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Banning Talbot, marqués de Daventry, era el soltero preferido de la alta sociedad londinense, y estaba acostumbrado a que se le obedeciera en todo... hasta que no le quedó más remedio que ser el tutor legal de Prudence MacFee, una diablilla descarada de pelo castaño dorado a quien, por ironías del destino, todo el mundo llamaba Angel.

La actitud tan poco convencional de aquella muchacha resultaba cautivadora, y aunque Banning tenía el deber de presentarle a los solteros más codiciados de Londres, su corazón tenía otros planes...

“Kasey Michaels va derecha a nuestros corazones y nunca falla.”

Nora Roberts

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Judy says

I loved this book. Kasey Michaels is one of my favorite authors and her writing is superb. When reading her books, I often laugh so hard, my husband thinks I'm a little nuts. This book was no exception.

Story Background: Banning Talbot, Marquess of Daventry gets "tricked" into promising Colonel Henry MacAfee - a man he has only known for three days - if anything happens to him during the coming battle of Waterloo Banning will become the guardian of MacAfee's little sister, Prudence - also known as Angel. Well, of course "something" does happen to MacAfee and Banning finds himself with a little ward.

Coincidentally, Banning has to take some time recovering from injuries he suffered during the battle of Waterloo, plus his sister is recovering from a lengthy illness, so he puts off getting in touch with Prudence/Angel for one year after returning from the war. Finally, he decides to go pick up the little girl at her country home where she lives with dear old grandpa so that he can bring her to London to live with his sister. Only... Angel isn't so little after all. In fact, she's a healthy scrumptious 18 year old girl. Although Banning has been sending money to support Prudence, her grandfather has never passed any benefit of the money to her. In fact, she lives in a terribly run down home with a leaky roof, very little food, rags for bedding and only boys' clothing. Her life has been very difficult and she's not happy with her guardian. But, she is a survivor and what a feisty, young woman she is! She can hold her own with the best of them including the chaperone Banning brought to assist him whom Prudence immediately begins calling the "Lizard."

Banning tries to make things right and immediately puts her in his carriage to take her to London so that she can be groomed by his sister for a proper Season which includes outfitting her in beautiful clothing, making sure she has dance lessons, a voucher for Almack's - everything she needs to help her find a husband. After all, that's what one did for women during that period - marry them off to the most suitable candidate - if they were lucky. Ah, but the little hoyden has a few burrs up her saddle and she can't go quietly into this life without stirring the pot a few times. She is a master manipulator and her ability to set everyone on their heads is super enjoyable and funny - mostly as it relates to her dealings with Banning.

Banning is 34 years old and soon realizes he has a strong attraction to Prudence. This causes him no end of guilty feelings due to the age difference and the fact he is her guardian, so he decides he will get her off his hands as quickly as possible. He stays away from her for days at a time, only to find himself right back in her life and slowly getting in further and further over his head. Of course, this is where the story really gets interesting. Although she is much younger than Banning, she is wise beyond her years in street smarts and in her ability to manage people.

There is a "mystery man" in the book but as most reviewers have mentioned, the reader pretty much figures out his identity and what his game is almost as soon as he is introduced. There are lots of minor characters which serve to add luster and give this book the necessary depth for a great story - Banning's jewel of a sister who allows Prudence to wrap her around her little finger, Banning's two best friends who are a comedy act all by themselves, his valet and his valet's friend, a rake in the process of being reformed who courts Prudence and last but not least, Banning's past love who turned down his marriage proposal a couple of years in the past and now decides she wants him. Some things we thought to be true don't turn out to be so true after all but that part is fluff compared to the romance, the laughter and the ups and downs in the relationship

between Banning and his Angel.

What a book! I'm thinking about reading it again tonight. Thank you Kasey Michaels - you are one gifted writer.

Drea (LilyElement Reviews) says

I'm marking this as a 2 star because Goodreads says "It was ok".

This book was exactly that--okay. The beginning had promise with the whole period-heroine-wearing-shocking-breeches trope. I loved Angel's brash behavior with Banning but once it hit the middle point it went flat. They were already in love halfway through the book but the author tortured us with a secret I'd guessed...you guessed it, halfway through the book. While the dialogue was sometimes amusing, too many pages were wasted on the hero's birdbrained friends. And the love scenes were largely skipped. With a title including "Passion" in it, I expected more.

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Janet Meeks says

The best Kasey Michaels book I have read to date.(I have read about 4 of her books.) I have given her books only 2*'s , the ones that I have read.

Alisha says

3.75

Ana Maria says

Empieza bien pero en su último tercio se vuelve sumamente repetitiva.

Teniendo en cuenta que cada vez que me hago más vieja odio más a las parejas con mucha diferencia de

edad, sobre todo si ella es muy jovencita, reconozco que la pareja está bien porque ella no es ninguna estúpida y está bien avisada.

Pero al final... demasiado pensamiento repetitivo "que me va a odiar cuando se entere de mis secretos" y así "ad nauseabundan".

Mary Partridge says

Once again Kasey Michael's magic touch has been applied to yet another wonderful book. I love her Historical books as they are filled with gentleman and ladies who often don't behave the way gentleman and ladies should. The stories are told with wit and charm and make for a very enjoyable read.

Elaine says

Started off really liking this book. Then it evolved into pure silliness. I enjoyed the book, although I skimmed through at least the last half.

Michele Lacroix says

I enjoyed this story of attraction two total opposites. Prudence nicknamed Angel and Banning a straight laced Marquis.

Rosi says

I just can't stand irate, emotional females.

Stefanie says

4.5 stars. Don't know why I passed this author until now, it was such a pleasant read, even laughed a couple of times. Will move her other books up higher on my TBR pile.

Loved not only H and h, but also Banning's friends, and Rexford, especially! Would have loved to see more of Freddie and Robert.

Amy says

Overlong & tedious - and the female protagonist is a lying shrew. This book is hard to like.

Mnms says

Full of banter and laughter. It borders the silly in the most inspiring way.
