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Amanda says

I think this may be my overall favourite book of the series. I love that these fairy tale retellings could have been real. They are delectably hot! The twins stories were my favourites. Their characters were so tragic it was wonderful to see them get a happy ending! I only wish this series had many more books to come, but alas, I don't believe it was meant to be. Definitely recommend these books! Loved them all!

Amy says

When Ash Falls is the first Historical Romance that I've read and I had no idea what to expect. One thing I did know for sure is that Rachel Van Dyken doesn't disappoint. This story had it all: humor, romance, a broody swoon worthy male character and a great female lead who wasn't afraid to speak her mind or go after what she wanted.

What first attracted me to this story was that it said it was a regency re-telling of Snow White. While the general idea of the story was similar, it was in now way the same Snow White. I loved getting lost in Rachel Van Dyken's writing and in the past.

Overall, I found this book to be really enjoyable. It was a refreshing break from the books that I normally read and I'm looking forward to going back and reading the other books from this series.

An ARC copy of this book was provided to me in exchange for an honest review

You can also see my review here at: <http://www.onceuponabookblog.com/blog...>

Bj says

If you're in the mood for a one-of-a-kind read that is something between a mix of a fairy tale, parody and romance, then Rachel Van Dyken's latest release, When Ash Falls, may just be what you're looking for. In a style, somewhat reminiscent of the hit TV show, Once Upon a Time, Ms. Van Dyken gives us her romantic and satirical retelling of the classic fairy tale, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. I can guarantee you that after reading this story, you will never think of the fairy tale in quite the same way ever again!

After having falling in love with the wrong woman, Ashton Wolfsbane, Earl of Gyles, has taken a vow of celibacy. Many years ago, he fell in love with his brother's wife, only to see her tragically die in an accident. An event for which he still blames himself. Her death nearly killed him--literally as he was so guilt ridden that he tried to take his own life. Following this tragedy, however, he determined to deny himself any female pleasures and instead devoted himself to carrying out justice for others, particularly death sentences for the evil, for which he becomes known as The Grimm Reaper.

Then his brother, the Duke of Wolfsbane, sends him on a mission that tests his vows. The beautiful and pure Princess Sofia is fleeing a desperate situation at the hands of her evil step-mother. Her only salvation lies in

finding a suitable husband to rescue her. Ash is charged with escorting the Princess throughout London in her quest of finding the perfect match.

But Princess Sofia has her own companionship terms in mind. And she makes it nearly impossible for Ash to resist her. Moreover, the closer they get, the more their attraction becomes undeniable, and when Princess Sofia asks Ash for the one thing he has vowed never to give, Ash will find his ability to resist temptation greatly tested. For where passion lies, love is sure to follow. But can there possibly be a HEA in store for this unlikely duo or does love only exist in fairy tales?

What a retelling! This unique regency romance is sure to bring some laughs, while warming your heart.

Source: Review copy provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Rosa says

My favorite of the fairy tale series

Angela says

5 Amazing Stars

I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Well first of all I have never read Historical before. So this was my first time and I was little scared I wasn't going to enjoy it. But Rachel assured me that I would & let me tell you how right she was!!!

It wasn't boring, it was very enjoyable and I enjoyed the way it was written and the humor in it. Took me a while to get used to how people spoke back then but after a few chapters I was fine.

I have always loved all of Rachel's books that I have read in the past and feel like she can do no wrong in whatever she writes. And this just cemented it for me.

Rachel your books are AMAZING and to me this prove that you are an amazing author. Keep up the fantastic work. Can't wait to read what you write next.

Tammy says

Enjoyed reading the new series and different twist of fairy tales. I like how all the main characters in all of the books are some how related.

This one Ash is finds a way to heal his heart of something that was not his fault and finds love. The guards in the books are funny "dwarfs" they all made me laugh whenever they showed up.

Loved the happy ending.

Romance and Fantasy for Cosmopolitan Girls says

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Ash, è un membro di una casata di rilievo nella società inglese, ma ha deciso di prendere una strada diversa rispetto a quella che sarebbe stata, se avesse onorato i suoi doveri di nascita. E' attanagliato dai sensi di colpa, per aver causato un incidente che ha provocato la morte della moglie di suo fratello. Per quanto lui non gliene faccia una colpa, Ash non riesce a risollevarsi dall'oscurità che lo circonda, e pensare alla morte come unica alternativa per porre fine a tutta la sua sofferenza. Dopo un tentativo fallito di suicidio, decide che sarà la morte la sua carriera, se non sarà lei a trovarlo per prima, andrà lui a cercarla diventando un killer professionista, viene infatti ingaggiato per eliminare persone scomode o per spericolate operazioni di salvataggio. E sarà proprio in un uno di questi casi che conoscerà la Principessa Sofia, delicata, capelli neri e labbra rosse. Nonostante il celibato che si è imposto come punizione per il suo errore, Ash non è privo di emozioni, o meglio di esigenze. Ha sempre tenuto sotto controllo i suoi impulsi ma con Sofia ogni muro sembra crollare. Banale, dite? Forse un pochino, ma chi non vorrebbe leggere del grande e grosso Ash, ricoperto da cicatrici di mille battaglie, con il cuore frantumato, ormai rassegnato ad una vita solitaria e priva di alcuna manifestazione d'affetto, aprirsi piano piano a Sofia, con i baci clandestini e proposte audaci che metterebbero a dura prova anche il più determinato degli uomini? A fare da contesto ai dibattiti mentali di Ash, se lasciarsi travolgere dai sentimenti o trattenersi fino a scoppiare, rinunciando ancora una volta all'amore vero, c'è una matrigna pronta a tutto per eliminare la Principessa e tenere per se tutto il regno e la qualifica di "più bella del reame!".

Personalmente ho un debole per i libri in costume, Orgoglio e Pregiudizio ha segnato la mia vita e continua a farlo. Le formalità colloquiali, il tè pomeridiano o i balli durante la Stagione londinese...il mio cuoricino romantico si scioglie!

L'ambientazione è l'epoca Regency, quindi i personaggi sono dei Conti, Duchi, Principesse ma anche valletti e soldati. Abbiamo un panorama storico direi piacevolmente descritto, non appesantito da tediosi obblighi d'etichetta o lunghe descrizioni di pizzi e merletti o insulse conversazioni a proposito del tempo. Leggiamo di battaglie, scontri corpo a corpo e passione...tanta passione per un sentimento perduto con nessuna possibilità di ritrovarlo, in un caso, oppure mai conosciuto, nell'altro.

Premetto di non aver letto niente di questa scrittrice prima d'ora, pur sapendo essere molto nota in America e in Italia. Ho partecipato a questo blog tour un pò ad occhi chiusi ed incuriosita di vedere di cosa è capace questa autrice così apprezzata. Ebbene ho scoperto che questo libro è l'ultimo capitolo di una serie che si chiama The London Fairy Tales appartenente al genere Historical Romance ma d'ispirazione fantasy, in quanto ogni libro ha la sua fiaba di riferimento, "When Ash falls" è liberamente tratto da Biancaneve e i sette nani....leggendolo scoprirete perché.

Ovviamente inedito in Italia, speriamo solo provvisoriamente, è scritto in un inglese di facile approccio. Il bello del romance storico è che la lingua è sempre piuttosto scolastica, senza slang o parole contemporanee, la frase è formata in modo statico e quindi è più facile seguire la trama. Nonostante l'ambientazione rigorosa, i dialoghi sono molto divertenti, simpatici e sfrontati, ciò aiuta a rendere più scorrevole la lettura e motiva il lettore a concluderla.

Alla fine del romanzo, troverete una nota della scrittrice la quale tiene a precisare che, nonostante la maggior parte delle sue pubblicazioni siano New Adult, come Ruin, la sua passione per l'epoca Regency l'ha spinta a tornare al suo primo amore, Historical Romance. Ben consapevole di non esserne esperta, e del fatto che ci sono scrittrici migliori di lei in questo settore, desiderava da tanto concludere questa serie.

Ho davvero gradito la lettura di questo romanzo. Non conosco i primi 4, e per leggere questo libro non c'è stato bisogno di avere letto preliminarmente i precedenti. Indipendentemente da questo, di sicuro colmerò la mia lacuna.

Sarah Austin says

This was a fun light read, part regency romance, part fairy tale and part parody. There wasn't a lot of meat on the bone here but I was in the mood for something short and fun to read.

Tina Lynne says

Well folks, it finally happened. I read my first regency romance. I have always been hesitant for some reason but I am so glad that I took the proverbial leap of faith. Anything by Rachel Van Dyken has been something to rave about, in my opinion, and it was the perfect author and book to break into a new genre for me. I will confess that I went and one clicked the rest of the London Fairy Tales series when I finished.

When Ash Falls is a regency retelling of the fairytale Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. When we meet Ash for the first time, we see that his heart has been broken and his life has spiraled out of hope due to the loss of the one person he loved above all else. Years after this tragedy, he is trying to put it all behind him and has become a well-known assassin and guard, focusing solely on his task as penance for what happened that fateful day. It is because of his renown that he is summoned to locate and escort the Russian princess, Sofia, safely to her cousin in London. Sofia is running from her evil step-mother and ex-fiancé in Russia, who both her plan to destroy her. She is escorted by the most ridiculous but sweet and well-meaning group of men, who have pledged life to protect her at all costs. When Ash finds the princess and her guard, he is taken back by Sophia's snark, beauty and wit, a formidable woman that has the power to break the strong assassin. After arriving to London, Ash is tasked with protecting Sophia until she finds a titled husband; someone to marry that will offer the protection she needs from her past and allow her to step into her role as ruler in the future. Yet despite her fate, their attraction cannot be denied and they grow close. Sophia is able to break down Ash's thick and scarred walls, allowing for a growing attraction between the two lost souls. Sophia longs to find love and passion yet with the time constraints and fear for her life, she will be forced to find someone convenient and titled to marry. It is this predicament and her fear that hatches a plan in her mind, to experience a few weeks of passion with Ash that will hopefully be enough to last her for the rest of her lives. But where there is a burning passion, there is also a flame that will burn away everything else until the only thing that can exist is the two lovers wanting more than they believe they can ever have.

This was a great story with a fun story line. The factor that pushed it over the top was the incredibly written characters, something Rachel Van Dyken excels at. Ash is such a moody man, granted he has endured loss and pain, but his self-imposed punishment is his choice alone. He has a dark streak in his soul and he refuses to allow his heart and body to heal, planning for his life's destruction to be his penance for the past. At times it was aggravating to see his self-imposed anguish, yet when we truly understand who Ash is, it seems to make sense. He is a man of conviction and passion. When he allows his heart to feel again, whether or not he planned it that way, he becomes a fierce protector, wanting to give Sophia everything she desires and deny himself to protect her at all costs. Sophia was a feisty and naïve princess, yet she had learned of the world's cruelty in such horrible ways. She is a fighter, both for her country, her life, and those she loves. All she desired was to give love and be loved in return. Her beauty and passion is the key to unlocking Ash's self-

imposed prison and bring life to his dead heart again.

The secondary characters bring a healthy dose of humor in a sad situation. Peirce and Hunter are forever goading Ash, hoping to bring a burst of life into his eyes. Their antics made me laugh and roll my eyes. The Royal Guard that accompanied Sophia from Russia is hilarious. The depiction of the dwarves from the old fairy caused me to laugh out loud. I loved their adoration of Sophia and their personalities always made for many funny moments in the story!

The passion and tension between Sophia and Ash is powerful and beautifully written. Their emotions are well developed, causing the reader to hope for their love to win, but understanding the challenges that they will face. Watching Sophia fight for what she wants is wonderful. Seeing Ash's heart beat again for love was moving and sweet. It was a beautifully explored affair that allowed for hope and love to overcome every obstacle. I was smiling like an idiot when they flirted and could not wait for them to finally be together!

If you are looking for a regency romance to keep you warm this winter, then look no further. The passion between Ash and Sophia is fire! The humor keeps you smiling and the story will warm your heart! Rachel Van Dyken never ceases to amaze me! Don't miss this book.

Brandi says

I love Rachel's historical books. She does such an amazing job. This book is crazy good. Love and happiness may seem like something he can't have, but I love reading the journey that Ash takes to find out he is worth more than he thinks.

Heather Andrews says

Out of all the characters in this series it was Ash that took home the prize of my heart. I fell in love with him instantly, "Ash sighed. 'I must be allowed to shoot something.' If he didn't, the constraint might drive him mad. He'd been sitting in the same blasted carriage for days now. Who knew it took so long to escape Scotland?" Ash's personality, I don't know how to describe it but I just loved it, "bloody hell, I must give every person the impression I have no self-control," Ash muttered, while, from somewhere behind him, Pierce laughed." The chemistry between him and Sofia is off the charts, there's witty comebacks and dialogue between them, "the signal I'm thinking is most improper," Ash narrowed his gaze. "And would most likely get you kicked out of the ball. Care to see it?" Only Ash would use his injuries to his advantage, actually all the men in this series would, "yes." Ash nodded emphatically. "In fact, if you just rub your hands across my naked skin, I would feel so much better." Her eyes narrowed. "Common war practice." He coughed. "Do you feel that chill? Better shrug out of your gown and lie down next to me. We don't want me catching a chill and dying." I'm actually sad to see this series end. I loved the re-telling of the fairytales from Rachel's mind, she has such a great imagination.

Alexa Nichole Demers says

When Ash Falls is a romantic and elegant retelling of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves that will keep you

captivated until the last page. Rachel Van Dyken creates a story that gives you characters that wrap themselves around your heart and leave you with magical romantic feelings only great fairy tales leave you with. Even with a dark and brooding hero he grows and makes you fall in love with his journey.

I love all of Rachel's books and this one is no different. It was everything I could have ever wanted in a fairy tale retelling in the Regency era. Her writing is flawless. You can't help but be sucked into her story and fall in love with the characters.

Full review here..

Juli Faulkner says

Loved this story!

Ash is heartbreaking because he punished himself for 10 years and he feels like he doesn't deserve real love! Sofia is so sweet and perfect for Ash! I love this twist on the fairy tale of Snow White. Sofia is able to help Ash find his way back to happiness and to find something to live for and learn what real love is. Read this series of London Fairy Tales in a Regency setting! Rachel's gift of telling a story is amazing! She is one of my favorite author's! You will not regret picking this book up!

Terrie's Just Another Book B*tch says

ARC given for an honest review

When I see a new release by Rachel Van Dyken I can't wait to dive in. Her romances, whether it be New Adult, Contemporary or a sweet regency romance like When Ash Falls always bring a smile to my face and a flutter in my heart.

This is the long overdue 4th instalment in the London Fairy Tales, a great quick read that is sure to make you swoon and laugh out loud. While this is part of a series it can be read as a stand alone. Just know that if you're a true romance fan you will quickly one click the entire series. A fun and sweet twist to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, I have no doubt that Sofia and Ash will become a favorite storybook couple.

"Sometimes we hide from the world because we are afraid of what it will reveal to us if we were to truly open our eyes and accept its honesty. I'd rather live in ignorance than face the ugly truth of my existence."

Ash is struggling to hold on to what he knows. Sadly what he knows is grief. Which has made him angry and bitter. Ash is a sexy brooding alpha we all love to fall for, and Sofia is no exception. They have an instant connection that had me laughing and swooning.

"The carriage ride was too short, just like Ash's grasp on reality, for he desperately wanted to live in a fairytale world where he could kidnap the princess and live happily ever after"

Don't think that because you're familiar with the common telling of Snow White that you know what will happen, because you don't. This was definitely an original and fresh take on a story we all know and love. One that I would recommend to any romance lover.

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Anushey says

oh god it was exceptionally truly hilarious! gotta change my rating of all books in the series..it was by far the best, my most favourite book in the series..best ever snow white re-telling!!
