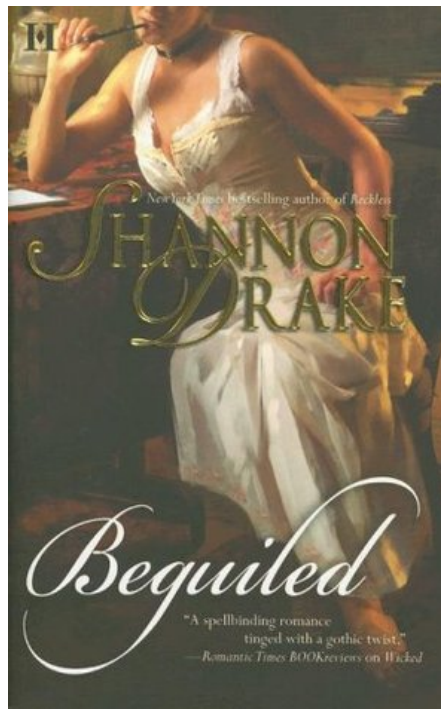




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Ally Grayson never wanted to be a heroine—she dreamed of writing great stories, not living in a fairy tale. But when she's abducted by a charming highwayman right out of a novel, Ally finds herself thoroughly enchanted. No matter that she's betrothed to another—or that she has no intention of binding herself in an arranged marriage anyway.

But when Mark, her burdensome fiancé, is revealed to be none other than the rogue of her dreams, Ally must make a choice: plunge into a world of murder and deceit without a protector, or place her trust in the man who lies to her but makes her heart sing.

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Majo says

Un libro interesante... he leído varios libros históricos, pero este es el primero ambientado durante la regencia. Fue interesante ver la pelea de Monárquicos y antimonárquicos por hacer oír sus voces. Realmente, ignoraba esa parte de la historia de Inglaterra, es agradable que un libro nos enseñe cosas nuevas.

Mark es encantador, ya sea como bandido, como investigador o en su papel de caballero hijo de un conde.

Fue divertido ver a Mark celoso porque Ally prefiriera más a su alter ego bandido que a él mismo.

Ally es un personaje atractivo, una mujer moderna que quiere perseguir sus sueños y no está pensando solamente en un matrimonio beneficioso, como suele suceder en este tipo de novelas.

No me gusto mucho como se revela la "verdad" sobre Ally, me pareció un poco tirado de los pelos y sin muchas más consecuencias. Falto la verdadera reflexión de la protagonista y sus reacciones al saber la noticia que, para mi gusto, tomo con demasiada liviandad.

También me hubiera gustado un poco más de romance entre los protagonistas. Me parece que el libro se centro demasiado en los asesinatos y el misterio, dejando de la lado el romance. Mark se desaparecía o llegaba tarde a todas sus citas con Ally y eso ya era bastante exasperante.

De todos modos, me gusto el libro y lo recomendaría como novela histórica de suspenso/misterio con algo de romance.

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J.S. Crimson says

The story was itself was whimsical and the level of intensity was flat up until the end. I would call this CPD or Can't put down. You can easily read it and leave it then come back. Although the story had a great amount of mystery and puzzle solving and murders the writing just didn't really bring it to life. The Protagonist the Heroine was a lot of fun interaction as they bicker but I thought the Author got lazy in the love scenes, the description didn't really make the read understand what the lovers where thinking. It felt like a quick pass over. I know it can get tedious when a couple has sex constantly but in this case they didn't. In which case the first time they came together should have felt more profound which is why I rated at 3 stars. It also felt as if the Author was playing it to save with the main characters such as all (spoiler) her guardians and godparents. Too much goodness which could have been counter balances with another set of characters with problems. Shall I read the previous two? Mmm not sure.

Marianne says

It was ok. I liked the mystery part of this book

Bruna says

An intense book full of romance and mystery. Loved it!

Amy says

This is the worst book I've read in a very long time. It is anachronistic, stilted, peopled with terribly unrealistic and unsympathetic characters, and overall wretched. As annoyingly stubborn as the female lead is, she cannot even come close to the "hero", whose behavior is perplexingly obtuse and pointless. Even the "mystery" ending is a complete cop-out (BOTH of the obvious suspects committed the crime **together**?! Oh PLEASE.) Drake/Graham insults her readers' intelligence from start to finish in this awful novel, which is actually deserving of no stars at all.

An Odd1 says

**** "Beguiled" is how Lady Ally and Lord Mark, affianced in childhood, respond to each other, and the reader responds to the sparkling dialogue and fast action. Author Shannon Drake twists a historical romance into a royal espionage thriller, a complex multi-layer whodunit to the very last pages, a galloping carriage kidnap finale. Both her protagonists have secret lives. Mark uses disguises, outward flighty gambler about town and secret daring highwayman, to help Scotland Yard and Queen Victoria solve murders and uphold the monarchy. Ally, apparently an orphan, stubbornly refuses to believe she endangers herself and her loved ones, who have hidden her royal heritage, by personally delivering anonymous opinions to the newspaper, about the murders and for the monarchy. Ally carries her independence too far for me, but ahh, beauty, and love thereof, conquers all.

Amethyst Creek says

Unnecessary editing errors - for example, how did Lord Wittburg end up in Lord Farrow's carriage (p. 251).

Tabetha Waite says

I think I would consider this more of a mystery than a true romance. There was a great story going on here, but most of the book was centered around a murder investigation. I loved the premise of the highwayman, and Mark and Ally's characters, but I wish the author would have based the novel more on their relationship. Otherwise, it was a good read and kept you on the edge of your seat wondering who the killer was.

Aideeeee says

I ♥ Queen Victoria

...y los libros ambientados en la época.

Al estilo de La Bella Durmiente, Ally es una huérfana criada en el bosque por sus tres tías hasta el día en que, ajá, sus mentores le anuncian un compromiso pactado desde su nacimiento. Como toda chica moderna, Ally lo último que necesita es un marido que le impida labrar su propio futuro, además anda por ahí un ladronzuelo sensual acosándola. ¿Qué será de nuestra ocupada protagonista?

Ya lo sabemos todo.

Shannon Drake, aka Heather Graham, o al revés ¿a quién le importa? tiene una manera muy digerible de contar sus romances, a la vez que se da tiempo para enriquecerlos con datos de la época. Lo cierto es que acabas transportada.

Sí es verdad, que como en muchas de estas novelas el instalove es el gran protagonista y todo lo demás le rinde culto. Pero qué importa si tenemos crimen, misterio y diálogos filosóficos para desviarnos la mente hacia conjeturas que sí, acaban por ser ciertas y que lectora tan inteligente soy.

~~Lo siento, últimamente me da por el sarcasmo feminista. Pero soy una chica y mis hormonas se rinden.~~

El caso es que, fans de Nora Roberts and Co., acá hay una buena opción para seguir intoxicándonos con estrogénos.

Mariah says

All I have to say is that if I ever get kidnapped I hope it would turn out something like this book!

Heidi says

I know That Shannon Drake is the pseudonym for Heather Graham... so I picked up a book, I LOVE Heather Graham, but this was no good, The story just was non-existent, and i know many of you are asking me what I expected from a bodice ripper, but so many times there actually is a story line to these that actually is interesting and actually makes sense. I finished this book a few days ago and I honestly couldn't go back and give you a good synopsis of it. Very dissapointing for fans of Heather Graham

Jennifer Worry says

I love Heather Graham and this was my first time trying out Shannon Drake. It was not a bad read but I do prefer the Graham novels better, perhaps due to being a different genre. I did enjoy the characters that were added to this book such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Queen Victoria. Even though this was a fictional book it was nice to see that the author actually knew enough about the location and the time to be able to incorporate actual people into the story line.

Sabrina (Soter) Sally says

"Strano, pensò. Solo poche settimane prima Ally non era che una vaga promessa fatta a suo padre. Ora invece... Era tutto per lui. Nessuno doveva farle del male. Non riusciva più a immaginare la sua vita senza di lei."

Terzo e ultimo libro che chiude più che degnamente questa bella trilogia! ;D Il secondo libro mi aveva un po' delusa, ma con questo siamo tornati ai livelli del primo, con cui tra l'altro ha in comune il richiamo ad una fiaba (mentre sparisce l'ambientazione egizia) che nel primo era la bella e la bestia mentre qui è chiaramente la bella addormentata nel bosco! *ç* infatti nella prima metà del libro abbiamo una giovane bellissima e gentile, allevata da tre dolci anziane in una casetta in mezzo ai boschi. Un giorno la ragazza (che in realtà è una principessa) viene invitata ad un ballo, le tre "nonne" le cuciono un bellissimo vestito e le tre madrine le fanno ognuna un dono per il grande annuncio: è stato combinato il suo matrimonio con un ragazzo nobile e bellissimo...ma sconosciuto. La ragazza però è innamorata di un giovane che ha incontrato nel bosco e con cui ha danzato a piedi nudi...potrebbero essere la stessa persona? Favola a parte, anche qui abbiamo una bella parte gialla, stavolta l'assassino (almeno per me) è stato impossibile da individuare considerando il gran numero di vittime e le varie teorie XD Ritroviamo tutte le coppie e i vari personaggi degli altri volumi e i due protagonisti, Ally e Mark, riescono a tenere viva l'attenzione, finalmente abbiamo una lei che non si lascia infinocchiare da una maschera e che è determinata a non farsi trattare come una bambolina di porcellana (certo, qualche colpo di testa un po' da scemotta ce lo regala ma non si può avere tutto! XD) e un lui altrettanto determinato e fascinoso! ;D

Megan says

This book is the last in her trilogy. The first being "Wicked" and the second being "Reckless." While "Wicked" was not one of Shannon Drake's better books, I do have to say that both "Reckless" and "Beguiled" are must reads for any historical romance or Shannon Drake fan. Critics of this book ask how the hero and heroine are able to fall in love when they never seem to be together. First of all, I have to say that they are together plenty, but for the murder mystery plot to keep developing, the hero and heroine are separated also. This is a very nice change from the hero and heroine NEVER leaving one another's sides. The hero and heroine have great chemistry, and I just love this book!

Ashley says

In this series each book was better than the last. Unfortunately the entire series focuses on something I've never been interested in. Mystery. I hate mystery novels. I always have. I enjoyed how independent each woman was, and how their men had to learn to adjust. Mr. Mark had to learn that you shouldn't marry someone just to control them. That's messed up.
