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What really happened to the two young princes of York, who were held prisoner in the tower of London by their ambitious uncle following the death of their father, King Edward of York? Some think one son escaped and was later executed by King Henry VII when he returned to claim his rightful throne. But not before he sired a child. In, Under His Protection, the first in a new trilogy, Stacy Von Haegert artfully combines history, action, humor, and sizzling passion to provide a theory for one of England's greatest mysteries. The bloodline continues...

LONDON 1838, Present day...Title-hungry matrons of the upper class throw their daughters in Alexander's path. But the Duke of Ravenswood has no desire to give up his rakish, gaming lifestyle to get hitched. When the Kingston family from New Orleans enters London, however, Alex quickly finds himself unwittingly entangled. With her spirited personality and innocent aversion to all things proper. Greyland Kingston completely knocks him off his game.

The gossip fans flutter when Queen Victoria asks Greyland and her eldest brother, Perkin, to dance the scandalous Viennese Waltz at the Royal ball. Who is this family? How do they know the Queen? Why do they bear such a strong resemblance to the late King of York? Trouble ensues in the form of jealous women, ambitious men, and a vengeful Irish clan. Alexander quickly finds that having Greyland for his own will come at a steep price. He must risk everything to keep her protected.

## **Under His Protection Details**

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### Alexander Pumar Timog says

Under His Protection (The White Rose Trilogy) by Stacy Von Haegert

Every fans of romance novel will surely fall in love with Under His Protection (The White Rose Trilogy) by Stacy Von Haegert.

What started as a fistfight and possible duel, has turned out to be the beginning of a beautiful love story. Could it be love at first sight for Alex and Greyland? For love comes from the most unexpected places.

Reading this novel is like drinking a love potion---anyone who has felt the magic of love will surely fall in love all over again. Yes, indeed, you got really to believe in magic and tell me how do these two people find each other in a world full of strangers. Love is one of the most powerful human emotion and love really conquers all as portrayed in the pages of this book.

Congratulation Stacey Von Haegert and keep the flame of love and romance burning in the hearts of millions of your readers out there!

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### Kevin says

First, in the interests of full disclosure, Under His Protection isn't what you'd call my typical read, but I kind of got roped in by my wife, who couldn't put it down.

What appealed to me about it was the historical tie-in as I do like historical fiction, like WEB Griffin, though Von Haegert's book is not truly in this vein either. What she does do surprisingly well, especially as I think this is her first published book, is mix up various genres and make this appeal to many touch points.

It isn't dusty old history, and it does have some rather dry humor to it. The pendulum even swings the other way as well as there are some rather torridly passionate scenes in here as well. The later at first made me flinch a bit, as that isn't really my cup of tea. I was pleased however with how they contributed to the story and were not simply gratuitously inserted just for their salacious content.

Suffice to say, Stacy's got me hooked and I think you will be too. I am already quietly nudging my wife to be on the lookout for the next installment.

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### Nook Books and More Blog says

Stacy Von Haegert's takes a new freshness on a historical fiction and makes into a storyline that will intrigue any book reader! I don't read a lot of romance unless there's an intrigues that pulls me in. I must admit the story does grab you from the first page and leaves you wanting more. Their is suspense, intrigue, adventure, and romance at every turn!

As Alexander the Duke of Ravenswood arrives in London in 1838 he quickly finds himself lost in the vortex that is Greyland Kingston "Grey" is so bewitching. The first time Alexander catches a glimpse of her. He realizes what he wants and sets his mind to it. He is so taken aback by her, in fact, you see a difference about her that women in that era do not show. He is drawn to her in so many ways. He knows from the start that his destiny is going to be forever intertwined with that of Greyland Kingston and that sentiment will definitely be put to the test.

This romance has more than just hot and steamy scenes, it has a storyline that draws you in and intrigues you till the end. You're craving more at each turn of the page. The characters are easy to relate to better than the average historical romance. There is a sense of humor about them that makes it more believably realistic than most books like this. The flow of writing style is impeccable and easy to follow.

It's Frothy, beautifully written, smooth flow yet suspenseful. I must admit, it is extremely well written, and Stacy Von Haegert will definitely have my attention, regardless of the genre she pursues. - Nook Books and More Blog

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### **Kristy says**

Reading Under His Protection is my first experience with a romance novel, so I must confess I have no other medium to compare it to aside from the classic fiction I love. Therefore, this review will be based on what I imagine a romance novel is supposed to be.

Sex: Yes, there is sex and plenty of it. The sexual tension leading up to Greyland and Alex's first encounter is consuming, and after that, Alex turns into a bit of a sadist and Greyland is his masochist, but not so much that it's chains and whips.

Unrealistic story line: Covered. Supposedly taking place in London before America's Civil War, the events, actions, and dialogue of the characters are all grossly inaccurate. But this is a fantasy novel, not a semi-nonfictional account of life during the 1800s, so romance audiences will probably overlook these details.

Attractive, well-endowed characters: Check and check. No romance novel enthusiast wants to read about an average man drooling over an average woman. This is fantasy, after all!

The happy ending: Woman is in trouble, man saves woman, man and woman get married and they live happily ever after. Under His Protection has all of these moments.

Based on these elements of the romance genre, I would give this novel five stars. However, there are mistakes that even an inexperienced reader could pick up on, like unnecessary misspelled words (intension was one that drove me crazy, along with what I'm assuming was meant to be town but was constantly referred to as ton.) and rough mishaps in punctuation that this novel was riddled with. If the author had used a proofreader before publishing—even a friend to read over it to pick up on these things—then the oversights would have been rectified. As an avid reader, writer, and English major, I could not let these errors go unpunished.

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### **Lissa says**

I don't generally give books less than a 3, but I guess there is a first time for everything. First, though- this story had a great premise, and the solution to the old historical mystery was well thought out and plausible. I did, for the most part, like the characters and those two things are what kept me reading.

The actual events throughout seemed disjointed, and some of the dialogue was, to be blunt, almost juvenile. There were also an embarrassing number of grammatical errors that made it hard for me to read without hitting my head on my desk.

I don't know if I like the heroine's brothers enough to read the others in this trilogy. But, even if I don't, I would highly recommend the author find a good editor or even a writers' group. Her ideas have potential.

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### **Reagan Hobson says**

If you ignore the grammatical errors throughout, this book is pretty much Julia-Quinn-esque historical romance novel, except that it is written with an over-arching story line to be continued with the female protagonist's brothers. While I do enjoy historical romance novels, this one seemed to confuse me at various points. I'm not sure when the male protagonist fell in love with the female protagonist, because he seemed to only want to have sex with her at first (well constantly, really). The female protagonist is at one point crying from being scolded by her brother at the beginning of the novel then gives a mean lady a smart ass remark as a comeback not 1 chapter later. She also let's the guy lead her out of rooms and tell her what to do, but she displays unusual characteristics of ladies of the time, like enjoying being outdoors, riding horses, etc. Either she is a strong female role, or she's a cry baby and the typical Victorian England lady, but she can't be both at the same time. If you can look passed those parts though, it's a pretty good book with romance, dashing heroes, and courtly scandal.

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### **Arianne The Bookworm on the Loose says**

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### **Crystal Barnard says**

Are you looking for a historical romance book that delivers on romance? Hot leading men? Whitty, somewhat bratty heroines? Then you want to read this book.

Greyland makes me laugh. Her sense of doing what is right, mixed with her tendency to cause a little trouble when she can pulled me to her. I love how she knows what she wants and doesn't let the fact that she has two older brothers, stop her from having fun and being who she is.

Alexander.....\*Fans self\* Oh my, what can I say. He steals your breath with just the description of him. He knows what he wants when he meets Greyland and nothing stops him from going after, and protecting the woman he has clearly fallen in love with from first sight.

Not to mention her father, while being cautious and careful of his daughter, also lets her figure out who she is, without stifling her personality.

Have I mentioned Perkin.....Henry.....Bella....., and those are just a few of the wonderful characters brought into our world by Mrs. Von Haegert. This book is riddled with nothing but steamy males and feisty females. I was literally caught up from beginning to end. I started reading it at night figuring, just a few pages before bed, and the next thing I knew, it was seven am and I was getting my daughter ready for school. I was so caught up in the world and characters the author brought to my life, that I was completely unaware of time. This book is filled with action, love, romance, sex, humor, tears, hold your breath and stop your heart, gut wrenching moments that make you want to scream and jump into the book to save the day. I love a fiction story, that while it hits on almost all the points of the timeline, also adds their own flare and twists from the author. Nothing is better than an author adding their own touches to a book to make it perfect.

If you are looking for a sweep you off your feet romance, pick up this book and start your quest into the lives and stories of the White Rose Society.

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## **Jaci says**

5 stars

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This book evokes all emotions with a mysterious twist. If you like Jane Austen you will love the writings of Stacy Von Haeger. Her debut novel will not disappoint. This was an all around fantastic read.

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## **Giselle Phillips says**

A fun little novel that blends the history of Victorian era England and the pulse quickening romance of a steamy Harlequin romance.

Under his protection tells the story of Alex Ravenswood, an aristocrat and nobleman in the very beginning of Queen Victoria's reign, who falls head-over-heel in love with the bewitching and out spoken American Lady Greyland Kingston. Their swift and heated romance is punctuated by the fact both the Ravenswood's and the

Kingston's are decided from royalty. But this romance is not all Balls and heaving bosoms. The lovely Greyland finds herself in the middle of a struggle for power and control over the English throne.

The novel is a great and extremely quick read. Von Haegert's writing is visually expressive and dynamic without bogging the reader down with an overabundance of one theme or the other. For example, the sexual tension between Alex and Greyland is felt throughout the book without having to overtly say that the two are begin engulfed by their passion for each other or going in to graphic scenes (like some other writers of this genre). The story is entertaining in a way that intrigues the read and engages in higher understanding of the ins and outs of the British class system. The only issue with the novel is that, at times, it seems too modern and tends to slip haphazardly into modern language. Some of the characters make references or comments that would not have been said or even understood in Victorian England.

All together this book is worth the read for the sheer enjoyment and relaxation

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### **Matthew says**

Normally I do not read (and I have never reviewed a romance novel) but I must say I was quite surprised with Stacy Von Haegert's take on historical fiction, and/or romance (the historical fiction was the part that intrigued me I'm a big history geek and often read historical fiction) I must admit the story does grab the reader from the first page I mean let's be honest what could be better than opening a story with a brawl between two noblemen in an English gentleman's club that result in the inevitable challenge of pistols at dawn to restore lost honor (as a male reader I was slightly disappointed that the deal was called off at the last second by a third party for a very intriguing reason...). However this did not slow the pace of the story. As Alexander the Duke of Ravenswood arrives in London in 1838 he quickly finds himself lost in the vortex that is Greyland Kingston "Grey" is so bewitching. The first time Alexander catches a glimpse of her. He practically forgets his own name, he is so taken aback by her, in fact, that he begins to consider giving up his globetrotting rakish ways. Particularly after the seeing her dance at a ball held by Queen Victoria, Alexander has never seen anyone dance like that. It has almost a Grey is floating two inches above the ground. After this moment, Alexander is keenly aware of a feeling that his destiny is going to be forever intertwined with that of Greyland Kingston and that sentiment will definitely be put to the test. The Duke of Ravenswood will have to be willing to risk everything to protect not only Grey but, one of London's all-time great mysteries surrounding King Henry VII and the possibility that his bloodline may have continued further than initially anticipated... the members of the royal court are abuzz with the fact that the younger members of the Grayland family bear a striking resemblance to the late Duke of York... duel with pistols

While it is indeed true that this is a distorted romance (and yes these scenes are quite steamy). They are not merely gratuitous layout to the emotional level of the story and serve a very definite purpose in the plot development and psychological depth of the characters. There is also plenty of action and humor to offset the more grown-up aspects of this story. And I must admit, it is extremely well written, and Stacy Von Haegert will definitely have an illustrious writing career, regardless of the genre she pursues.

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### **Kari Maass says**

#### **Excellent**

I really enjoyed this story and the twist on the lost princes of the tower. I liked the intrigue of generation still fighting for the crown. Grayland and Alex were a great couple.

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### **Geena Green says**

"*Under His Protection (The White Rose Trilogy)*" marks Stacy Von Haegert's debut as an author. In her book, Ms Von Haegert attempts to explain a centuries-old mystery regarding two youthful princes of York: their uncle imprisoned them after their father died and nobody knew, with certainty, how they had fared after imprisonment.

Ms Haegert's treatment of the mystery produces an intriguing plot that includes distant history, lust, love, gossip, humour, suspense and constant action. The story is set in London, England, in 1938 and it begins with a brutal fight between Alexander, the Duke of Ravenswood, and an American. Amidst the violence, and the prospect of more, Greyland Kingston emerges in the story. She is originally from New Orleans but is staying in London.

Despite Alexander's single-minded pursuit of his gaming habit, Greyland attracts him and they enter into a risky relationship that fuels gossip, jealousy and severe threats. He becomes consumed with protecting her and the mystery of the descendants of King Henry VII. The action affects and involves all strata of English society: even Queen Victoria and members of her court. In all of this, Greyland effectively is under his protection".

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