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Though he is a tilted nobleman, Royal Dewar is singularly unlucky...forced to choose between his soul mate and his salvation.

After years abroad, Royal has returned to Bransford Castle to find his father dying and the family treasury nearly empty. Then the old duke wrests a final promise from his guilt-ridden son: that Royal will marry heiress Jocelyn Caulfield and restore the estate to its former glory. However, it is not his fiancée who quickens Royal's pulse, but rather her beautiful cousin Lily Moran.

Penniless Lily knows that nothing can come of their undeniable attraction—but there is a way she can help Royal. Enlisting some questionable characters from her past, Lily concocts an elaborate ruse to recover some of the Bransford fortune from a notorious confidence artist. As the dangerous scheme unfolds, Lily and Royal are thrown together in pursuit of the very thing—money—that keeps them apart....

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♥ Miss Jennifer ♥ says

Great book! I love Kat Martin! Royal was the older brother of three and when his father lay dying on his deathbed he promised his father to marry a woman his father chose, Jocelyn, in order to restore their home. Lily is Jocelyn's cousin and acts more like a servant rather than family. Lily arrives at the Duke's place first to make sure everything will please Jocelyn and her mother. But on her way up there their coach is attacked and Lily and her coachman are thrown from the coach. Well Royal is out on his lands and finds the coach on its side and realizes the woman is missing out of it. That's when he sees Lily's body lying in the snow and he thinks it's Jocelyn. He IMMEDIATELY is attracted to Lily and vice versa. Well he realizes Lily is not his fiance but the attraction doesn't fade. Throughout the story these two beautiful characters try to fight their attraction while also trying to uncover who duped his grandfather out of his money causing it to go to ruin. We meet other characters including Jocelyn's love interest Christopher. And also some of Royal's very handsome friends including Sheridan and Jonathan. I finished this book in a day and a half. I could NOT put it down!

Marla Jo says

I hope we see more of the Oarsmen too!

Nikoleta says

Πολύ καλό, βασικά ενα από τα καλύτερα στο είδος του. σου κρατάει το ενδιαφέρον, τα εχει ολα, ιστορικες αναφορες, περιπτεια, σασπενς, ερωτα και παθος. Το συνιστω.

Tracy T. says

This story started out decent then seemed to go all awry. (audible review)

I liked Royal and Lily as a couple. They had good chemistry and it felt genuine, not forced so that is good.

To many things going on that should have not been there, made the story irritating. Why did there have to be so many more characters and elements added after about 30%. It started to get confusing and did not flow very well.

As for the narration it was okay at best. The narrator needs to work on her men's voices.

Jenna says

Royal the eldest son of the sixth Duke of Branford was sent home from Barbados, because of his ailing father. Coming home after seven years was a suprised to Royal due to Branford's decaying empty castle.

Upon the Dukes deathbed his dying wish is for Royal to marry Jocelyn an heiress of incredible fortune who'll rebuild their fortune, and the condition of once been the grandest house of England in exchange to his title, since Jocelyn wanted to become a Duchess.

Royal's willingness to marry Jocelyn just to appease his father the Duke wish, and for the restoration of his childhood castle was his intend. But when he met Lily Moran Jocelyn's poor ralation a green-eyed beauty and pouty lips Royal was done and overwith~~~

gina~* says

I loved the heroine in this book.. She dreams of owning her own hat shop and is a companion. I love when my heroines are on the poor side instead of perfect, titled and beautiful. So the book was good in that way and the premise is really quite good. I love a good Film-Flam except for some reason this one just seemed boring. It never hooked me as they usually do. I will probably try to read the others in this series but I'm not going out of my way for them. 3.5 stars but just couldn't bring myself to give it a 4.

Libra_rian says

This is a better than average Regency romance, but I'm still looking for a writer who equals Georgette Heyer in that genre.

Brandee (un)Conventional Bookworms says

This was my first read from Kat Martin and I'm congratulating myself on the choice and on having the foresight to request the next two books in the trilogy. *Royal's Bride* deftly dealt with societal customs and norms of the day while also delivering a riveting story inhabited by a colorful and well-developed cast of characters. The narration, courtesy of Anna Parker-Naples, was very well done considering the size of the cast of characters. I'm eager to start #2, *Reese's Bride* .

Highlights:

*Character Development

KMartin does an incredible job at fleshing out not only the MC's - Royal and Lily - but also an all-star cast who is also deeply involved in the plot. They are all good, loyal, and kind people and I'm hoping they'll be a part of the future installments.

*Plot

The plot made the story both exciting and suspenseful. Royal and Lily set about trying to solve the mystery of the loss of the Dewar fortune. Would they figure it out? Could they refrain from falling more deeply for one another while they try? Should Royal follow his heart or his head? I had some thoughts on what had

happened to Royal's family's money but I was entirely wrong on all counts. I certainly enjoyed following Royal and Lily as they solved the mystery and set about recovering the money.

*Romance

The romance between Royal and Lily (and the romance between some side characters) was sweet and genuine. I could feel the affection between Royal and Lily - knew fighting it was hopeless. But then Lily was not set with the money Royal needed. I think watching Royal fight himself was the most entertaining.

*Narration

Anna Parker-Naples did well in keeping the pacing just right and conveying the emotions of the story. Her male voices gave her a bit of a problem but the book does have a rather large male cast. Overall, I enjoyed her delivery.

I received a complimentary copy from Tantor. This did not affect my rating and my review is provided voluntarily.

Ashley Oxford says

This was my first time reading a Kat Martin novel and I enjoyed it. There were some holes in the story that bothered me however an overall satisfactory read. I did wish Royal would grow a pair a few times. It is difficult for me reading historic romance novels sometimes when the heroes get so wrapped up in honor and duty. Obviously these are qualities romance novel enthusiasts expect to see in the Duke or Viscount or whoever but about two thirds of the way through I wanted to shout at Royal "YOU LOVE LILY! FRIGGIN MARRY LILY ALREADY!" But he eventually saw the light and simply took longer than I would have liked.

Anne OK says

Just finished the first book of Martin's "Bride" trilogy. Am captivated. Love the characters, both primary and secondary. Great storyline and wonderful dialogue. Have Book 2 and will be starting it immediately. Can't wait for the 3rd due out April 27th. All around great historical read.

Zel Polev says

The writing is terrible.

The book lost me early on when the friend commented on how he is having second thoughts on marriage after setting eyes on Lily. They only met for a short amount of time and the friend's comment might as well be the author shouting, here is the conflict the hero must overcome. I was just agog at how terrible that was. It felt like the author thought her reader was brain dead and had to hold their hand through the story. This book is two star at best. It has a potential to be one star but the general story isn't outright terrible. It just wasn't written well. I also thought Jocelyn and Christopher were more interesting. I liked that Jocelyn had her eye on somebody else. Christopher seemed like a smart man. They just seemed more interesting than the

main couple, who came across as Mary Sue-ish.

The story revolves around Royal and Lily. Royal falls for Lily at first sight. He has second thoughts about the marriage because of his attraction to Lily. However, his impoverished estate and his father's dying wish prevent him from following his heart. Even though, Lily and Royal acted on their attraction, he couldn't jilt Jocelyn because he needed her money and wanted to fulfill his father's wish.

Lily and Royal were tied together for some time because they were catching a con man. The con man stole Royal's father's money. They knew that man responsible but had no evidence against him. Lily suggested catching him with his own game. Lily had a colourful past as a thief and had connections to their scheme. As a result, Lily and Royal spent a lot of time together.

Meanwhile, Jocelyn can't forget about her kiss with Christopher. She started an affair with him. They knew she was going to be engaged soon. She broke off the engagement with Royal and asked Christopher to marry her. She asked before but he rejected her. He had hang ups over their difference in wealth and class. She persisted and they got together.

Royal and Lily succeeded in their scheme. However, the con man found out and took revenge. He abducted both of them. They got rescued and the con man's henchman got killed. During their captivity, Royal figured out that love supersedes all else. He decided to break the engagement with Jocelyn, not knowing that it was already broken. He and Lily got together. He got his money back and his brewery business was growing.

Redmeka says

M.

Positives: This is a good series. Easy, happy reads. Lily is a strong & believable heroine. Her struggles with loving someone forbidden could've been any of us.

Negatives: Royal was a weak character. I get it, he was torn between duty and love. Rooted in his lust for Lily. But damn dude, grow a pair already!

Debbie says

Set in 1855 - Arriving home to discover their father, the current Duke of Bransford, on his death bed, each of the brothers (Royal, Reese and Rule) all pledged to a dying wish. A year after their fathers death, Royal knew he could wait no longer to start fulfilling that wish. He could not return Bransford Castle to it's previous glory without money and he could not get money until he married Jocelyn Caulfield, the women that his father had arranged for him. All she wanted was the title of duchess and the social prestige that went along with it, since her father had arranged the marriage for her to get that and was willing to pay the new Duke for it, everyone should have been happy. Arriving ahead of the Caulfield women at Bransford Castle, cousin Lily Moran had planned on preparing for their particular needs only to be involved in an accident that left Royal believing her to be Jocelyn. Corrections were made and the betrothal and wedding preparations were under way but still Royal felt an attraction for Lily but knew nothing could ever come of those feeling for a distant relative of his soon to be betrothed. Except that didn't stop either of them from feeling it every time they were near each other. With her help, Royal might not ever get his fortune back but he could get justice for his father, that would have to be enough - wouldn't it?

Book 1 - So much information, action and romance for one book. It is fast paced but easy to follow. There are lots of characters to get to know (probably in set up for the rest of the series), but they are introduced in such a way that it does not become confusing. Really enjoyed the multiple romance lines, and the bits of Lily's family. Also got a sneak peak at Rule's personality and in the end a great lead in to the next book (Reese's Bride). Of all the series I have read, this has to be one of the best Book 1's that I have ever read. This is also the first Kat Martin that I have ever read. If this is a good indication of her writing, I can see her becoming one of my favorites. I am so glad I took the time with this one and am eager to start Reese's Bride to see how it works out for him.

Rosa says

Lots of pros and cons about this one. I liked the plot of trying to recover the fortune. However, the characters left something to be desired. Royal was supposed to be honorable and he was to his father, but he kept going back to Libby time and time again with no intention of being honorable. Libby was a doormat.

As for Jo, how does she manage to rent a love nest in this era? Where was her chaperone?

Overall, some mixed emotions, but I'm going to give the next book a try.

Daneesha says

i really enjoy kat martin's books. this book was really good. it was totally predictable. some parts annoyed me. you know like when the nobility marry for money but fall in love with someone poor...then they acknowledge on every page that they can't marry the poor person because of a stupid vow to a dead person or some other person and they have to "restore" everything to rights.
the main character, Royal utters this to his heroine Lily for like the entire book. and yet they keep having great sex, despite him being promised to another...of course, you don't have to be a genius to figure out what happens at the end.
