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## Too Wicked to Wed Details

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## **From Reader Review Too Wicked to Wed for online ebook**

### **Kelly says**

Picked this up at the library sale for .50 what a great little surprise. I thought all the characters were interesting and some really hot love going on. The bad guy was pretty bad! The brother was just an idiot and I wanted to box his ears!

My one and only thing is I think Ms. Holt could do better with the wording it just seemed to modern to me and not how one would speak in that era. So at times it pulled me out of the story and had me reminding myself that this was indeed HR.

Pretty steamy and touches on m/m but nothing graphic.

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### **RamenGrll says**

not a whole lot of plot or character development. think I'm done with this author.

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### **Kelli says**

I found this book.....OK - Although I liked the characters - I felt the story was rushed - or aspects not explored enough.

I didn't like the fact that this prim and proper Virginal Heroine within seconds of meeting the Hero ( whilst he's engaged in an orgy no less ) is suddenly thinking that the years shes spent sheltered from the outside world and as a spinster mean nothing to her and suddenly she wants him - there's not even the oh will I wont I aspect - oh what shall i do about my virtue - Its mentioned briefly then the next thing you know she's snogging the face off of him, she throws a couple of - oh no I cant's in- but it was all too quick for me. After what seems like two sentences with the Hero - she actually states - hes my friend... again tooooo soooooon!Especially given the reason why she is there and what he's actually saying to her.

The baddies in this book are very bad, as I say the characters themselves are well written- but sadly the story is rushed so we don't get to see the characters properly I don't think.

There were a few points when I thought oh wow - here we go ... only for the action or drama to be rushed through, leaving me a wee bit miffed.

I would say give the book a read - the characters are good ones and the basis for the plot is very good - just poorly exercised at times.

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### **Colleen (NerdyWoman) Kayter says**

My ratings for this trilogy of 'related' stories by Cheryl Holt seem to be all over the map. As for the relationship between *Too Hot to Handle* and the other two (*Too Tempting to Touch* and **Too Wicked to Wed**), I'm at a loss. There are no secondary characters in common, no connection other than the time period of the 3 books (1813, 1812, and 1814, respectively).

I did enjoy this book. The villains were much more villainous than *Too Tempting to Touch*, but the pacing seemed to lag in places. The hero, William Lucas "Luke" Westmoreland seemed to have led two lives. In **Too Tempting**, he was the faithful friend and first mate to James Drake. There was no mention of Drake in **Too Wicked** and Westmoreland's back story indicated that he'd been the boss for years. Of course, he may have just been part of the charade in **Too Tempting** but in that story it seemed he had nothing better to do than help Drake run a con.

The premise was interesting. Although it's difficult to imagine how siblings could grow up in the same household and have one become a responsible, moral adult and the other so completely without a moral fiber in his being. He gambles away the family home; he gambles his sister's virtue to try to regain the property; he plots the incestuous rape of that sister when he determines that she betrayed him... Nice guy, huh?

Worth reading? Yeah, it is.

If you love regencies, take whatever I say with a grain of salt. I'm much more inclined to pick up an American West historical and even more likely to grab a contemporary (suspense, paranormal, erotic, or Texas rancher...).

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### Layne says

Promising lgbtq characters turned into cheap and negative tropes. BDSM kinks are for psychopaths. Boo. A Regency hero who says, "Damn straight." Is that a thing or was it ever? Seems unlikely. This book was...not my cup of tea.

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### Shae says

Fake gay? Incest? Boring story? Must be a Cheryl Holt book. I was kind of excited for the boy!love that seemed to be developing in the beginning of the story, but one guy turned out to be just crazy all around with no preference and the other couple that I thought would have boy!love turned out to be a woman posing as a man. Booooring. Although, I do admit this one is a lot better than her other books. I think Cheryl Holt needs to do some more research, too. Her characters don't talk at all like the time they live in, and so some parts of the story seem weird and disjointed. And while there were less line repeats than the previous books, it only took 35 pages before the first repeat showed up.

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### Mitzi says

Great

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### **Christine Strowbridge says**

4 stars and that's mostly for the fantastically evil psychopath Adrian. Wow - he was fun. The main romance and secondary romance were cute...but goooooo adriaaaaan!!!!!! too bad he died at the end. sigh.

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### **Di says**

It is important to state how terrible this book was-- in writing and in plot. The gist is that the male character is a pirate. Yes, a pirate. And not one of the charmingly ludicrous variety as Johnny Depp or the sexy-smart version in Cary Elwes, but a caricaturized loon.

This pirate apparently holds orgies in his living but falls hard for the virginal heroine-- all while they scream at each other and then suddenly jump into bed. The likelihood of a 25-year-old spinster in Regency times suddenly tossing that long-held virginity out the window for a crazy pirate is rather silly. Plus, seriously, someone who was chaste that long has got to be a little fugly, but nooooo... in this book, she's pretty. And smart. And loyal. And brave.

Not to mention that the tension in the book comes from a psycho-stalker man who rants and raves about committing violence and debauchery on the body of our fair heroine-- you can see how ridiculous this plot is?

And the writing! The hero (a pirate, remember) says, "Damn straight" in response to something the heroine says. WTF!?!

I am a romance novel aficionado, but I don't pretend they're anything but candy to the mind. Light, sweet, sour, and sexy (which, I guess, is where the analogy ends), romances are meant to be feel-good enterprises. I don't hold romances to the high standards of literature or fiction... but I do expect a modicum of narrative ability and credibility.

I will NEVER read anything by this author again. What a waste of a book swap credit. (Swaptree.com, bookmooch.com, paperbackswap.com if you're interested)

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### **Helen Leach says**

Great book.

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### **The\_Book\_Queen says**

4.5 Stars

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**Ryan Snyder says**

haha. i read this like 2 years ago. it made me laugh. it was very sexy, too. but i like that it made me laugh.

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**Sandra says**

I just cant help it Cheryl Holt is one of my guilty pleasures! Her books have the most outlandish scenes! But one thing is for sure if your looking for a good read that will have you shocked and laughing at the same time Cheryl Holt is the author for you.

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**Michelle Connolly says**

Well... apparently Cheryl Holt just isn't for me. I couldn't even finish this book. I was sick of the characters and the plot before I even got to the middle.

I guess if you're just into hot steamy scenes this is the author for you, but if you're looking for a little more depth then stay away from Cheryl Holt!

There's a book I've been meaning to read from Cheryl Holt (Nicholas) for quite some time. I think I'll give that one a try before completely giving up on her, but it doesn't look promising.

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**Kindaangelic says**

Sooo much better then the last one I read by Ms Holt. Interesting and didnt get the sensation I was re-reading one of her prior books this time..lol Liked Pat's character and was even interested in the villian..

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