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For ten years, Anthony Westfield, Viscount Somerton, hasn't been able to forget the woman with whom he spent one scandalous night. When their paths cross again, he's shocked to discover Victoria Seaton is an accomplished pickpocket. But Somerton leads a double life of his own. Working on an undercover assignment, he makes Victoria a proposition: pretend to be his mistress or risk ruin. Yet soon he's tempted to turn their charade into reality—and surrender to an explosive passion.

A Holiday To Remember...

Victoria can't believe the man who almost destroyed her life a decade ago is now threatening to unravel her secrets. But posing as his mistress at a holiday country party is a game she can play well. For just one look into Somerton's eyes still weakens her with lust. And with Christmas fast approaching, every kiss they share under the mistletoe only makes Victoria fall more deeply in love.

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Lelyana says

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Elle says

I rolled my eyes quite a bit with this one. A basically good story but there were a lot of abrupt, unexplained, changes of emotion and behavior on the parts of both protagonists.

Tiny Shen ??? says

Sebenarnya duluuuuu sekali udah pernah baca Novel ini, ini baca ulang karena sebenarnya awalnya ga ngeh udh pernah baca. Setelah bab pertama baru rasanya cerita ini cukup familiar. ???

Okay.. Aku suka alur ceritanya.. Historical Romance yang melibatkan mata2..

Lord Somerton aka Anthony pada ultahnya yg ke 18 dipaksa temannya ke rumah bordil. Alangkah kagetnya dia ketika dia mengetahui bahwa pemilik rumah bordil tsb, Lady Whitely adalah ibu kandungnya. Ibu yg dia percayai telah meninggal. Anthony yg shock kemudian pergi, dan akhirnya berakhir di depan tangga gereja bersama seorang gadis penjual jeruk yang tak lain adalah Anne Smith yg nantinya berganti nama menjadi Victoria Seaton.

10 tahun berselang, Anthony mencari keberadaan Anne aja Victoria karena dia tidak bisa melupakan pengalaman pertamanya. Dia bahkan sampai meminta bantuan Sophie Reynard, sang cenayang sekaligus makcomblang.

Pertemuan kembali Victoria dan Anthony tidak bisa dibilang menyenangkan. Karena saat itu Victoria malah mencuri dari Anthony. Ketika Anthony mengetahui hal itu, Anthony kemudian memaksa Victoria untuk berpura-pura menjadi kekasih gelapnya dalam satu misi, balasan setimpal supaya Anthony tidak memberitahukan kepada teman2 Victoria bahwa ia adalah seorang pencopet.

Singkat cerita, misi mereka berlangsung sukses. Anthony dan Victoria juga kemudian tidak bs menolak pesona masing2.

Hingga penjahatnya mengikuti mereka kembali ke London dan menculik Victoria. Untunglah Anthony berhasil menyelamatkan Victoria dan menembak mati penjahat itu.

Well, cerita ga berhenti di sana. Adalagi rahasia2 yg akhirnya terkuak. Rahasia yg kemudian benar menjadi skandal musim ini..

4/5 stars..

Apsari Dicky says

awesome ending and i've been crying at the end. at least Victoria and Anthony were happy after. nice story!
but easy to guest the crime in midd story, after Hardy met the lady in silver dress

Jultri says

I shook my head so much while reading through the first part of the book, that I made the decision to part ways with the book rather than my head. The so called hero, in his infinite distress at finding his mother still alive and making her living in less than respectable ways, decided to drown his sorrows in the heroine's feminine vault, despite her supposed objections. He went through the next 10 years feeling guilty for taking hers and his own virginities (is there really a plural form?) against a street door and tried to search for her to make amends. When he finally found her, he decided to show her how his lovemaking skills have advanced by almost taking her against another door. The girl, when not repaying her friend's hospitality by robbing said friend's guests blind, was amorously jumping all over her supposed past rapist. It turns out that it was consensual sex after all, as her 18 year old virginal self decided after a few hot glances across the street, that the hero's drunken younger self was the chosen one who had the honour of deflowering her, just because she was in the mood for some lovin' that night. Enough said!

Netha says

Anthony Westfield, Viscount Sommerton, terkenal dengan reputasi buruknya namun hal itu tidak pernah diperdulikan oleh Anthony.

buatnya terserah orang mau bilang apa yang penting dia bahagia. bahkan pendapat sang ayah tidak diperdulikan anthony, toh ayahnya sama munafiknya bahkan jauh lebih munafik.

bbrp tahun yg lalu, hidup mengajarkan anthony membuat pribadi & pandangan hidupnya berubah 180 derajat.

mengetahui ibu yang diketahuinya ternyata masih hidup & adalah lady....(lupa nama), bukan itu saja, sang ibu adalah pemilik rumah bordil ternama di london.

bukan itu saja, bbrp tahun yg lalu, anthony secara paksa me-rape seorang gadis muda yg bahkan namanya saja tidak diketahuinya.

sekarang bertahun2 kemudian, masih diliputi rasa bersalah, anthony meminta sang adik tiri, sophia reynard, untuk mencari tau siapa gadis muda tersebut.

namun saat mengetahui siapa gadis muda tersebut tidak membuat segalanya menjadi lebih muda.

gadis tersebut sudah tumbuh menjadi wanita muda yang cantik, yg ternyata sering didengar namanya & bertemu dengannya, dengan nama victoria seaton, pemilik rumah panti asuhan.

bertekad menebus kesalahannya anthony mendekati victoria.

lha cara anthony mendekati victoria lucu juga nih.

ingin menebus dosa2nya eh si anthony malah memeras victoria yg ketahuan mengambil kalung warisan ibu anthony untuk adik wanita anthony yg mau menikah.

anthony meminta victoria untuk menyamar menjadi mistress - nya & menemaninya ke pesta di salah 1 kediaman teman anthony.

anthony ingin memanfaatkan victoria untuk mengalihkan perhatian & kecemburuan sang tuan rumah yg masih menganggap anthony memiliki perhatian pada istrinya.

tapi anthony tidak menyangka kalo victoria yg dikiranya adl salah 1 gadis dirumah bordil ibunya adl wanita cerdas yg baik hati & cantik yg sanggup memikat perhatian pria lain di pesta tersebut.

victoria seaton. berasal dari keluarga pekerja. kehilangan kegadisannya bertahun2 yg lalu pd seorang pria muda yg bahkan namanya pun tidak diketahui victoria.

sekarang victoria berkat lady.....berhasil menjelma menjadi wanita muda berpendidikan & bertingkah laku sempurna, menjadi sahabat bagi ke 4 wanita muda kalangan atas.

sekarang dia harus berhadapan & berurusan dengan viscount sommerton, pria yg terkenal seenaknya dikalangan ton juga merupakan orang dekat bagi sahabat2nya.

tadinya perannya sbg mistress anthony dianggap victoria tdk berbahaya, toh hanya bbrp hari tp sikap anthony & kharisma anthony membuat victoria jatuh kedalam pelukannya.

sekarang saat hubungan mereka lebih dekat, victoria mencoba membantu anthony memecahkan kasus yg harus ditangani anthony.

yup anthony adalah mata2 parlemen kerajaan. anthony ditugaskan untuk mencari tahu ttg rincian rencana pembunuhan prinny.

kebetulan salah 1 tersangka ternyata menaruh perhatian lebih pada victoria, membuat rencana victoria jauh lebih muda.

tapi yang tidak diketahui oleh anthony & victoria adalah mereka salah menuduh orang.

orang yg memiliki rencana pembunuhan prinny ternyata adalah wanita.

wanita yg selama ini dikira adalah teman bagi anthony & victoria.

semua terjadi begitu cepat.

anthony yg marah besar, mengira victoria memiliki anak darinya & menyembunyikan fakta itu dair anthony. kemarahan itu harus dibayar mahal.

victoria diculik tepat didepan matanya.

anthony jelas kalap & tanpa peduli apapun berusaha menemukan victoria.

masalah apapun yg terjadi tidak diperdulikannya lagi termasuk pertikaianya dengan ayah serta ibunya yg ternyata masih berhubungan bahkan sudah memiliki anak perempuan lagi.

anthonyyyyy anthonyyyyyy buruan selamatin victoria....

ihik aq baca bagian victoria waktu ditawan mo nangis.....

victoria demi keselamatan anthony memilih bungkam & dihajar habis2an.....

kasian victoria.....

Janet Russell says

Hot forbidden romance

This one has it all dark secrets mystery steamy romance action intrigue and happily ever after. Characters are well drawn with just the tight amount of tension and surprise

Greselley says

All three women slapped their hands over their mouths. Avis was the first to recover.

“Victoria? With a man?”

“Were any of you any different?” Sophie said knowingly.

“Well, no,” Jennette sputtered. “But she always was the voice of reason. Telling us it was sinful to lie with a man without marriage.”

“And yet, it did not stop you, did it?”

All three women giggled and shook their heads.

“Victoria and Somerton,” Elizabeth whispered with a grin. “Do you think he loves her?”

“Did you not see the fierce look on his face?” Avis replied. “That is a rake in love.”

Oh my God! I know without doubt, that this is the best among Kelley's books and one of the best HR novels that I've read so far. Well, I suspected in the book 3, it would be Victoria since Sophie is Anthony's sister. I really adore the hero and their story is so beautiful. I wouldn't really expect Anthony would be that innocent even when he was eighteen years old. It really makes me sad to witness such good boy turn to a hardened man but ofcourse, he's really a good man in truth. Her being his first and vice versa is so sweet. And it looks they would also be each other's last. The addition of threat to the Prince Regent's life and all the things that comes with it are plus to the story. It shows that even during that time, people always want to have more than what they already have, same as now. And the long agony of waiting of her survival is intense I wanted to cry if my mother is not seating beside me while I'm reading. I'm more than glad he had already achieve his own happiness and every matters regarding his family are now settled. He deserves that more than anyone. I really loved this man even if I know he's a creation of imagination. It all felt real. And I love every bits that comprises the whole story. A really really great, beautiful story from Kelley.

And my bet is still on Nicholas and Sophie. Next to his brother, I really want to see her happy. She have done so much to make her friends happy and I think Nicholas is the man. And I really want to more about this man and her daughter. I really hope it would come to that.

Romsiyah says

Pokoknya yang ini bintang 4 kalo boleh cuma bintang 3.



Annette says

SCANDAL OF THE SEASON: got off to a slow start. A lot of initial introductions from previous book links. I just didn't care for the hero and the story was convoluted.

Kiesha ~ 1Cheekyllass says

This was a fantastic read! I've been looking forward to Somerton although I had reservations about him being paired with Victoria. I was wrong! They were great together, probably the most intense in the series and the characters were amazing. There is a lot going on in the story but I felt that the author did a good job balancing the various plots. Highly recommended... 5 stars.

P.S.

I've REALLY been looking forward to book 5 (Sophie's story). I assumed Sophie's would be the best because she's a bastard as I tend to like the stories where the heroine or hero is the underdog. However, this story might give my 'assumption' a run for its money. This is the best book out of all 4 so far.

UPDATE: Midway through Sophie's book, I can safely say that this book is the best in the series. Not sure I'll be able to finish Sophie's book.

Katherine ??? says

Siapa bilang peristiwa pertama kali bercinta akan terlupakan oleh seorang pria?? Anthony, Viscount Sommerton tidak bisa melupakan peristiwa tersebut, sebelum dan sesudah dia dalam keadaan mabuk merenggut keperawanan seorang wanita biasa.

Setelah 10 tahun, Anthony bertemu kembali dgn wanita tersebut, dari seorang penjual jeruk menjelma menjadi seorang wanita pemilik panti asuhan kecil, tepat bertetangga dgn rumah bordil Lady Whitely, ibu kandung Anthony yg melarikan diri dari ayahnya. Tapi reuni ini tidak berlangsung baik karena Victoria mencopet kalung milik ibu Anthony yang tadinya akan diserahkan kepada adiknya Genna utk hadiah pernikahannya. Anthony memutuskan utk memeras Victoria dgn cara membayar wanita tersebut utk berpura-pura menjadi kekasih palsunya, utk tugas mata-mata yang ditugaskan kepada dirinya. Ternyata yang tadinya pura-pura menjadi sungguhan, tetapi keduanya masih menyangkal bahwa satu sama lain saling mencintai. Hingga kejadian yang tak terelakkan ketika Victoria diculik dan diancam serta dicambuk dan hampir diperkosa, nyaris terlambat ANthony menolong Victoria dan tembak-menembak mengakibatkan Victoria luka parah.

Akankah Anthony meletakkan martabatnya dan mengakui bahwa dia mencintai Victoria? Sumpah!!! Bikin baper nih novel. Gemas melihat arogansi dan gengsi si Anthony tapi toh dia termehek-mehek juga ketika menjaga Victoria yang sedang sekarat. Sampai dengan akhir cerita, buku ini penuh salah paham, salah sangka, skandal yang memenuhi orangtua Anthony yang bikin saya geleng-geleng kepala.

Duh, jadi kepo abis mau baca lanjutan dan buku terakhirnya.

Carrie says

This Holiday themed historical is sure to keep the reader warm on a cold winter's night.

SCANDAL OF THE SEASON is a connected book to Ms. Kelley's previous books. It is not necessary at all to read the previous books to enjoy SCANDAL OF THE SEASON. (The previous books are great reads.)

SCANDAL OF THE SEASON takes place during the month of December in the years 1807 and 1817. The

hero (Anthony Westfield) and the heroine (Victoria Seaton) meet in 1807 for one memorable night and then don't see each other for ten years. I loved this part of the couple's history. It isn't romantic, but it does create a bond between them that is still there when they meet in 1817.

I loved almost everything about this book. I say almost because for most of the book I didn't like the hero. He just wasn't very likable, but I think the story wouldn't have worked with a likeable hero. Anthony Westfield, Viscount Somerton, doesn't treat people well. He especially doesn't treat women well and he treats Victoria Seaton terribly. He does everything from accusing her of being a whore to not trusting her even while he is putting her in danger. I'm not a fan of heroes acting this way, but Ms. Kelley is able to make him truly redeemable by the end of the book. He transforms from a cynical man who is distrustful of everyone around him to a man with faith in the power of love.

Victoria Seaton (aka Anne Smith) is an interesting character for a historical romance. She isn't a debutant or some illegitimate daughter of a peer. She is the daughter of lower class parents and only escaped becoming a prostitute by meeting the right woman at the right time. Anthony doesn't know but his presence in her life ten years before has made Victoria the proper woman she has become. I really liked how she had risen above her lot in life and was making her own way.

These two don't seem to be made for each other in the beginning, but the secrets each character reveals throughout the book changed my opinion. I could see how Victoria could help Anthony deal with his past and how he could help her just by loving her the way that she was.

SCANDAL OF THE SEASON is also full of mystery. Anthony is sent to the house party on a matter of national security and Victoria gets caught up in it as well. I loved how this part of the plot didn't take away from the romance and even made the relationship between Anthony and Victoria seem more natural. The climax of the mystery coincides with the climax of the relationship and makes for a very powerful ending to the book.

SCANDAL OF THE SEASON is very well written with no parts that felt lagging or boring. There is definite growth in the characters. SCANDAL OF THE SEASON is an almost perfect historical romance.

Nurina Widiani says

Akhirnya saya memutuskan membaca Scandal of The Season, saking ngebetnya saya untuk menelusuri kisah percintaan Somerton, tokoh favorit saya dari seri The Spinster Club. Sejak awal, Somerton selalu hadir dalam kisah-kisah sebelumnya sebagai agen alias tangan kanan Sophie dalam mencomblangkan para anggota klub perawan tua. Somerton dibalik sikapnya yang kelihatan bajingan dan seenak pantatnya sendiri itu, pastilah hero yang paling potensial di antara hero lainnya.

Dan untungnya harapan saya terwujud. Novel Scandal of The Season bukan saja menghadirkan hero idaman saya, tapi juga heroine yang luar biasa dan bikin saya takjub. Di novel sebelumnya, saya sama sekali nggak tertarik ataupun terkesan pada Victoria, dia seolah hanya pelengkap dalam kelompok kecil itu. Namun ternyata Victoria pun sama cerdiknnya dengan Somerton. Kesan yang saya tangkap selama ini runtuh seketika saat mengetahui profesi Victoria sebenarnya. Victoria merupakan pencopet yang cangguh, yang beberapa kali membuat Somerton harus mengakui kelihaiannya.

Tentunya seru banget mengikuti kisah cinta antara mata-mata kerajaan dan seorang pencopet. Sungguh perpaduan yang menarik dan membuat jalinan cerita ini makin mengasyikkan.

Buku keempat dari seri The Spinster Club ini menggunakan sudut pandang orang ketiga, dengan fokus

utamanya bergantian antara Somerton dan Victoria. Alurnya mengalir maju dengan setting tahun 1807 pada awalnya, ketika saya dibawa ke tahun yang krusial bagi Somerton, Anne Smith dan Lady Whitely. Kemudian di bab selanjutnya, setting telah maju ke tahun 1817, tepat sepuluh tahun dan menjadi waktu yang tepat bagi Sophie untuk menjodohkan Somerton dan Victoria.

Novel ini pun berbeda dengan novel sebelumnya dari seri The Spinster Club. Betapa tidak, Scandal of The Season menyajikan misteri akan latar belakang kedua karakter utamanya di samping petualangan mereka dalam menjalankan misi melindungi prinny. Jadi, novel ini bukan hanya kisah cinta berbau skandal saja, tapi juga memberi kisah usaha Somerton dan Victoria dalam menyelidiki dan menuntaskan misi mereka. Kisah yang seru dan mendebarkan.

Namun karena saya sebelumnya sudah membaca buku kelimanya, asal-usul dan latar belakang keluarga Somerton sudah nggak mengagetkan saya lagi. Hahaha...

Saya suka dengan interaksi antara Somerton dan Victoria. Dialog yang mereka lemparkan satu sama lain begitu hidup dan intens. Chemistry di antara mereka berdua saya rasa merupakan chemistry terbaik jika dibandingkan dengan tokoh di novel yang lain dalam seri yang sama ini. Apalagi ketika tiba di saat sudut pandang terfokus pada Somerton, duuuh bikin klepek-klepek deh ungkapan perasaan dan penderitaan hatinya.

Cara Somerton cemburu pada Nicholas dan Hardy itu manis banget. Yaaah... ini kan dunia novel ya, jadi tokoh utamanya gampang cemburuan sih bebas aja. Tapi kalau di dunia nyata, cowok cemburuan mah tinggalin aja. Jangan diberi kesempatan untuk berbaikan. Wkwk~

Saya suka cover versi terjemahan ini. Bisa dibilang saya jatuh cinta pada cover novel historical fiction dari penerbit Elex Media Komputindo, karena selalu menampilkan gaun-gaun yang indah dengan warna yang cerah. Sayangnya untuk penerjemahannya masih kurang bagus dan banyak sekali typo dalam novel ini.

Overall, saya suka banget dengan Scandal of The Season. Sebuah kisah dengan karakter tokoh yang menarik dan beda dari yang lain. Seorang hero yang terluka hatinya, seorang heroine yang badass-nya minta ampun, dan sebuah konflik berbahaya yang berpotensi menyatukan mereka. Sungguh kisah yang luar biasa manis dan romantis.

Rosario (<http://rosario.blogspot.com/>) says

Another of my random picks from old stuff in the TBR. I'm starting to think I should maybe just delete anything that's been there for a few years, because I really haven't had much success.

The first scene has our hero, Anthony, drunk and being dragged along to a whorehouse by his friends, who are determined he should lose his virginity. He virtuously thinks he doesn't want to, and that some of the women might not be there willingly, but oh, well, he's horny, so maybe best not to think about icky things and just have a nice time. He only deflates when he comes face to face with the madame, who turns out to be his mother (!). His father had said she was dead, but instead there she is, running the most exclusive brothel in London. Angry Anthony refuses to listen and runs out, where he meets the pretty orange seller he's been ogling for days. He kisses her.

10 years later, scandalous rake Anthony, who also moonlights as a spy (that bit's not even surprising), is still looking for the orange seller. It seems like the forced kiss we just saw turned into sex against a wall, and he

remembers the encounter as rape and wants to apologise (because why even consider whether the woman is at all interested in reencountering the man who raped her; Anthony's conscience will feel better, and everyone knows a man's conscience trumps a woman's potential terror). To find the mysterious woman, he's enlisted the help of his secret half-sister, who's a psychic (!). At a party, sis tells him she's finally found the woman and she's right in the next room! Hmmm, none of the servants look like the woman he remembers. But there's something familiar about the mousy vicar's daughter who's a friend of the hostess...

And then he gets home and someone's stolen the rubies he had in his pocket. He remembers the vicar's daughter bumped into him at the party. Aha, she's the former orange seller, and she's a pickpocket! (Don't worry, she's only a pickpocket to fund an orphanage she's founded). He must get the rubies back. And he's been given a new super-special spy mission, to steal a letter a nobleman will receive where someone else has thoughtfully written down all the details of a plot to assassinate the Prince Regent. This will all happen at a house party thrown by a very jealous host. Best bring a mistress with him! But he has no official mistress, and asking one of the many women he randomly fucks will give the silly woman ideas beyond her station. Oh, of course! What better idea than to blackmail the woman to whom he was just about to apologise for raping her into pretending to be his mistress? Because there's no reason she might feel uncomfortable about spending some private quality time with her rapist...

Ugh, what a mess of WTF. It's a cracked setup, plus, this is book 4 of a series, and it shows. Maybe some of the whatthefuckery would make a bit more sense if I'd read the previous 3 books... I'm guessing some of those elements must have been introduced with a bit more care. Here, they're just plunked down. Long-lost mum who runs a brothel! Psychic sister! Harebrained spy plots!

We also have a truly entitled, obnoxious hero I wanted to smack several times. What elastic morals he's got! I got to about 12% on this gem. It might have calmed down a bit after that, but I wasn't going to hang about to find out.

MY GRADE: A DNF, but the bits I read I would probably rate an F.
