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It's Twelfth Night and Lady Amelia Banbrook, the daughter of the esteemed Earl of Hollinworth, finds herself in a bit of quandary. She is in love with her family's country neighbor, the perennial bachelor, Lord David Rutledge, the Earl of Weatherby. Friends since their youth, Amelia is convinced that there is no possible way that David returns her love, no matter how much she might wish it or if he even remembers the night when her feelings for him changed.

As the renowned Earl of Weatherby, David Rutledge is used to women falling at his feet. All except for the one he most desires, of course - Lady Amelia. The house party he has planned for Twelfth Night has done little to help his cause with Amelia, much to his chagrin. With title-grasping women chasing after him, can he find a way to seduce the woman he loves and make her understand that his love is real and not just some fleeting Christmas infatuation? Or will fear keep them apart and drive him into the arms of another?

This 24,400-word novel is written in the modern, Regency romance style for a slightly hotter and sexier read. It may not be appropriate for younger audiences.

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Jenny says

Quick read. Not bad. Several strange typos--"loose" for "lose," and a few others I can't remember at the moment. (Definitely typos that should have been caught by a competent proofreader.) Still, this was an enjoyable story, but there's nothing new here. Childhood friends to grown-up lovers, so if that's your particular catnip, this may be the one for you.

Avid says

Meh. It was okay. I liked that the romance was born of friendship and so not a love at first sight kind of thing. There was history between the two that supported the romance. The Lady Lydia thing was wrapped up neatly but as with bullies in general, standing up to them makes them back down. What is important is that Amelia learns to stand up for herself. The graphic sex scene at the end was completely gratuitous and I skipped to the end where the meaningful dialogue happened. The novella would have been rated higher had the graphic stuff been omitted and had an editor given the novella a closer read. There were several glaring issues that should not have made it into the publication.

MaryD says

A very enjoyable novella about Amelia who has been friends with Lord David Rutledge, the Earl of Weatherby since they were both children but who now realizes that she loves him and about David who loves her, too. The problem is that each has no idea the other returns that love and so they must take a chance and risk their hearts.

Mya says

I enjoy the book very much makes me believe n true love

Evelyn Derenzy says

Excellent!

A wonderful love story that began in childhood and finally culminates in a passion that defies the interference from another.

Wendy Tavenner says

My first book by the author and I loved it. Lady Amelia had been in love with Lord David Rutledge since she was in lending strings. Now at 25 she believes she will be a Spinster. David has other plans, he fell in love with Amelia during her cousins wedding. Now he's having a house party just so she can be there and sees where everything goes. A sweet story that has a witch in Lady Lydia who will try and snag Lord David for herself.

Kyla Lockwood says

Beautiful short read

I guess on this review I will go for the downfalls first. A little more play between the two characters would have been nice... it had a few areas that wouldn't have made the book too long to add more of that cat and mouse theme.

I rated it a four because I did find it a cute quick and sweet read. The ending was steamy and worth the wait! I loved the way the proposal went.

Recommendation is yes read it... it's easy to get into and easy to keep reading and great for a rainy day or even on the beach. I especially love oranges...?

Camisha Castle says

It was ok

It was simply an ok read. Nothing spectacular. It was well written but not a true page turner. It was free so I'm not complaining.

Mrs Caroline Trevor says

Good

I found this a good book. Amelia is a quiet person who has fallen in love with her childhood friend but neither of them realize they love one another. Can they come together or will others force them apart.

Caron Pescatore says

Sweet "Friends Become Lovers" Story

I really, really liked this little novella. It's nicely written, with an interesting storyline, which, while by no means unique, is quite entertaining. Lady Amelia, the daughter of an Earl, is in love with her neighbor and

childhood friend, David, Earl of Weatherby. Unknown to Amelia, David shares her feelings, but is at a loss as to how to communicate that fact to her in a manner that she will believe. Amelia is extremely insecure, so David knows that she may very well misinterpret his attentions as pity. David comes up with the plan for a Twelfth Night house-party, during which he hopes to woo and win his lady. When the story begins the house-party has been well underway; as a matter of fact, there is only another two days until it ends. David is almost at his wits end, because up until then he has made no progress in his campaign to win Lady Amelia. The story that unfolds is sweet and engaging. As I mentioned before, there is nothing about the plot that is unique, but it provided this reader with a couple of hours of entertainment.

The story made me smile at times, at other times it made me laugh; although it is by no means a humorous one. I really liked David and Amelia. Amelia is a bit of a mouse; or rather I should say she's a lion in mouse clothing. At twenty-five, Amelia believes she is firmly on the shelf, despite her rather large dowry. The poor thing lives in despair of ever finding a man who will appreciate her for who she is, rather than what she has. Desperately in love with David, Amelia holds out no hope of ever having his regard in return. David is an extremely eligible bachelor, and has been much sought after by the ladies. He's a of a rogue; and has a bit of a scandalous reputation. Having his eyes open to the treasure that is his childhood friend, was a very disconcerting experience for him. But, he is determined to win Amelia to his side as his wife. A touch of tension is added to the plot by way of a young lady who hopes to win David for her own.

As much as I liked the story; however, I do have one observation to note. The story touched, in part, on a particular pet peeve of mine...incorrect forms of address! The main rival for David's affections, Lydia Parham, the daughter of a viscount, is incorrectly styled as Lady Lydia. Her correct title should be Honorable Miss, as children of a viscount are NOT lords and ladies. Perhaps this was a simple mistake on the author's part, because in terms of other titles/forms of address, she was spot on! David, Earl of Weatherby is correctly addressed as Lord Weatherby; Amelia, the daughter of an earl, is correctly styled as Lady Amelia, and Amelia's father is correctly referred to by his title, Hollinworth. It was a blissful experience reading a story where all, as far as titles are concerned, was as it should be. Sigh! But for that one mistake re the viscount's daughter, this would have been perfect! You may be wondering why I felt the need to mention this, but I like to give credit where credit is due. Too many authors get titles and forms of address incorrect, so when an author takes the time to get it right, well! I think it's worth mentioning!

So, bottom line, I really liked this book. It is one that I happily recommend. FYI it is the first in the Tales From Seldon Part series. Books two, three, and four, respectively, are Far Beyond Scandalous, At the Stroke of Midnight, and On A Cold Christmas Eve. In this story there are references to the characters of the subsequent three books (apparently the events in books 2 and 3 occur simultaneously with this one) which I found interesting. Enough to make me want to read those particular books. I also hope Ms. Sefchick writes Lady Diana's story, as I really liked her character in this book and would like to see her get her HEA. FYI, this is not a clean romance. As far as crude language goes, the only thing I noticed is the use of the 'c' word in reference to a man's private area. Happy reading!

Becca says

DNF at 23%. Perhaps I am being unfair here after reading a novella I adored, but this just isn't my cup of tea.

I've encountered typos, the author name dropped every character in the first chapter while the heroine is "reflecting," the dialogue was stilted, several of the scenes were repetitive (we get the lightning moment of the leads realizing their love (told twice, in each perspective), and everything about this story has been telling

not showing.

I think the premise is a good one, but the writing style is not for me and I won't be able to finish this.

Debra says

You are indeed a writer with a wonderful gift

Short but beautiful and I will be seeking out your library to see what other goodies you have on your bookshelf. You have been bless and I wish you continue success. DH from New York City P.s.A must read you will be happy you did.

Deborah says

Lovely sweet romantic read.

Lady Amelia Banbrook at twenty-five is well on her way to becoming a spinster, she's intelligent, shy but average looking, her huge dowry and impressive family line mean she's been dodging fortune hunters for years and she's in love with her neighbour Lord David Rutledge, she has been friends with David for years ever since they were children but at some point her feelings have changed and become so much more. Lord Rutledge is everything a woman could ever want, he's handsome, rich, intelligent and charming and women just throw themselves at him.

Amelia finds herself at David's house party where the viperous Lady Lydia has set her sights on having him as her husband, David is obviously looking for a wife, hence the party so what can Amelia do, how can she possibly compete with Lydia.

This is a lovely little romantic read and my 3 star rating is not a negative this is a short yet simple read and I feel that 3 stars is a fair rating.

Mariana says

Christmas Read

As a novella, everything happened a bit too quickly. Some thoughts and characters were also too one-dimensional. However, I liked the story overall. I would read another book by this author.

Sue says

Loved this but wished she had ripped those bitches eyes out
