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Can a single night's deception lead to a lifelong love?

On the eve of her wedding to a man she detests, Brynmore McCann can think of only one way to escape—by ruining herself—but the local lads leave her wholly uninspired. Just as she's ready to accept her fate, she spots Maxwell Drake, home after nearly a decade. Even though he had loved her sister when they were young, Bryn has always considered him hers, and she can't think of anyone she'd rather have bed her for the first time. Only she never intends for him to uncover her real name.

Upon returning home, Maxwell is stunned by the news that his father may have left him an inheritance. As the unacknowledged by-blow of a local nobleman, Maxwell struggles with resentment over the way he and his mother were treated by his father and the village. To add to his troubles, he discovers the lass he spent an incredibly satisfying night with was not the village whore, but the high-born sister of his first love. He insists Brynmore travel with him to Edinburgh until they determine if she is with child. Because if she is, she'll marry him whether she wants to or not.

Along the road to Edinburgh, they are attacked by persons unknown. As the list of suspects who want them dead grows longer and his worries deepen, Maxwell prepares for an even more personal battle—how to keep from surrendering his heart to Brynmore.

Warning: Contains a broody Scotsman, a fiery-haired lass, and a night of passion that changes everything. Readers are encouraged to bring a fan.

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Tamara says

This is the first historical romance I have read and I loved it. Once I started it was hard to put down because I fell in love with both Bryn and Maxwell. I enjoyed watching Bryn grow and Maxwell tear down his walls. I can't wait to read book one and two.

Petula says

Brynmore McCann wants to find a way to stop her wedding. The man her sister is insisting she marry is a vicious bully who just wants to hurt her. The plan is to ruin herself.

Captain Maxwell Drake has returned to his childhood village to finally lay the past to rest. Growing up a bastard in a small town is hard especially when the father is the local Lord.

Our heroine is beloved by everyone except her own family.

Our brave hero has become a very strong and self sufficient man while he has been away.

Marvelous characters with several mysteries to solve, if they can survive long enough. The danger seems to come from all sides. I loved the secondary characters just as much as our heroes.

A Historical romance to really enjoy. I loved it.

Elizabeth says

Set your expectations about historical romance aside when you pick Reckless Redemption up, because this is NOT a stereotypical book for the genre!

Bryn is a young woman in rural Scotland, being forced into a marriage she doesn't want by her guardians (sister and brother-in-law). She tries to derail the marriage the only way she knows how which puts her in the path of Maxwell and one night changes both of their lives forever.

I loved these two and I especially loved them together! Bryn (thanks to her sister) has no idea that she's a lovely young woman with a heart of gold. Maxwell isn't must better. He does a good job of faking it, but is carrying plenty of his own emotional baggage.

It was truly a pleasure to watch these two try to behave as society expects when they were fighting their mutual attraction and also solving two mysteries. Ms. Trentham did an excellent job of balancing the intrigue elements of the story with the romantic elements. I also appreciated how she weaved Bryn and Maxwell's shared past into the story, especially since it highlighted just how special these two have been to each other without even realizing it.

This is a fast paced story with adventure and intrigue to go along with a strong heroine and dashing hero. It's definitely a story worth picking up if you are looking for something a little different in the historical romance department.

Eileen says

WOW!!! I loved, loved, loved A Reckless Redemption, a historical romance by Laura Trentham, book three

in her Spies and Lovers series. This story has all the fixings one would expect from a historical suspense. We have the mystery of why Brynmore McCann's half-sister is forcing her to marry Dugan Armstrong, a bully and uncaring man. We have the virgin, Bryn, who thinks if she "ruins" herself with another man she will be able to escape this horrific marriage. Then there's the war hero, Maxwell Drake, returning after a decade, who is in the right place, at least for Bryn to give herself to him. Things then go awry when Maxwell discovers who was in his bed the night before. Being an honorable man, he is determined to do the right thing by Bryn, in case she is with child, even if it messes up her sister's machinations. When they find Bryn being forced against her will to marry, he takes her and escapes to Edinburgh. On the road to and once in Edinburgh they are attacked by unknown people, adding to the list of suspects who want them dead. In Edinburgh these two discover an alive grandmother of Bryn's; an inheritance and acknowledgement as the illegitimate son of a nobleman for Maxwell; the marriage contract Bryn's sister forced her to sign; a chance for kind and caring Bryn to bring love into grumpy Maxwell's life and he into her hard, sad life.

I really loved reading this book and had a great deal of trouble putting this book down. Ms. Trentham is a wonderful story teller who draws me into her books, making me forget the world around me and not letting me go until I turned the last page. I highly recommend this book to other readers.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book.

Norma Jean says

Plotting to enrich their own coffers Bryn's sister and her husband promise her hand in marriage to Dugan, a horrible man who takes delight in terrorizing her. She is desperate to escape this fate so she hatches a plot to find another man and ruin herself so that Dugan will no longer want to marry her.

As luck would have it, she encounters Maxwell, a man she has loved since she was a young girl. She pretends to be a prostitute and slips into his room at the inn. Maxwell has worked hard to overcome the stigma of his illegitimate birth. He has gained respect of many in the community where he grew up, but there are still those who look down on him because of the circumstances of his birth.

This story has a lot of twists and turns that keep the reader turning the pages to see what will happen next.

I definitely recommend *Reckless Redemption* to anyone who loves romance, suspense and a great story.

Julia David says

Bryn decided that she would take matters into her own hands when she was to be forced to marry a man that she hated. What she did was set off a chain of events that changed everything for her and Maxwell. Maxwell was born a bastard and would not allow that to happen to a child of his. When Bryn slipped into his bed and he took her innocence, he decided he had to keep her with him until they know for sure that there isn't a baby. They were ambushed, shot at, delivered a baby and accosted by street gangs. Through it all, Bryn is tough as nails and charms everyone she meets. Maxwell had long ago encased his heart in ice, but Bryn seems to be thawing it out. Not knowing if the danger is coming from her family or his father's family, they

try to get information to solve the riddle. In the end, will Maxwell be able to keep Bryn with him or will she want her freedom?

Wendy Tavenner says

Bryn was going to make sure she is ruined in hopes Dugan will cancel their betrothed. When she spies Drake Maxwell whom she hadn't seen in 10 years she knows he's the one she wants ruining her. Drake finds a woman in his bed and they seduce each other, when he wakes the next morning and sees the blood he knows he must find her because he will not have a bastard. He will find her and marry her. When he arrives at Mary's, he spots someone climbing out of a window down the 3 story wall. He realizes it's a woman and then the woman he made love to Bryn. Mary, her husband Craddack and Dugan Armstrong are still determined to make Bryn marry. She doesn't understand why and Drake takes her away. As they are heading to Edinburgh someone keeps trying to kill them. Drake is determined to find out what his no good father left him in the will and find out what's in Bryn's betrothed contract. A wonderful story where the two find love and each other.

Sandra Graham says

Third book in the series. Just as great as the first two books. I'm waiting for Simon's story if there is going to be one. Loved that the elders played a part in this one

Great story kept everyone guessing who was really after them. Would love to see more stories about them. Keep writing

Ashley says

I liked everything about this book aside from the ending. It just felt really rushed and was resolved too easily for me. Also, *spoiler* Bryn's character annoyed me at the end how she continued to believe Drake only wanted her if she was pregnant. After everything he did to protect her, I just don't buy that kind of simple nativity.

Romantic Reads and Such says

I'm an avid reader of Trentham's contemporary series but this is the first of her historicals I've read. (And it can easily stand on its own so don't worry if this is your first too :)) I found *A Reckless Redemption* to be a fun adventure. There's suspense and danger, love and sizzle, plus all the feels you could want. All of those wonderful things that make a good love story!

Bryn somehow found herself in a whole mess of trouble and she's not sure why. Her step-sister is forcing her to marry (against her will) an abusive brute and Bryn's desperate to find a way out. How lucky for her an unrequited love from her childhood shows up at just the right time ... or maybe not because things get even more complicated.

Maxwell's life hasn't been easy. As a child he was treated horribly because he was the bastard son of a nobleman and only managed to survive due to kindness of others. After he left to join the military, there was war ... yeah, that's gonna leave some scars (inside and out). So while he's grown into a good man, he's got a lot of walls built up. Then he meets Bryn again and the poor man doesn't stand a chance.

I loved these two together. Maxwell tries to be all stern and standoffish but its really hard to hide that those walls are starting to crumble. All of his hardships have left him gun-shy but the man really needs someone to care for him. And no one on earth has a bigger heart that Bryn. She's forever taking care of others and it takes about two minutes for her to charm just about everyone she meets!

There's some shenanigans over the reason for the marriage and Maxwell's inheritance that lead them into all sorts of mischief and danger. Trentham makes sure it all wraps up nicely at the end but she does take you on quite the ride to get there.

While they may find themselves in a bit of trouble at the moment, if Bryn and Maxwell work together there is just about nothing that they can't overcome. As long as they are willing to take a chance with their hearts ... yeah, that leads to some troubles even more dangerous than the people trying to kill them! But you know they'll figure it out and manage to get a HEA before its all over.

*** I voluntarily read a Review Copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely my own and no one else's.

Teresa Price says

** I have received an Arc for a honest review!! **

Laura's book is the first book I have read in the Spies and Lovers series. I will check into the first and second.

To let me say I did enjoy this Historical Romance. I usually don't read this type of book but was different and I absolutely loved it! I have read Laura's other series and I really liked them as well.

I fully enjoyed to read about Brynmore McCann and Captain Maxwell Drake story.

Maxwell was in love with Brynmore's sister but Brymore always considered her as his and would love to get him into bed. Maxwell's father passes away and he thinks he might have some inheritance. What happens next is up to you to read.

Please one-click. You won't be disappointed!

Molly says

I love Laura Trentham's new historical romance. I love her writing style and her characters. Brynmore McCann wants to ruin herself so she does not have to marry a man she dislikes. So she decides to sleep with Maxwell, but she never want him to know her name. Maxwell is stunned that his father left him an

inheritance. Maxwell is not a legitimate child and has hard feelings with the local people. The lady he sleeted with is the sister of his first love. He wants Brynmore travel with him to Edinburgh to see if she is with child or not. I loved this book.

Elizabeth says

Read this book after reading the second in the series which was great. I look forward to reading the first one!

Samantha Glass says

Loved it! I fell into the series a newbie, having not read the other 2, and Trentham provides not only a bashing good main storyline, but also enough of the back tales that even the unexposed can keep up. A tale full of society, matchmaking, rules of decorum (and how to get around them), spies, mystery, romance, and more. It is a quickly paced tale and an enjoyable one.

Margaret Watkins says

Without her consent, Brynmore McCann has been promised in marriage to a brute that makes vile promises to her. She doesn't realise that there are manoeuvres afoot that make her a pawn in a much larger scheme, one where she hardly matters at all. Bryn will do anything in her power to avoid the marriage, to the extent of having herself ruined by a stranger. When the stranger she targets to take her most prized possession turns out to be the late Earl's by-blow, someone she had always admired from afar, she considers herself lucky. However, the next morning when Maxwell Drake wakes up and finds the enchanting miss who spent the night in his bed has gone missing, he leaves no stone unturned to find out whom she is. The story takes the reader on an adventure, with Maxwell having to draw on all his training to keep Bryn safe in the face of danger at every turn. As the story evolves, the question of why her sister is so intent on her marrying the despicable Dugan Armstrong becomes more and more pertinent. When danger is at its peak, it is Bryn's past that saves them and keeps her safe. *A Reckless Redemption* has a well written intricate plot, one that keeps the reader guessing to the end. As the story wound up, there were no loose ends and both Maxwell and Bryn get what they most need. Maxwell is a wounded warrior with a wounded soul, but he is a man of honour. Although Bryn pushes his patience to the limit he finds that he cannot take his frustration out on her, and always remains a gentleman. Brynmore on the other hand, has never stood up to her intimidating sister, but after escaping bullets and certain death, she finds that she has more backbone than she ever thought. This is a well written adventure romance, with a strong hero and a heroine who finds her destiny with him. I received a copy of this book as a gift and this is my honest and voluntary review.
