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The despicable Baron Finley is the last man Lady Olivia Fairfax would want as her husband, but what choice does she have? He holds the secret to a family scandal, and she must bow to his blackmail or see herself and her brother publicly disgraced. Steeling her resolve—and shielding her heart—Olivia is prepared to do her duty to her family...until Nicholas Stuart, the Marquess of Huntsford, complicates her plans. Nick is brave, honorable, infuriatingly attractive and unshakably determined to protect Olivia—even from herself. He won't let Olivia sacrifice her happiness for any price. Instead, he'll teach her to follow her heart...and pray that it leads her straight to him.

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### **Amy says**

This book was a sweet and clean read. It is Christian fiction so there are some "coming to God" parts, but I appreciated that they weren't pushing it down your throat every other page and didn't drive the story at all. I was frustrated, like another reviewer said, that despite the fact that the "hero" was a spy by profession, he didn't figure out what was going on with his love at all and, in fact, didn't use his spy qualities at all. I don't even know why they made him a spy because it didn't come into play at all in the book, which could have been cool. Another story of miscommunication between lovers who FINALLY figure it out in the end. But I still enjoyed the escape to the time period, which I felt was fairly authentic.

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### **Patricia says**

Rating: Between 2.5 and 3 stars.

This was a nice story. It moved slowly at times and I was somewhat frustrated at Olivia's belief in the necessity of secrecy but over all it was a nice story. The Christian sentiments were not overdone.

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### **Suzie says**

Loved the beginning of this book and wish the butler would have sprinkled his humor throughout the story! I found the middle dragging and I questioned how her brother and the hero could not see there was some blackmail going on. I wish they would have come to that point sooner and spent more time foiling the blackmailer together. Otherwise it was a quick, clean read.

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### **Kristy says**

The beginning of this book cracked me up! I loved the butler. Sadly he wasn't a major part of the book. I was hoping his dry humor was going to be dropped in throughout the book. Oh well. It was a good story.

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### **Victoria Bylin says**

Every once in a while I take a trip to Regency England. This time I did it with "The Blackmailed Bride" by Mandy Goff. I loved it! The story has oodles of romantic tension, an admirable heroine and a hero who's strong enough to be "alpha" but still a true gentleman. Highly recommended!

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### **Sadia says**

This book was alright, I just didn't appreciate the fact that the whole story was loosely based on something that could've been very easily avoided .-.

I just don't see the wisdom in trying to protect or save your older brother from the shattering truth of his mother's suicide years ago. When the book initially started with Olivia depositing a Ming Vase at the top of an over zealous fop's head I laughed and was happy to know she had spunk. I figured nothing she'd do in this book would be dull or boring and then she proved me wrong and did just that.

Now I can understand the need to protect your loved ones from harm and she was blackmailed but it was by her own choice. Sometimes it's a lot more sensible to explain things to others.

The misunderstanding was overused in my opinion. It happened twice in the book, possibly to create some humor? distraction? anyways I didn't appreciate it both times, it only made me think how juvenile is Olivia to actually start assuming things before one is completely finished.

Nick's Aunt and the butler were the characters I really liked. I so wanted them to have more scenes specially their insolent butler.

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### **Karen says**

Returned spy, Marques, Earl, intelligent young woman blackmail elements that should make a good romance but not in this case. Besides being too preachy it was ridiculous that an intelligent woman would consider marriage with such a vile man especially when she had two powerful allies and the confidence of a dutchess. Well written but board to tears.

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### **Willi says**

Nick is friends with Marcus who is Olivia Fairfax's brother. He has come from a lecherous home and parents and has tried to overcome the bad gossip. Olivia has been keeping secrets and is now being blackmailed into marrying Lord Finley or he will tell her brother the truth about their mother's death. Intrigue AND romance. All exciting.

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### **Megan says**

Can we just have a book about Gibbons the butler? Because that is one funny dude. I think Geoffrey from The Fresh Prince of Bel Air is a direct descendant. I seriously loved the butler.

This book was very well done. It had a lot of funny bits in it that made me laugh out loud. It also had everything I want from a historical romance. BTW, sticking the word "historical" in there allows me to pretend I'm reading something closer to a history textbook than a trashy romance novel. I agree with some reviewers that the blackmail plot was frustrating because it could've been easily cleared up but so could the plot of most novels. The point is... GIBBONS! I really hope he's in the next book. ;)

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### **Lynette says**

Where to begin... This book was so frustrating that I was sorely tempted to throw it at the wall. Although I loved Marcus, Nick, and Olivia, she said it best when she said she was an idiot. I was telling her that through most of the book. For a girl who bashed someone over the head for kissing her against her wishes, she sure gave in easily when she was blackmailed. I expected more...at least for her to try and solve the problem, not just give in.

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### **Alisa says**

I just found that she wrote an epilogue for this book here:

<http://thiswriterspath.blogspot.com/p...>

If you like this book, be sure to read the second book "Engaging the Earl" which is about Olivia's brother, Marcus!

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### **Judy says**

This is an excellent book.

If you like regency books this is very good and from the Christian perspective.

Mandy has characters who are rakes or accused of being rakes, White's is mentioned, there are balls and musicales.

Lady Olivia is hiding the fact that she found her mother dead with a suicide note, she had rearranged the room so the story would look like an intruder broke in. She hid the truth from all, even her only brother Marcus.

Nick was Marcus's best friend. He was helping watch over Olivia after Marcus found the disreputable Finley wanted to marry her. Finley had been a neighbor and a close friend to Olivia. She had no loving feelings towards him but enjoyed his friendship. Now she seen a different side to her friend. When she refused his proposal he threatened her with blackmail. If it was known of Mother's suicide then it would hurt Marcus in society.

Through out the book are mostly situations caused by Olivia not willing to share the truth with her brother and Nick. And she is also estranged from God because of her hiding the truth and the bitterness of her parents dying.

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### **Josephine says**

This was Christian fiction disguised as regency romance. It was so lame! Besides the fact that it was so boring, it didn't feel like it was in context. I got %30 of the way through and finally gave up and returned it to Amazon when the main guy character feels like he's attracted to the main girl character but he knows he shouldn't be because he is an upright Christian and he could never marry an unbeliever. That was when I rolled my eyes and returned it.

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### **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

I actually started this a few months ago and for some reason I couldn't get into it. I picked it up yesterday and liked it. I did feel that the blackmail reason was a little weak and the blackmailer wasn't in the picture enough to feel any real threat from him. All Olivia has to do was tell her loving and understanding brother what was going on and everything would have been resolved. I liked that the main characters had good standards which made them easy to like.

It was a Christian Regency which was handled well and didn't feel overwhelmed or that I was being preached to. I'll be looking for more from this author.

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### **Erin says**

Quick and clean read. I was frustrated that the suitor - a spy - couldn't figure the situation out sooner. Glad the brother was doing his investigating, but when he started looking into it - why not pull in the spy? Could have taken a lot of pressure off the heroine. I did enjoy it, though.

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