it is well ok, since you are so darn hot I just can't resist, but only if you agree to marry me. Then my eyes goggle out as Vesta says no, I won't marry you unless you tell me you love me! Really???? After a day and 1/2 you expect he to be in love with you? So I had to suspend my belief A LOT in order to like this book. A couple of real good points about the book was the love scenes were scorching hawt and I loved that little twist that we found out about Hew. I also of course am in love with the Devil De Vere and can't wait to see Diana tie him in knots...he needs it bad. So looking forward to the next one in the series. I know that these little ebooks are spanning an overall story arc, but wish this could have been one long book instead of these shorts. That way more time could have been built in for Vesta and Hew relationship and I could have bought into their romance more. So if you haven't started the series, start the first one, because these books are tightly woven together for the entire story arc.

(Nat) Reading Romances says

Too fantastic to forget!

The Virgin Huntress is an eccentric and risky title, and just as adventurous as The Virgin Huntress.

This new sequel for The Devil De Vere series has a fun atmosphere of adventure. Hewett and Vesta are one of a kind, they make such a cute couple together! You get the feeling that they were truly meant to be, like they'd be lost and labeled as insane without one another!

Vesta got to my nerves far too many times, but in the end we get to see how she really is and start to cheer for a happy ending. In the beginning I didn't know where the characters were going and their true intentions, but the book got more enjoyable, funny and absurd every page I'd turn. Still, I didn't believe that the characters fell in so love that quickly and how Vesta just knew he'd be the one.

Overall, I was surprised by Victoria Vane's bold and fun writing, always coming up with exciting details for

her stories. I don't even know what to expect from DeVere's book!

Jill says

4.5 stars

Lady Vesta Chambers at eighteen is ready for her come-out in London. Her recently re-married father Ned, places her in the care of her godmother, Diana whilst he remains in Yorkshire with his new bride.

With the signing of the Treaty of Paris, Captain Hewett DeVere has returned to England to sell his commission and settle down. When Vesta lays eyes on the dashing Hew, she falls instantly in love. But Hew enamored of the older but still beautiful Diana, barely notices Vesta. Used to getting what she wants regardless of the consequences, Vesta sets out to capture Hew. And absolutely nothing will stand in her way of winning the handsome war hero.

This is the second book in the *Devil DeVere* series. The first book *A Wild Night's Bride* featured Vesta's father Ned Chambers and actress Phoebe Scott. As in the first book, Ms Vane manages to craft a novella with a surprising amount of historical detail, elevating it above the usual short romance story.

The hero, Hew and heroine, Vesta are absolute opposites. Where Hew is mature, disciplined, self-possessed and responsible, Vesta is immature, spoilt, bold and petulant. Having been coddled and allowed more freedom in the country than normal, Vesta has become self-centered and indulged. In line with her impulsive and indiscreet nature, at her first sight of Hew she's captivated. But Hew didn't survive the worst of the war only to succumb to the scheming of this little miss.

Victoria Vane's prose is lush suiting the Georgian period. The dialogue flows with passion and wit. Ms Vane writes humor with consummate ease. And this story is funny! The love scenes between Hew and Vesta are steamy, yet beautiful. And there's a lovely surprise in store when these two get together.

The dialogue between Hew and Vesta is wonderful. Polly, Vesta's maid has some great lines and is not duped for an instant by her lady's conniving ways. Ludovic, Viscount DeVere plays his hand (again!) in orchestrating a get together between Hew and Vesta. And I'm looking forward to DeVere's story who has a history with Diana.

Due to its brevity, some depth of plot, characterization and details has had to be sacrificed. And the length of time the protagonists know each other before falling in love is short. These quibbles are minor given the strengths of this brilliant little story.

The *Devil DeVere* series showcases the talents of a gifted writer of historical romance who knows the Georgian era well. *The Virgin Huntress* combines romance with tasteful, sensual love scenes, humor, and history in a sweetly-packaged novella.

Steam: 3
