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Spirited scholar Lucy Drysdale has long dreamed of London-- the stimulating lectures, the intellectual banter. But first she much chaperone Lade Valerie, a tender young girl embarking on her first social season.

Before Lucy can guide Valerie through her first society crush, they are swept into the world of the Earl of Westcott, London's most notorious rakehell.

Ivan Thornton, the gypsy Earl, gained his title only because his father had no legitimate heir. Bitter over the cruelties society heaped on him when he was just a boy, Ivan takes sweet revenge-- he breaks the hearts of young society women.

For Ivan, the two women are easy prey for his game of deceit-- until Lucy's passionate touch ignites a desire that sears his soul. And Lucy finds, in protecting Valerie from the charismatic Earl, that she has left her own heart dangerously vulnerable...

## **Dangerous To Love Details**

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### **Jadzia says**

The characters were so irritating, I was feeling I'd like kick their asses to put some brains in their heads. Entirely too much unneeded internal struggles.

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### **katie says**

I would have liked a little more romance and not the just the sexual tension between the two. I've read books where the sexual tension leads to romance and this is not it.

The ending feels lacking. There was no gradual resolution between the two especially after everything that happened.

To sum up the relationship between Lucy and Ivan, listen to Collide by Dishwalla.

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### **Anja says**

Good story, great hero and wonderful heroine. I also liked the grandmother very much. What I always admire with Becnel's books is, that she can describe the despair so believably. It always, always makes me cry. I can't help it.

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### **Kathleen Crowell says**

Much better time period for me. Kind of dark, but I liked it!

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### **Pamela Jolly says**

This is one of those books I couldn't stop reading. Then when I finally went to bed, woke at 3am , wanting to go finish reading it! Yes, he's a jerk, but he didn't know any other way to be! The H is a bastard half gypsy earl, the h is a bit of a bluestocking, but pretty and passionate, and decidedly outspoken. When they meet, sparks fly, and neither can resist the pull to be together. Eventually they are forced to marry, due to manipulations of his grandmother and his friend. Wish we had been informed why his friend took part in the plot, that was never explained. There is much heartache and pain, but eve a HEA. I really like this author, had greatly enjoyed The Maiden Bride, will read more from her.

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### **Jultri says**

3.5/5. Angry, embittered gypsy and newly titled bastard earl goes up against self-righteous, compulsive psycho-analyst spinster. He was just too cold, cruel and charmless for most of the book, she irritated me with her constant applications of her various psych theories, which she used to justify and forgive his cruelty. Not to mention her moments of petty jealousy of her younger charge was not very endearing. The book improved in the last third and the author is a rather good writer.

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### **Juliana Philippa says**

**(3.5 stars)** Could have been four stars because all the right components were there - wonderful leading characters, interesting supporting ones, great dialogue, intense chemistry between the hero and heroine - however after Ivan and Lucy marry, his behavior was a real turn-off.

I love the tortured and grew-up-unloved-and-alone hero as much as the next girl, but where's the fun in reading about a hero who is mean to the heroine, abandons her for more than two months the morning after they get married, and then vacillates between ignoring her and going out of his way to hurt her.

Yeah, yeah, we get the whole explanation that he's afraid of love, afraid of his own feelings for Lucy and hers (or lack thereof) for him, but still ... could have been shown to the reader in another way, because although reading snappy dialogue and about antagonizing encounters is enjoyable (and sometimes preferable) at the beginning of a hero and heroine's relationship, if it devolves into meanness or goes on for too long, it kind of takes the fun out of things.

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### **Haya 2 says**

Someone needs to tell Lucy to calm the f\*\*\* down. Ivan is just a guy, that's it. She keeps gasping and exclaiming in her head so damn much every time Ivan did or said something.

I couldn't get into this book because I keep feeling embarrassed for Lucy. She's supposed to be this prim and proper lady, that's cool and chill and doesn't let anyone toy with her. But alas, we've got the opposite.

Ps. Ivan has a lot of growing up to do. Maybe I could've actually sympathized with him. That's if he didn't act like such a spoiled whiny brat the whole time....

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### **Cat The Curious says**

Lucy is a blue stocking. Ivan is the gypsy rake with the tortured past. Lucy's sexy wit and smarts attract Ivan so much. Ivan becomes obsessed with having her. The heroine is a spinsterish blue stocking and Ivan's lust for her and their banter back and forth is what I really enjoyed. He starts to lust Lucy and sets out to seduce her. Page 131-132 made me laugh out loud. Let me stop now before I divulge too much. The book takes a serious turn that some do not like. You have to go back to his tortured past to understand. Overall the wit of the heroine and Ivan's naughtiness won me over.

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### **FeliciaKaren says**

read %50...

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### **Mary23nm says**

[The "bastard" hero is seriously messed up and treats the heroine badly during the second half of the book. The blue-stockin spinster heroine was great, except for her melting over his man-moves (backbone of a wet noodle) and that did get irritating after awhile. The first half of the book was pretty good but the ending was very strong and brought my rating up to four stars. (hide spoiler)]

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### **D says**

Ivan was a jerk. Slightly more likable at the end.

I did not give this one star because there is nothing good about this novel. Rather, I just didn't like it, and that is how goodreads defines one star. For a two star, I might try out another book from the author, but with a one star, I don't plan on reading anything else by Becnel.

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### **Mary Kate says**

I really liked this book. I'd actually mark it right up there with The Matchmaker.

So you've got this guy who was dragged out of his gypsy life style because he's the last heir of his fathers title. So even though he's illegitimate they want to groom him to take over, because you know, blood lines. He's pissed because his grandmother ripped him from his mothers arms and left him to be raised by strangers.

Now that it's time for him to settle down and take a wife he turns down all his grandmothers matchmaking to tick her off. So in walk Lady Valerie, the newest girl his grandmother has planned to throw at him and her chaperone Lucy.

On the shelf Lucy is the one to catch his eye. I love bluestocking stories. I love when the girl has her own mind and her own way of doing things. Lucy isn't looking for the most handsome man in the ball room. She has her hat set for a scholar. The whole reason she wanted to sponsor Lady Valerie is so she could go to this scholars lectures.

Ivan is a thorn in her side. But he likes her because she's the first girl to try and not toy with his affection.

It's so hard to get a plot like this done right and Becnel nailed it. I loved the witty banter between the two characters. I loved how they slowly began to fall for each other. I love how much they were eaten by their

insecurities. I love how the Lucy was first infatuated with another guy and that bothered Ivan.

This plot was brilliant.

Spoiler below!

The one part I did not understand was the miscarriage. I feel like it would have taken Lucy much longer to recover than she did. I wanted Ivan to suffer just a little bit more for his assholish behavior. She basically forgave him right away when she should have put him in his place for being such a dick and leaving her like that.

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### **Daneesha says**

FREAKING AMAZING. this book belongs in my top 3. i couldn't put it down. my mom kept coming in to interrupt, but i was so determined to finish it, i kept reading until i did. the hero had a horrible childhood. he wasn't loved. well, as an adult he doesn't know how to love or be loved. it was amazing the trials that the heroine went through with him. the heroine had backbone, spunk, and she was a beautiful spinster. she could match him word for word. the dialogue and scenes between the two of them were smoldering and funny. anyway, she eventually fell for him and not just because he was devastatingly handsome. you know the men are usually beautiful. anyway, he was worth her love. he was just so afraid of it. of course, he came to see differently. it took him some time and it wasn't in the span of 4 pages. you could see him slowly changing. the book also had a nice theme about the importance of family. i wholeheartedly recommend this gem of a book.

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### **Katy says**

#### UPDATE

I think this is more a 3.50 stars, this one has a strong beginning, a slow middle, and a weak end. Also so much crying from this supposedly strong heroine, also Ivan is one of the biggest babies and most emotionally unstable heroes I have read, sure he is hot af but all he does is bitch about his past. The chemistry between Lucy and Ivan worked VERY well though and is the bulk of the reason behind my rating, both their personalities leave A LOT to be desired though.

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