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Fate rarely obeys the will of men or women.

Learning she is bound on the next tide to marry a Caribbean commissioner, Lorena St. John is devastated. Yet she must obey her iron-handed stepfather, or her beloved sisters will suffer the consequences.

She arrives in Bermuda with hope, but finds her betrothed is a slave master who views her as chattel. Defiance gets her locked out of his house, vulnerable to the harsh tropical sun and a band of desperate men.

Captain Warren Rawlins isn't above using Lorena as a shield to rescue his brothers from the British fortress. Once aboard his ship, though, he finds Lorena is no fragile English bloom. She's a delectable handful with a sharp sense of honor and an even sharper tongue.

Despite her initial outrage, Lorena finds herself softening toward the rough crew of the Huntress who have more nobility than a thousand proper gentlemen. And its captain finds himself fighting a losing battle against the need to take her in his arms, propriety be damned.

All too soon Boston Harbor looms, but the danger isn't past. Warren once again takes to the sea to fight for the woman he loves. Winner takes all "

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Nicole Laverdure says

Prisoner of Desire by Mary Wine

Again Mary Wine wrote a wonderful romance! You will fall in love with her characters. Lorena is a strong and stubborn woman and Warren the perfect gentleman. I love this author for her style of writing. I enjoyed every minute of this nice adventure. If you are a fan of Mary Wine, then this book is for you, you won't regret it. I wrote a short review because I see lots of long complete reviews were done!

MelissaB says

This was a decent book, I liked the exotic setting of the Caribbean in the 1800's and the seafaring adventure. There were parts of the book that were exciting but there were also parts that seemed to drag.

The author does have a bad habit of adding historical details that don't mesh well into the story, especially details about clothing and bathing. Authors should write as if they are living in that time period so I can live it along with the characters, not be drawn out of the story with random information that a typical person from that time period would never notice.

The heroine got on my nerves sometimes with her stilted prudish manners. Then the hero would be kind of annoying for thinking a man couldn't love a woman which didn't make sense because his parents are in love.

Other than these problems, it was an interesting adventure story. I did like her Scottish medievales a tad better because they were hotter and more fun to read.

Mitzi says

What a refreshing change of pace for me lately. It's been a while since I read a good book about a handsome sea captain kidnapping a headstrong maiden and then seducing her.

Mary Wine paints a great story with this novel. I felt as if I were in Lorena's shoes every step of the way. I felt the heartache of leaving her sisters behind and the joy she felt wanting to experience a new life and see a different part of the world. I love the scenes she describes from the prisoners horrible conditions on Bermuda, to the crystal clear waters of St. Martins, to the port of Boston in its infancy.

Lorena has so much spirit and is so strong willed, I just adored her.....she's brave but not stupid, very practical yet doesn't give up hope.

Warren is an honorable captain and used to taking charge and giving orders.....until he meets his match in Lorena. The draw to each other is magnetic and undeniable. They are a good match.

I'm hoping there are more stories based on this book. Lorena left 2 sisters behind under the guardianship of her strict stepfather.....And Warren has 2 adorable sea faring brothers. Yummmmm.

I don't really have any complaints about this book....but I do love my books on the hotter side and this book was a little lacking in that department. Although the sex scenes were pretty good, there could have been a little more heat imo. An because of that I'm giving this book a B instead of an A.

For anyone interesting in reading some great steamy pirate books, I would highly recommend Marsha Canham's Dante's Pirates #1 Across The Moonlit Sea and #2 The Iron Rose, both excellent.

Jody Allred says

Awesome

Keep these books coming I could read hundreds of books if they are like this one. Love, romance, and lots good looking captains. This book was about Warren and lorena.

Mandy Saial says

sweet ,yet spicy quick read from oneofthe Queens of Regency.

Debbie Dodd says

I enjoyed reading. It was better than I thought it would be by the synopsis.

Maggie says

The premise sounded good, but the execution was really subpar, especially compared to other Mary Wine books I've read. Warren was just one of those alpha male weirdos who's always angry and bossing around the female love interest, and Lorena was doing as best as she could in a world where three men were trying to control her life. I feel like this was written in haste because there were a ton of typos and errors.

Kimberly Rocha~ Book Obsessed Chicks says

England: When the mother of Lorena St. John and her two younger sisters passes away, leaving the three girls at the mercy of their cruel stepfather, they all learn though bitter disappointment and hard work, that life is not all that it is cracked up to be. Instead of the pleasant and loving existence they knew while their parents were alive, they now live a dreary and hard one with their stepfather, Geoffrey Godford, rules his home with

an iron fist using his step-daughters like servants. About a decade later, when Lorena is twenty-three, she is told by her stepfather, that he has arranged a marriage for her to a British officer and will leave the only home she has known, for Bermuda, where she will be wed to Commissioner Adam Mordaunt, who has brokered the match with Godford.

Boston: The Rawlins family is a shipping magnate, born and bred on the ocean with their progenitor, Sebastian being a former pirate. The handsome sons of Sebastian and Brigitte all sail for a living and are just as at home on their ships as they are at hearth and home in Boston. Captain Warren Rawlins, the eldest son loves his ship, the Huntress, and while he is much sought after with the local ladies, he shies away from the forbidden "M" word. When Warren's younger brother Garrick captains his own ship, the Golden Dawn and takes the youngest, Harrison trouble abounds when the Brits attack and take the Rawlins men captive to the island of Bermuda, where the cruel Commissioner Adam Mordaunt rules his penal colony like a slave master. When Captain Warren Rawlins discovers his brothers and some crew are taken prisoner, and the Golden Dawn left in a wreck, he swears he will rescue his brothers by any means necessary

After weeks at sea, Lorena St. John arrives in hot and sticky Bermuda to a dismal reception by her husband-to-be. Commissioner Mordaunt leaves Lorena to wander the island as punishment for not obeying his orders upon their first meeting. On the island only a few hours, Lorena is taken captive by Captain Rawlins as an assurance his ship and his men will not be harmed by Mordaunt when Warren frees his brother's and the other men. Instead of finding a simpering female who cowers in fear, Captain Rawlins discovers Lorena St. John is a woman like no other, and once caught up in his sails, so to speak, Lorena has a difficult time making heads or tails of the larger than life American, because once she realizes she is free from an unwanted marriage to the savage Mordaunt, she wonders if she is better off staying unmarried. Once Warren realizes Lorena is the catch for him, he is relentless in pursuit of her hand as well as her body.

Once again Mary Wine sucks me in with her strong female character. Lorena is a strong and occasionally stubborn woman and I adore her. Along the way, she learns to adapt to any situation she is in with her wits, not with tears. Warren is a dreamy character with his gentlemanly attitude one moment to the fierce Captain the next. I love how Mary Wine shows the stark contrast between the young, new America and the old and stiff British culture. This story was well told with action and adventure. Now all I need is a sequel!!!! I highly recommend Prisoner of Desire by Mary Wine. I wish more people knew about her work because she is such a great writer.

~KIMBERLY~

4 1/2 Stars (Brilliant)

Rane says

It's been while since I read such a delicious adventure novel (pirates not-included) everything was top-notch from the plot to the characters even had a picky parrot named Lady Holly.

Lorena St. John and her sisters have lived under the iron thumb of their stepfather since the death of their

mother, not Lorena is forced into a marriage set sailed to Bermuda with the hope her husband to be will be a better man than her stepfather, giving her a chance to be free. Sadly that mere hope is dashed when she finds herself betrothed to a cruel slave master. Lorena is faced with a bleak future, until perhaps by luck or fate is abducted Captain Warren Rawlins, whom slowly starts to change her outlook on those of the ship and the captain himself..

Captain Warren Rawlins used Lorena to get his brother out of the slave fortress where they were being kept. A merchant by trade along with his family, Warren can't stomach then uncalled for attack on his brothers. When he and his brothers make their escape he's left with Lorena on his hands, whom he finds has a backbone of true steel and a wit that matches his own, that raises his desire to have her at all costs before they reach the shores of the states, and Lorena's betrothed catches up to them...

Prisoner Of Desire has two strong-willed people in Warren and Lorena. Lorena forced by her step-father to become strong or break, and Warren by his life on the sea.

While the both start off on the wrong foot with one another, it quickly ignites to a sexual tension that is confined in a small space on the ship and on the sea. It's like a perfect setting to show the reader how both Warren and Lorena grow to fight, desire and grow to know one another. And these two really burn up the papers, not with just the sex, but with the sexual tension.

Warren battles with his honor not to touch Lorena, and Lorena tries to make sense of her emotions and her life, while worrying about her future and the family she left behind, and finally having the chance to be free..

Their interaction not only with one another but with those around them, were great and I adore Warren's brother, hoping we get to see more from them along with Lorena's sisters? And of course let's not forget about the cantankerous Lady Holly, the parrot whom didn't care at all for Warren, but adore Lorena!

Everything was very paced through the book, not only the dueling emotions between Warren and Lorena, but the unknown chase their under by the evil slave master whom wants Lorena back. The only bit I did have trouble with was Warren and Lorena not fessing up about how they felt about one another, but of course Warren zooms in to save Lorena when she's abducted, and of course saves herself, and they both get their HEA on the high seas!

Mary Wine won me over with her writing and Prisoner Of Desire on one the lookout for all her backlist, and hopes she writes sequels for Warren's brothers and Lorena's sisters!
