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Her Fateful Debut: A Regency Romance



Synopsis

"Hot New Release" #14 bestseller in Regency Romance Classic Regency romance with a dash of suspense . . . Beautiful Miss Penelope Swinton wants to live out her life as a spinster in her beloved Northamptonshire, but with an ailing father and an entailed estate, she must come to London and enter the Marriage Mart. And if she must marry, she is determined to marry for love. In a brief respite from the social whirl of the season, she retreats from the restrictions of the ton to sketch in the park and stumbles over a French spy. When Penelope finds her life in danger, Viscount Beau Wellingham steps up to protect her, however he has secrets of his own. Wellingham leads a clandestine life as an agent for the Foreign Office trapping spies. In defending her life, he unwittingly puts her reputation at risk. In order to save Penelope from society's scorn, Beau presses for a betrothal. Though she resists, he insists. Soon Beau is unable to deny the attraction he feels towards her. Before he can act on his feelings, danger rises again. This time, his life is on the line. With a desperate spy closing in, Penelope must choose the safety of what she has always known or a chance for love. But will she be too late?

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Customer Reviews

Her Fateful Debut: A Regency Romance by G.G. Vandagriff
The setting is London in the spring of 1813, just at the beginning of the Season. Sweet, honest and gentle Miss Penelope Swinton, cousin of The Duke and Duchess of Ruisdell (from The Duke's Undoing) and niece of Lady Clarice Manton (from Six Rogues and Their Ladies series) is about to make her ton debut when she innocently stumbles upon a clandestine meeting between a deranged French spy and a operative of the British Foreign Office. She is protected from the Frenchman's initial aggression by Lord Beau Wellingham, but she is still in danger, not just from the French spy, but from losing her heart to the notorious rogue who is to be her shadow protector. However, Fate has other ideas. Beau and Penelope find themselves in the thorns and betrothed to each other. This is a very sweet and pleasant Regency period romance. Perfect for a rainy day on the sofa. If you have already read many of Ms. Vandagriff books, then you will enjoy getting reacquainted with a few of her colorful characters.

I found this to be a pleasant read. It's not too heavy with drama. It flowed nicely and isn't filled with grammatical errors. However, I'm only giving it four stars because I think there could have been so much more to the story. Still, I would recommend this book to a friend.

The suspense in this book gets started from the very first page! That made the story way more fun than it otherwise would have been. I liked Penelope (Penny or Pen, as she's sometimes called in the book) she's really young and really naive, because she's never been to London before. It's her first season and sometimes she makes little mistakes because she isn't quite sure what's expected of her. That makes her all the more lovable in my eyes though. I liked her pluck when she was talking to the French spy at the beginning. He is aghast that she's drawn a likeness of him, grabs her sketches and rips all of them up. She tells him in no uncertain terms that that's not how you act, even though he is a bit crazy and in her face about drawing them. That's when Beau steps in. He knows the spy and knows that no good can come from his fixation on Penny. Thus he offers himself as a personal guard to keep her safe during the events she'll be attending. And it's a good thing too, because at her very first ball, a servant approaches and tells her that her chaperone is awaiting her. Luckily Beau sees this as the trickery it is and is planning for the spy to attack. But...in his job protecting her, Beau unwittingly sets off a fire storm of public opinion against Penny. Knowing he must protect her still, he offers to marry her. One of my favorite parts of this story is that, though they both care for each other at least a little bit, neither of them knows that the other does care for them. That makes their forced marriage prospects a little harder, and causes their wedding plans to be in jeopardy. This is a cute, clean, regency romance. I liked the plot. I liked the characters. It's worth the

time to read if you want a little escape from the world!! I was sent an e-copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I really liked this one. A delightful Regency romance with a thread of danger to keep things exciting and some swoon worthy kisses! :) You'll definitely want to read this one for yourself! Miss Penelope Swinton may be a little naive when it comes to the ton, but she is also smart, a quick learner, and a delight to be around. When circumstances force her into the path of Viscount Beau Wellingham, he soon finds himself falling under her spell. But will those same circumstances and a death cause Miss Penelope to consider letting society think what it may and run back to the country or will she determine to stick to the course of a possibly loveless marriage? I liked both Beau and Penelope's characters. In contrast to his dandified appearance, Beau is a smart, kind, and honorable man. Once he realizes that by saving Penelope's life in the way that it happened meant he has compromised her reputation, he immediately proposes marriage to save her. I liked the way he treats her and how quickly he realizes that she is worth pursuing. The only thing I didn't like about this story was the way Beau takes care of the dangerous men he's pursuing. I was a little startled by the way he takes care of them with little recourse for other options. Not wanting to give anything away, I'll leave it for you to see what I mean when you read it for yourself.*Thanks to Min Reads and Reviews and the author for a complimentary copy of this book for review purposes. I was not required to write a positive review and all opinions stated are my own.*

(3.5 Stars) A lot of Regency romances follow a certain formula and this one is no exception. I love it when authors add a little extra zing to their stories to make them more original than that said formula. This one did have a spy element, but other than that, it fits right in with the genre. I wanted just a little more to make it stand apart. Penelope (aka Penny or Pen) is a young lady who is just coming out into society. She finds herself in a compromising situation that demands a betrothal. Beau is a dandy...or is he? I enjoyed the contrasting extremes of Penelope and Beau. There are elements of peril and chemistry, which are subtle at times, but I wanted a little more of an emotional connection with these characters. I felt they lacked some depth and it was harder to connect with them on that level. The plot flows in a gentle and natural way, which makes it an enjoyable story. This is a great read for those who love this genre and enjoy a clean tale. It doesn't take long to read and is a great break from reality. Content: brief reference to affair; mild romance; mild violence (not detailed). Clean!*I received a copy in exchange for an honest review*

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