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Beatrice Debord has assumed a male pseudonym in her correspondence with famous botanist, Henry Burbank. When, impressed and intrigued by her knowledge and reticence, he seeks out his correspondent, Beatrice is forced to invent a series of lies for the fictional Mr. Allenham's whereabouts. A clean regency romance in the vein of Georgette Heyer.

This is a 15,000-word short story.

The Female Correspondent Details

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From Reader Review The Female Correspondent for online ebook

Tori says

This is a novella and I honestly dozed off twice while reading it. I liked the idea of it, but for a novella I felt like it dragged on and on.

Sarah says

It's a sweet novella with characters that quickly make an impression. I wish it was longer.

Karen says

I liked this short Regency tale. The characters had depth and quickly became dear to me. And I liked the writing style. I look forward to reading more by this author.

Content: Clean - 1 swear word

Steelwhisper says

Sweet. Wise. Intriguing. And based on a real couple.

Phylis Collins says

Well thought out and written. Delightful story. Thanks

Mela says

It was okay. A really short clean love story. I can't very much complain.

But, short stories are tricky things. In my opinion it shouldn't have been only a short version of a long story (a novel). The great examples like it should have been are stories in: The Human Ambit: Love, ambition, revenge and other good human stuff told in short tales. by Anne P. Collini or Christmas at Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons.

As to the subject of the story, it reminds me about Lady of the Butterflies. The book which took my breath

away. One of my favorite, based on a true story. It is a great novel about love and a passion to science in times when a woman shouldn't have such kind of passion.

But still, it was free on Kindle and I don't regret that I gave it a try after reading QNPoohBear's review.

Monique says

I wish I could give it 3.5 stars instead of a 3.

For what it was - a clean, sweet, short story about a woman having to hide her passion for botany, and falling for a famous botanist - it was pretty good.

There were a few editing issues, but not enough to detract from the story. I will be reading the author's 'A Fair Hand' soon.

Maddux says

This was so short that there wasn't much development of anything. I liked it, but I wasn't given much time to get a grip on the characters.

Kim says

A well written clean secular Regency era romance novella with a heroine inspired by a real life 19th century female botanist, who also hid her true sex in scientific correspondence and also had a newly discovered plant species named after her by a male botanist. Enjoyed the friendship to love romance in an novella that felt like a complete story. Nice break from reading longer works. Will definitely add more from this author.

Sensuality content: Kissing of hand. Squeaky clean.

Source: My personal purchased library.

Sommertime says

Simple, short, sweet novella.

Jamie says

The Female Correspondent is a squeaky clean romance novel about a young woman, Beatrice Debord, who is more interested in botany than she is marriage. Nobody takes her work seriously due to her gender, which leads her to pose as a man in her exchanges with Henry Burbank. Eager for intelligent conversation, Henry seeks out his correspondent and Beatrice finds herself caught in a lie. While the book doesn't specifically name a historical figure as inspiration, this story brings to mind Jeanne Baret, a female botanist that

disguised herself as a man so that she could sail to South America and conduct research with her employer and rumored lover, Philibert Commerson.

The story flows nicely, has an interesting cast of characters, and the love story I found believable. I was pleasantly surprised and I will definitely be reading more of Deverell's books.

Melinda Brasher says

I love period romances, a la Jane Austen, so I enjoyed this. I did think that everything came together a little too quickly and easily, but it's a short story after all.

The wandering semi-omniscient point of view might bother some readers, but it fit fine with the rest of the style. I liked the interesting archaic words thrown in for period flavor, and the botanical elements were cool.

If you're interested in a gentle period romance, this is for you.

QNPoohBear says

Kindle freebie

Beatrice Debord has spent her life caring for her father's household and now her brother's. Her only outlet is studying botany and writing scientific articles - under an assume male name, of course, for women in the nineteenth century are not expected to know anything scientific. When Bea's faithful correspondent, Mr. Henry Burbank comes to the village in search of "Mr. Allenham," Bea's pseudonym, Bea is forced to lie about her identity. What a pity, for Mr. Burbank proves to be intelligent and witty and just the sort of man Bea could give her heart to, if only men were interested in intelligent wives.

This is such an adorable, sweet story. I love Beatrice. I'm not scientific but I am a bluestocking so I support her 100%. She's intelligent, has a sense of humor and no interest in having babies (at least not at first). Henry is very lovely. He's a scholar but not shy. He's shrewd, intelligent, kind and witty. I love the way Beatrice and Henry share a sense of humor. The misunderstanding part is a little silly but the ending will make any true romantic sigh.

Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

This is a lovely short story. It took me less than 2 hours to read, and I was not disappointed.

Beatrice has a passion for botany and corresponds with renown botanist Henry Burbank using a male pseudonym. When Henry leaves London to visit a friend, he also plans on visiting his pen pal. When Beatrice meets Henry, she lies about the whereabouts of the fabricated botanist, but Henry is determined to know the truth.

Shash says

Beatrice Debord loves botany. She enjoys corresponding, as a man, with Henry Burbank about the subject. But when Mr. Burbank appears at her door step looking for Mr. Allenham, his correspondent, she is at a loss.

This was a fun story. I liked both Beatrice and Henry. They really are perfect for each other.

Lisa says

Nice historical romance novella. I enjoyed reading it very much, even if it had a predictable ending!

Nikki Kitchen says

This is a very short but very cute book. The characters' personalities are very well described and the book flows nicely. It's clean and the story is sweet. I recommend this book if you want something good to read but don't have a lot of time.

Bethany Swafford says

Short but sweet.

Chris says

Short and sweet with just the right amount of regency manners, The Female Correspondent is a delightful read for those of us craving more Austen-like reading material but have worn our books to their spines.
