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Katherine says

This is an enjoyable novel. The scenes were never sluggish, and they were embellished with clear details. Their world came alive by the writing: the conversations were real and interesting, the relationship between Alex and Hebe (however delicate) took turns that were unexpected, and I ended up rooting for their future. Hebe seemed a little detached towards the end, but just when I thought I should give up on a happy ending, it turned the tides for a very acceptable finalization. The way Hebe reacted to a tragic incident towards the end was not agreeable to my taste, but overall the book was well-written.

LemontreeLime says

Did i enjoy the novel, oh yes, well done. This is one of those regencies that straddles two worlds, historical fiction and harlequin romance. I was completely impressed at the first 3/4ths of the novel, and how excellently the plot, the characters, and the historical setting was handled. It felt real. The scene with the french soldiers felt downright menacing to me, and the aftermath was written with details that were not romantic at all, and gave the whole story a harsh light that made the story come to life. But alas, towards the end, the story started to lee towards the rocks of the standard regency romance tactics, which left me a little disappointed after all that great work. I wish that story had sailed a bit farther, I would have liked to have seen where it could have gone. Keep going, Mz Allen.

Stacie says

Alex proposed to another woman and then met Hebe Carlton. He falls in love with her and has to find a way to get out of his engagement to be with Hebe.

Janice Liedl says

Old school with some classic tropes: heroine Hebe is a bit bookish but beautiful underneath it all. The hero, Alex, is a spy AND a noble scion. Hijinks and misunderstandings ensue. Their initial setting and interaction helps to elevate the book above the sometimes overwrought elements of the storyline. I did NOT like the plot twists in the last half to keep them apart. It seemed to me as if the author ran out of steam on real plot and inserted some half-baked elements to extend the tension long enough for a book.

Jacqueline J says

I really enjoyed this story set during the Napoleonic Wars. There is a bit of angst which I like. This was more of a traditional regency as the people acted correctly for their times and did not hop in and out of bed with impunity. Well written with good feel for the times, very clear descriptions etc. The plot made sense and the

pacing etc., was good. The hero was very noble and I quite liked him and the heroine was a charming sensible girl.

thanks, willful for the recommend.

Madigan Mirza says

The thing that I absolutely adored about this book was that the male character was not your standard jerk-off Alpha Male, ready to dominate every situation, and the female protagonist was not a blushing virgin who was all, "Oooh, dominate me now!"

Alex was a perfect cross between Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley - bright, happy, perfect at smoothing over an awkward social situation, but at the same time, devastatingly wealthy and a bit intense in his role as a British spy.

I disliked the name Hebe, and I thought her family situation (orphan, raised by her stepmother and soon to be stepfather) sounded like a pretty convoluted excuse for her to be allowed to be unchaperoned so often. But she was smart and determined - a good match for Alex.

This was a fun read. If crazy misunderstandings drive you crazy (long after the couple has agreed to get married, they are both still sure that the other secretly hates them) then maybe you should pass. Also... (view spoiler)

A nice Regency that begins in tropical Malta and ends in London.

Rodelene says

Good Read!

Nicole says

I found Hebe to be a wonderfully original character. I liked how she thought for herself and didn't bow to the restrictions that society tried to place on her. Her reactions to the situations in which she found herself were refreshing and not at all what one might have expected to happen in this book. While the subject matter isn't lighthearted, there is a deftness to Ms. Allen's writing that made it easy for me to read this book straight through, without needing a break.

Steamywindows♥? says

I loved this book up to 80%. Then I hit the wall with the "death of a good story" plot device of the Big Misunderstanding. Up to then, it was charming, humorous and one of my favourite story lines, a plain Jane who is a lovely, kind girl who is viewed by the males in environment, as just a friend, that is until our dashing hero enters the picture. Her confidence is boosted, he is smitten. The last 20% has the heroine

suddenly going from a perceptive, clever mature woman to a girl blinded by her own naivety and assumptions. The last chapter was half way through before this frustrating impasse was over. I would recommend it, but I would have given it a much better rating if not for the weak ending, even though it was a happy ever after.

Frances says

I remember this book very clearly from the first time and I still like it but just not as well. I think it's because of the miscommunication at the end of the book. If the characters would just be honest with each other in these books which they never seem to do.

Dancer says

Would she be his bride?

Hebe Carlton had little idea of her own charm until Major Alex Beresford arrived on the island of Malta. She made no attempt to cast out lures and treated him with warm practicality, showing an insight and ability to read him that few others had managed. His attentions made Hebe blossom, and her stepmother began to entertain hopes of a wedding.

Then a letter arrived for Alex. The proposal of marriage he'd made to another before ever meeting Hebe had been accepted at last. He should be happy... But now Alex could only contemplate marrying one person—and it wasn't his betrothed!

The twists and turns that bring about Hebe's and Alex's joining are the perfect balance. This is another Louise Allen triumph.

Angie says

I really enjoyed this book. I was in the mood for a light romance and this story delivered. I would have given it a 5 star rating but I had to deduct a star for the too often used romance story device where the hero and heroine love each other, but believe it is unrequited, and never show their feelings under a misguided sense of honour or pride. But until the ending you are taken on an entertaining journey, especially when the couple are shipwrecked.
