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Bent on revenge after five years on a prison ship, Sean O'Toole, Earl of Kildare, kidnapped his enemy's daughter. Her name was Emerald, an innocent beauty he had known long ago, who had stirred his senses like no other woman. But now he planned to seduce her, abandon her...and bring disgrace to the Montagues. First he would restore the fire to her eyes, make her hunger for his steely embrace -- then use her in an act of vengeance. But Sean didn't expect to find himself caught in the sudden heat of his own desires, bewitched by the magnificent beauty he'd planned to betray...

## **Dream Lover Details**

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## **Jamie says**

Still to this day one of my favorite books. I love that they are Irish, I love that he gives her, her life back and her freedom and I love the chemistry between these two characters. While freeing her from her horrible black life, she frees him!!! LOVE LOVE LOVE

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## **Ireland Durante says**

"Love is a journey from the first blush of physical attraction to a marriage of souls"

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## **Brenda says**

My mum is not a reader but she had a couple of books that she gave me because I AM a reader :P I said well let's see and... (In spanish it's called "Revancha de amor" aww(?))

This was so full of hatred, love, envy, revenge, anger, avarice, lust, pain...

To William Montague and Jack Raymond:

I really want to know if irish and british were like that in the past... It was horrible how british men treated women and how women accepted all that crap. I liked that irish women were brave and uncontrollable.

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## **Erica says**

I read this year's ago, and from memory it was one of my all time favorite historical romances. Now, after re-reading this almost 15 years after the first time, I don't think I can claim it as a favorite but it was still sweet and engaging.

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## **Gracedih says**

Epic. First time reading Virginia Henley. What a rush

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**Riris Riris says**

i don't like her mother

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**Sec2000 says**

blah

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**Mary VanWinkle says**

SLIGHT SPOILERS AHEAD...My goal was to read three Virginia Henley books before moving on and unfortunately, this is the third, so I have to read someone else for a while, lol. Out of the three I read, this is the best for a few reasons: the heroine and hero are together for most of the book-- hello, steamy scenes (unlike the struggle in *Enticed* and the routine spousal deaths in *A Woman of Passion*), 90% of the characters are Irish, which is fun (the main characters in *Enticed* were Irish but spent most of their time in England), and both characters had things going on outside their relationship to worry about.

After meeting his father's shady British partner William Montague's daughter, Sean O'Toole's entire family feels Montague's wrath when Montague discovers his Irish wife has been having an affair with one of Sean's family. Sean is framed for a murder and spends five years on a prison ship before escaping with extreme vengeance on his mind. Meanwhile, Emerald (shockingly I didn't mind this silly name after a while) has had the "Irish" i.e. personality stomped out of her by her prejudice father and pervy cousin/suitor, and lives a life of total oppression.

"Dream Lover" is really a corny title and doesn't do the book justice. Yes, the couple dream about each other but not enough to warrant the book title. Also the description should be updated, it was the sole reason I avoided this book for so long. When I eventually found a better description, I picked it up right away. Sean's abduction of Emerald was really a convenient after-thought, unlike the the description. Sean was out to ruin Montague's whole life, not just wreck his daughter. Also, I would have expected someone as sheltered and oppressed as Emerald was made to feel would have a little more resistance when being kidnapped and propositioned but I probably wouldn't resist Sean that much either. This is one I'll definitely read again, I practically inhaled it in three days!

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**Bettye McKee says****Splendid from beginning to end**

Emerald Fitzgerald Montague is visiting Anglesey, Wales, when Sean O'Toole spies her cavorting in the water with a porpoise and believes she must be a water sprite. By the time he realizes she is a young girl, he is already in love with her.

But trouble between their families keeps them apart. Thereafter the two families seek vengeance against each other, and there is much suffering on both sides.

There is a lot of story in this book, complete with struggling and surviving, love and betrayal, broken hearts and broken bones, and yes, keep those Kleenex at hand.

If I had proofread this book, I would have corrected 12 errors.

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### **Marielle Authier says**

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### **♥?elody says**

So I picked this book up from my library. Never read anything by this author, the plot sounded interesting and it peaked my interest. But here I am skimming through it a day later and ended up leaving it sitting there for weeks unfinished cause the dialogue is just a tad too....much for my taste.

When you get stuff like this:

"I am about to anoint you, but let me warn you, beloved my hands will steal your reason. When I am done, I will own your body and soul."

"...I want to intoxicate you with my passion"

"He exploded. The night exploded."

"Rest today so we can make the night explode."

O\_o

Nuff said.

There's a difference between sweet and saccharine and it's called overkill.

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### **Lile Drammeh says**

This is my all time favourite historical romance / romance novel. Virginia Henley completely lets you fall in love with every one of the characters in this book! I have read it three times!

Both Emerald and Sean's fathers had been doing business for a long while not knowing that Sean's Brother had been having a secret affair with Emerald's mother.

When Emerald's father discovers their secret he takes Emerald and her brother away and lies that their

mother has abandoned them for her lover! Emerald's father also decided to ruin Sean's family by killing Sean's brother and framing Sean for it. His mother died of a broken heart losing two sons. Sean is sent to prison and after 5 years manages to escape with only one thing on his mind - revenge! He will clear his criminal record, return to England and ruin Emerald's family!

This is where it gets exciting, he kidnaps Emerald who is all so willing to go along with him back to Ireland as she is in an awful marriage where her fiery spirit has been broken by her controlling father and husband.

Sean leaves a note to Emerald's father and husband when he kidnaps Emerald that he would only return her to England when she has his Irish baby in her.

The story unfolds as Sean tries to turn the timid Emerald he has kidnapped back into the fiery Irish he had known when she was 16. Sean tries to keep his promise to avenge his brother and mother's death but cannot as he is falling in love with Emerald. Does he keep this promise? Humm, you will have to read to find out! :o)

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## **Netha says**

ini novel ya ampun isinya tokoh2nya kenapa tragis semua???? yg baca sampe geleng2 duh nasibmu.....

novel ini bercerita ttg perseteruan antara keluarga fitzgerald - O'toole dengan montaque.

William Montaque menikah dengan Amber Fitzgerald, puteri dari earl of kildred from Irish. walo menikah dengan amber & bekerjasama dengan keluarga fitzgerald & o'toole namun william sangat menghina mereka. buat william keluarga irish istrinya hanya sekelompok orang2 hina. william tidak pernah membiarkan amber maupun emerald & johnny untuk berkumpul dengan keluarga Irish mereka.

yg tidak diketahui William adl Joseph O'toole, putera margareth (kakak tertua Amelia) & shamus O'toole yg merupakan utusan keluarga o'toole sering mengambil barang di alengsly (kalo kagak salah nama kotanya ya), kediaman keluarga montaque, tertarik pd bibinya yg muda & jelita. akhirnya joseph & amelia malah jd sepasang kekasih tanpa sepengetahuan keluarga mereka. duh ini ibu2 kagak sadar diri nih masa selingkuh sama ponakannya sendiri???!!!

Sean O'toole, putera ke 2 keluarga O'toole, muda tampan & penuh gairah hidup. pertama kali bersua sepupunya, emerald sean langsung suka dengan kepolosan & semangat hidup emerald juga kecantikan emerald. saat william membawa emerald & johnny ke Irish saat ulang tahun sean hubungan emerald & sean makin dekat. sangat jelas emerald memuja sean & sean pun tergila2 pada sepupunya itu. kecantikan emerald memang mempesona setiap orang, bahkan sepupu Irish nya pun iri. ini nih 1 ciri khas VH, selalu diceritakan ceweqnya cantik takkkkkk terkira...

tadinya william ingin menjodohkan emerald yg masih berusia 15 tahun dengan joseph, future earl of kildred. xixixixii gitu joseph diberitahu dia mo dijodohin ma emerald langsung kaget & sean langsung teriak "over my dead body" wakakakakaka

yg mereka tidak tau, emerald tidak sengaja mendengar pembicaraan joseph & sean ttg perselingkuhan joseph

& amelia.

emerald langsung hancur berkeping2 & langsung menjauhi sang ibu.

semua jadi lebih berantakan ketika william akhirnya mengetahui perselingkuhan istrinya dengan joseph.

william menghajar amber & meninggalkannya tergolek hampir mati & melarang amelia untuk menemui ke 2 anaknya.

william membawa emerald & johnny kembali ke london & merubah mereka menjadi masyarakat kalangan atas london tulen.

william menyewa seorang wanita yg mendidik & mengawasi setiap tindak tanduk emerald. nama emerald diganti menjadi emma. sedang johnny menjadi john.

william menghilangkan semua yg berbau irish dari diri mereka.

william bahkan mengkhianati earl of kildred, ayah mertuanya hingga meninggal.

william juga membunuh joseph & menuduh sean hingga membuat sean harus meringkuk dipenjara.

tahun2 berlalu saat usia emma menginjak 21 tahun, ayahnya menjodohkannya dengan jack raymond, putera haram kakak william.

emma mengira jika dia menikah dengan jack maka akan lepas dari cengkraman sang ayah, siapa yg kira ternyata nasibnya lebih buruk.

jack adl kaki tangan sang ayah.

sean, berhasil keluar dari penjara, meminta john untuk menghancurkan segala record kejahatan sean.

sean yg tau ibunya meninggal karna sedih & ayahnya tak berdaya menjadi sangat marah.

dendam & amarahnya berkobar. sean bertekad membalas dendam.

dengan bantuan john yg membenci sang ayah, sean menghancurkan bisnis perkapalan william.

sean juga membawa emerald ke castle lies, tempat tinggalnya di Irish.

disana sean merayu emerald, membuat emma kembali menjadi emerald.

memenuhi hari2 emerald dengan kebahagiaan & cinta. bahkan mempertemukan emerald dengan amelia kembali.

emerald sangat bahagia bisa bersama pujaan hatinya. dia menyerahkan hidup hati & kepercayaannya pd sean.

namun emerald tidak tau sean memiliki rencana tersendiri. sean bertekad akan menghamili emerald & akan mengembalikan emerald ke ayahnya setelah berhasil menghamili emerald.

hal yg dilakukannya begitu usia kandungan emerald sudah tua.

aduhhhhhh aq serasa bisa ngerasain sakit hati yg diderita emerald.

pria yg dipercaya & dicintainya ternyata mencampakkannya & anak2nya dalam rahimnya demi balas dendam.

kenapa sean bisa begitu buta????!!!!!!

novel2 VH cowoqnya kebanyakan brengsek2 & seenaknya sendiri sama tokoh ceweqnya

& begonya si ceweq pasrah2 aja diperlakukan seenaknya begitu

tp VH ini novel2nya sarat emosi. bahasanya juga enak diikuti & kita spt bisa merasakan emosi tokoh2nya.

mantap banget deh.....siapa yg mau nerbitin novel2 VH ke bahasa indonesia???? :p

hatiku yg lembut & penuh kasih ini menangis piluuuu membaca waktu sean mengembalikan emerald ke rumah ayah & suaminya eh si jack malah dorong emerald dari tangga

JACK RESEEEEEEE!!!!!!!!!!!! syukurin kaki dia juga dihancurin sama john.

si sean walo brengsek begitu tp begitu tau emerald disemena2in sama suami & ayahnya langsung nyusul &

membawa emerald kerumahnya.

sean merawat emerald yg tak sadar & demam tinggi sehabis melahirkan.

sean juga saat yg lain menyatakan puteri kecilnya sudah tak mungkin terselamatkan tp sean dengan sekuat tenaga membuat puterinya hidup & bertahan.

tp sean juga sadar kesalahannya pd emerald terlalu besar. jika dia mengira emerald akan melupaka semuanya dengan bgt mudah ga akan mungkin.

karna dendam & ketololannya sean hampir kehilangan wanita yg dicintainya & ke 2 anak kembarnya.

yahhhh emang tolo!!!!!!

syukurin emerald pergi ninggalin dia yahhh walo pergi ga jauh2 amat wong belum2 udah kesusul sama sean :D

biar sean ngerasain sakitnya tercampakan.

yahhhhh ga pha2 deh yg penting khan happy end..... wajib itu....

hidup VH

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## **Regan Walker says**

Captivating Tale of Irish Revenge!

With her meticulous detail, Henley captures the feelings of a man whose family was destroyed due to one cruel man's vengeance for his young wife's infidelity, an affair he could have prevented if he'd only loved her. It's an intriguing story of Irish revenge that consumes a life almost sacrificing the love of a lifetime.

Set in the late 18th century, this is a story of Sean O'Toole, grandson of the Earl of Kildare, and brother to Joseph. The O'Toole family of Ireland was large, happy and prosperous involved in shipping and horses. On their birthdays, a few days apart, the family throws a huge party for Sean and Joseph. There, Sean sees Emerald FitzGerald Montague (half Irish/half English) when she is 15. Her father, along with Sean's and his grandfather the earl, are engaged in smuggling guns. To Emerald, Sean was a beautiful Irish prince who haunted her dreams. Soon thereafter, Emerald's cruel English father discovers the affair his wife and Joseph O'Toole are having and sets about to destroy the Earl of Kildare and his family. He arranges for the arrest of the Earl of Kildare, who dies in prison, kills Joseph and sends Sean to prison on the false charge of murdering his brother. Over the next 5 years of hard labor in a "death sentence" prison, Sean meticulously plans his revenge. Part of that revenge includes Emerald...

I have never been disappointed by Virginia Henley and though I didn't give this the full five stars I have some of her other books, I still enjoyed it very much. And I loved the glimpse of Ireland and its people...and the hero is an Irish hunk to die for! I recommend it.

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## **Being Human says**

aarrgg this book make me so angry..started out great...i was loving it so much...reading past midnight....but then the author did something that I hate the most. My no.1 pet peeve- adulterous/cheating/non-virgin heroines. In this case the heroine eventually gets married to the villain and they did consummate their marriage!!!! WTH!!!!aarrgggg!!! I can't read anymore...

