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Cheryl says

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This was a very entertaining book. I liked the character of Elsinore, although she was prone to getting herself into trouble. Quin Graham, was also a likeable character and between the two of them, they provided moments of amusement. They were a pair well matched. He had his secrets and Elsinore was determined to find out what they were. I loved that she used a manual for training hounds to try to manage Quin. This was a good paced read with interesting characters, mystery and romance. I received a copy and have voluntarily reviewed it. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Kat says

This was certainly a delightful read! It was such a fun story that once I started it I didn't want to put it down. This book had one of the best first meetings of the hero and heroine ever. Quin discovers Elsinore with her hand trapped in a very real tabletop guillotine. Yes, you read that right. He tries to release her and a total farce ensues, requiring the two to wed. There I sat, reading and wearing a silly grin. The humor was throughout the entire book.

However, there was also some mystery and heartbreak (both past and current). Quin lost all his family, and there were very serious rumors as to Quin's connection with those tragedies. He received many notes with threats in them. He wanted to protect Elsinore from danger, so he tried to push her away. Except she pushed back.....using a dog training book and what appears to be the Kama Sutra to guide her. (Our Elsinore is certainly an unusual heroine, prone to causing trouble.) You'll root for these two to have a happy ending, as iffy as that seems to be. I certainly look forward to the next book in this series!

I received an ARC of this book courtesy of NetGalley. All thoughts and opinions are entirely my own.

Maggie Whitworth says

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What a brilliant book .

Can't say enough good things about this .

It's witty and amusing , the banter between the characters is so wonderfully written and it was a pleasure to read .

It also has drama and adventure, a murder mystery of sorts .

Taking you from London and the Ton Ballrooms, to Edinburgh and the edge of the Scottish Highlands .

This book has everything and will keep you entertained for a good few hours .

Highly Recommend!

I received an advance copy of this book and chose to submit a review

Janet says

4.25 Stars

When Elsinore Cosgrove escapes a ballroom in search of adventure, she has no idea it will lead to a hasty marriage. The youngest daughter of a duke, all she wants is to make her own choices. Now she's engaged to an infuriating, handsome Scottish baron who doesn't even know her name! Using all her feminine wiles, along with advice gleaned from a training guide for hunting hounds, Elsinore is determined to mould her baron into the husband she wants.

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I think I had a smile on my face from the start when Elsinore fiddles with a guillotine until more than halfway through when things took a more serious turn. The characters are very well portrayed, I loved Quin & Elsinore & the way they interacted. The pace of the book is very good & the author managed to combine a light hearted romance with a mystery very well. There were secrets & misunderstandings as well as an affinity with water. Elsinore's two books were so very different but the way they influenced her were amusing. I thoroughly enjoyed this book & will certainly read more from the author.

My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read

Mandi Schreiner says

I had a hard time with this one. I see it's mentioned in the blurb - but I didn't like the fact that the heroine uses a guide for training dogs to train her new husband she is forced to marry (compromising situation)

That didn't work for me. Add on her scheming to embarrass him...I wasn't a fan.

Kelly says

An entertaining read I just felt could have used a little more polish

I hadn't previously read this author (it looks like this is probably a debut novel) but the blurb grabbed me so I decided to give it a chance and the story started off well. I found Elsinore and the situations she got herself into amusing, and I could certainly empathize with her wish to control her own life. I also empathized with Quin and was quickly pulled into the intrigue surrounding him.

I enjoyed the set-up which was a nice mix of both suspense and humor, and as a dog owner, I was particularly amused by the idea of applying the tenets of dog training to training one's husband. The writing itself was technically well-done and had a smooth flow; in fact I was a little surprised to find that this was a debut work.

The main problem I had with the book was that it seemed inconsistent or uneven at times. While the Elsinore for two thirds of the book was intelligent, charming, funny and determined, in the middle section what had

started as amusing was coming across to me as childish and irritating. Even Quin's behavior felt a bit childish to me at times in that section and the book dragged for me there as a result. The tone also felt uneven to me; while most of the scenes with Elsinore were humorous or silly, including those with Quin, scenes with Quin but not Elsinore were darker and more somber. Adding a little more seriousness to Elsinore and a little more humor to Quin would have smoothed the tone out and improved Elsinore's character for me. This seemed to happen naturally in the sections of the book I liked, particularly the ending. And the sections I liked, I REALLY liked.

A nice set up, interesting plot and intriguing characters all made for an entertaining read for me that I just felt could have used a little more polish. I'll be interested to see what this author does in the future. 3.5 stars

B2B Kelly

Lori D says

An adventure almost from the first page when we find the heroine, Hippolyta, oops, I meant Elsinore Cosgrove caught in an unusual situation at a ball. Our hero, Quin Graham saves her, well yes, in more ways than one as fate would have it. The youngest daughter of a duke, Elsinore ends up marrying gorgeous Scot Graham and hopes to make him fall in love with her. Oh and from advice from a training guide for hunting hounds she hopes to mold him into the perfect husband! This story is full of humorous moments and if mischief can happen, Elsinore is right in the middle. But there is a serious side as we find Graham trying to recover from many losses and never had he intended to remarry. As they travel to his home in Scotland, things begin to unravel and there is a mystery to be uncovered and enemies to be found. This was a delightful story that I could not put down until the end. I look forward to more by this author and hope the wait is not long!

***Avonna says**

Check out all of my reviews at: <https://www.avonnalovesgenres.com>

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR BARON (What Happens in the Ballroom #1) by Diana Lloyd is a historical romance with a mystery of suspicious deaths in the hero's family and a naïve heroine who seeks adventure, but ends up in hilarious situations. This entertaining story kept me reading to solve the mystery and laughing out loud at the heroine's antics.

Elsinore Cosgrove, the youngest of six daughters of a duke, wishes only to seek out adventure and make her own decisions. When she believes she sees Lord Byron at a ball, she follows to get her copy of his poems signed. What happens is a comedy of errors that have her hastily engaged to a Scottish baron who does not even know her name. Elsinore is not happy to once again not have a say in her future, but she believes she can train her baron into the husband she wants.

Quin Graham has secrets, but rather than bring more scandal to his name, he agrees to an arranged marriage. Quin believes that once his bride gives him his heir, he will send her away for her own safety, but he begins to care too much for his curious and clever wife. As the threat escalates, Elsinore fights to not only stay with her new husband, but to uncover all of Quin's secrets, while Quin tries to protect his new wife at all costs,

including his heart.

I enjoyed this book so much. Elsinore is quirky, witty and so much fun. The predicaments she gets herself into are hilarious and the two books she has as guides for her marriage had me laughing out loud. Elsinore is also steadfast, smart and willing to fight, even Quin, to make her marriage a love match. Quin has had a tragic year before he meets Elsinore and fights to protect his heart, but Elsinore sneaks in and proves she is perfect for him and is willing to fight by his side for their future. The sex scenes are well written, hot and appropriate to the story.

Ms. Llyod has written a historical romance with an intriguing plot, wonderful characters, humor, heat and a much deserved HEA. I am looking forward to more books in this series.

Written for and posted first on The Romance Reviews.

April says

How to Train Your Baron by Diana Lloyd is a book 1 in a new and exciting series, "What Happens in the Ballroom". "A Regency romp mash-up of Cinderella and Humpty-Dumpty."

A fun, entertaining and intriguing story with a calamity of mishaps, adventure, humor, witty banter, suspense and intrigue, makes for some hilarious moments.

This is the story of Lord Quin Graham, a Scottish baron and Elsinore Cosgrove, the daughter of a duke, and their hasty marriage, after being found in a compromising position. Set in the ballrooms of the England to the Scottish highlands, readers will find themselves turning pages and laughing out loud, but there are also moments of danger, plenty of mystery, suspense and intrigue. Well written, well crafted with engaging and entertaining characters. The storyline flows seamlessly and effortlessly. I absolutely loved HOW TO TRAIN YOUR BARON and look forward to more from Diana Lloyd What an impressive debut book/author!!

"I voluntarily received a complimentary copy, however, these are my honest opinions. I was in no way required nor compensated to write a review."

Rating: 4.5

Heat rating: Sweet

Reviewer: AprilR

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

How to Train Your Baron by Diana Lloyd is the First book in the What Happens in the Ballroom Series. This is the story of Elsinore Cosgrove and Quin Graham.

Elsinore is the youngest in her family and is treated as such...but Elsinore has a curious nature which leads her into trouble. Quin happens to save her but also ends up having to marry her...a woman who he didn't even know her name. But Quin is in town on a serious matter that doesn't give him time for a wife much less one he can care about.

This was actually a funny story but also one with some adventures in it.

Loved their story.

Eve Pendle says

This is a funny romp of a story for when you want something light hearted. It's a story that doesn't take itself seriously, but has drama and heat amongst the hilarious antics.

One to pick up when you want to forget about everything else and just enjoy the ride.

Omg.kacie.reads says

This book was great! I liked the authors writing style. I liked the drama she was able to put into a book and make you really feel for Elsinore and Quinn. Both in tough spots in their life. This book had me turning pages quicker than I could read. It was intense and funny and just really sweet. I will definitely be reading more from this author!

Brenda says

Publisher's Description:

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My Thoughts:

This delightfully humorous book had me laughing out loud. It was my first time reading anything by this author and I soon discovered that this book is her debut novel.

Elsinore Cosgrove can't seem to stay out of scrapes. She just seems to stumble into trouble that could be her ruin constantly. She doesn't mean to cause trouble but her clumsy and curious nature seems to always land her in trouble none the less.

Quin Graham never intended to marry again and because of his kindness to a rather clumsy Elsinore he has landed himself with an unwanted bride.

I loved this book from the first chapter and could not believe I had actually read the first half of this book I was so completely drawn in. This is a laugh out loud story and made me anxious for more from this new on the scene author.

I gave this book 4.85 of 5.0 stars for storyline and character development and a sensual rating of 3.75 of 5.0 flames. Our heroine's introduction to the intimacy of marriage is undeniably humorous and the book carries on as her naivete abounds. I would have given it 5 stars if there hadn't been a slight stumbling block that took my rating down just a bit.

I received a complimentary digital ARC of this book from the publisher via NetGalley to read. This in no way affected my opinion of this title which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

Lisa Jackson says

Such a unique, wonderful story! Lady Elsinore is the youngest of six children of an English Duke. While at a party one evening she finds herself in a bit of a pickle and enlists the aid of Quin, a Scottish Laird, to extricate herself from it. But, no good deed goes unpunished and the two are caught in a laughable, yet compromising position.

In order to escape social ruin for both of them, the two are set to marry. This begins a trail of intrigue and danger for both of them that follows them from London into the Scottish highlands. All the while the heroine, attempts to "train" her husband into becoming the spouse of her dreams, by using a dog training manual and a copy of the Kama Sutra! She is a delight. The book is filled with colorful characters, an interesting plot, and plenty of heat.

I highly recommend this book to readers of historical romance who want to be pulled into a few hours of start to finish fun.

Ayekah says

Shut The Front Door!! This is an insanely great read and although I'm new to the historical romance genre, this is a must read. I admit the blurb lured me in, but right from the very first page the story kept me turning those pages.

This book has it all love, suspense, an alpha hero and a tad nutty but absolutely perfect heroine. I loved Elsinore! She made the story perfect. Quin was the perfect alpha male reeling from the loss of his son and betrayed by his late wife he leaves Scotland to travel to England to find help with uncovering the mystery back home. Something that has left him with a hardened heart at times, suspicious of what he thinks he sees or hears but taken with the lovely Elsinore. It's by a curious Elsinore wanting to escape her future bound in a loveless marriage and the youngest daughter in the family who has never been allowed to use her voice and is discounted at every turn. Happenstance puts these two together and the outright laugh out loud moments, which are many through this book has him proposing marriage. To her dismay once again Elsinore has no day in things and finds herself married to this Scot within days and headed back to his home in Scotland. There the story takes a wonderful turn into the suspense that unpins the story. Page turner. The twists and turns were perfect and... you have to read the book. It's an absolute must read.

If the author has any doubt about this story, rest assured it's stellar and I'd give it more than five stars!

advanced reader copy from NetGalley and Entangled for an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.
