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A tale of love and intrigue during the era of Jane Austen and Napoleon Bonaparte.

Lady Emily Clearbrook secretly loved Jared, the Earl of Stonebridge, but one day, he left her without a word. Now, years later, Emily's four brawny brothers have decided she needs to marry. With no idea about Emily's past love, the Clearbrook brothers ask their friend, Lord Stonebridge, to guard Lady Emily from unfit suitors until they find her a proper husband. With his dangerous past, the last thing Stonebridge needs is to be watchdog to Lady Emily. But he certainly cannot tell her brothers that the person Emily needs the most protection from is himself!

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Deborah says

Again...remember...dying...sick.

THANK YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN...KATH!!! I meant what I said in my last review. I have got to start reading somethings you don't read so I can give them to you!!!

I really enjoyed this one. I really liked the two main characters and I thought they had fun chemistry. My hesitation for five stars(I can tell I am in a picky mood), is the fact that I really didn't like that he kept secrets from her and the fact at how fast she forgave him. I guess that sort of things gets under my skin a little. I would have loved a scene where everything gets put on the table for better or worse and then he explains himself and asks for forgiveness. I guess I just thought he should of "man'd up" a little more.

Over all though, I really liked it. Also, it really does help to read a nice fluffy book when you are sick!

Jultri says

Inconsistent characters, dialogues that were muddled and rereading them did not impart more sense to them. H's resentment towards him and his disillusioned attitude towards love were rather puzzling considering he was a victim of the past as much as he himself was, and that her love was true. As for him, she was rather undignified in her reaction towards meeting him again, continuing to whine about his supposed betrayal of her and thereby revealing way too much, how much she was hurt by him. And descriptions got quite repetitive at times, because do we really need to hear multiple times how broad her 4 brothers' shoulders were? Not just were the width of their masculine shoulders rather impressive when the 4 of them shrugged together in synchrony, but individually, the shoulders were mighty on Bro1, as he turned his head to look past the vast span of Bro2's shoulders to lock eyes with Bro3 and Bro4, who stood manly shoulder to manly shoulder, their muscle-ripened shoulders provided a solid wall against which one wanted to bang one's head repetitively.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

I decided to re-read this series since the fourth book just came out yesterday. They can stand on their own, but I wanted to refresh my memory of the characters. Besides, the books are a lot of fun and worth reading more than once.

I enjoyed this one just as much the second time around. I liked Emily quite a bit, I think her alter ego could have been developed a little more; it seemed in the end to be more of a plot device and didn't really fit with her actual character. I also liked Jared, very alpha male, but not too domineering. Emily's brothers are another story, especially the eldest, Roderick. I didn't care for Roderick, thought he was a pretty big hypocrite and had a deplorable lack of faith in Emily and women in general.

Emily and Jared have good chemistry and when you think things are finally going right for them something

would come up to separate them again. I loved the lost-love angle and could really feel Emily's pain and Jared's regrets. There are some great moments between the two. He does keep some secrets from her along the way, but I thought it was understandable. Besides, with everything going on and Emily pushing him away I'm not sure when he would have opened up to her. I can understand her being upset, but I thought it all worked out well in the end.

Overall, an enjoyable read and definitely one to add to the keeper shelf.

Content: Clean.

Tracy T. says

I listened to this book via audible as I read along and the narration was so bad the book suffered even more. The story it's self was okay, the characters were okay. There was a lot of dialogue (which I did like). Zero sex in this book so its rated G. There was kissing, that's it.

This story could have been much better.

Ruined by the narration. All the men sounded like old scratchy high pitch voiced idiots.

I don't think I will ever listen to this narrator, Pearl Hewitt, again. Sorry..

Kathryn Cooper says

Reviewed on Kathryn Cooper Writes

I loved this book. It was so fun to listen to, and of course I loved it when I read it. I had already read this book, and this time I got to listen to it. So fun!

Historical Romance can be so great to listen too. Of course the book was the same so I'll post that review. Just know that if you ever need to listen to a book this is a great series to have on audio. You would love it!

I love a wonderfully clean historical romance! This book (and whole series) was so pleasant to read. I liked Emily (the Main Character) from the very beginning with her independence and feisty-ness. She was 20, and her 4 older brothers wanted to choose a husband for her so she wouldn't end up with a gambler or womanizer. Her brothers were so funny. They seriously thought they should and could control Emily.

The brothers sent Lord Stonebridge to watch her while they looked for her a 'suitable' husband. Little did they know that Lord Stonebridge and Emily had a past together. Woo! This book had some swoon worthy moments. Oh sigh.

I really enjoyed The Rejected Suitor, full of romance, tension, and even some mystery. I recommend this to anyone who loves a clean historical romance.

Content Ratings: (content details found at kathryncoperwrites.com)

sexual: mild

language: very mild

violence: very mild

I received this ebook and audio book from Teresa McCarthy. I am not paid for my reviews. My reviews are solely my opinion.

Reading In Uraniborg says

3 stars

It was a well written book with witty characters and humorous dialogue. In fact I liked the writing so much that I'll definitely read more books by the talented Teresa McCarthy.

The three star rating was more about the infuriating characters than anything else.

First of all Jared. He was in love with our heroine, got rejected, got married and now he's a widower and back in our heroine's life. Ah Jared, I have so many things to tell you. First, when you decided you wanted to marry Emily you should sit down and talk to her. Tell her EVERYTHING not just bits so we can have some more story. It's not so hard. Communication is said to be the basic key to a successful relationship. Badly done Jared, badly done!

And then Emily.. why so inconsistent? Stop changing your mind with every move Jared does. You either love him and want to marry him or you don't and you move on. Stop making things complicated.

What I loved: the secondary characters and their story.

What I hated: that cover! The dress is so modern for a historical romance.

Favorite quote:

"Let your heart no longer hold the shadow of yesterday, but only the promise of tomorrow".

Recommended for fans of clean and humorous historical romance.

Englishrose says

This is my favorite of this series. I absolutely love the characters. Emily is fiery and opinionated, and yet still vulnerable. There are great twists and turns in the plot that carry it along very nicely. The interplay between Jared and Roderick are fantastic. They keep me laughing. I felt that this was very realistic in the stories and how the characters acted. It always keeps you guessing.

<http://cleanromancereviews.blogspot.com>

Miriam says

Jared and Emily's past is fraught with love, loss, betrayal, broken promises, broken trust, and secrets. Their present is filled with the same.

With so many issues between them coupled with present issues that are just as dire, I wondered how these two would resolve their past and gain a future together. But they did, though the road to happily ever after wasn't without its fair share of twists and turns. It was interesting to watch Jared and Emily's hearts soften toward each other, to see those carefully erected walls come down brick by brick until each was ready to profess, without hesitation, their love for one another.

It was annoying, to no end, her brothers' highhandedness throughout the story. Oh, I know the practice of marriages arranged by male relatives for the females in their family were commonplace but it doesn't make Emily' brothers' approach any less irritating. Still, it made for some interesting battles of will and words between them and her.

Trust, the lack of it really, was a major theme in this story. The trust Jared and Emily once shared had been lost when he left because he had to. Though fragile at first, it gained strength as they spent time together and overcame the obstacles in their way only to be shattered almost at the end. While I understand Emily's argument that Jared should have told her about his daughter, I also understand Jared's reasons for keeping her a secret. He apologized for withholding that from her, but I felt she should've been more understanding toward him, especially once he explained it was for his daughter's safety, not to hurt Emily.

A lovely story of love lost and found, of lovers reunited, of dreams finally coming true. Ms. McCarthy's characters are memorable and relatable, the plot well thought out and believable, the dialogue a direct reflection of the characters' emotions and feelings. I was in the mood for a good historical last night, and I found it in the pages of "The Rejected Suitor."

Gail says

Emily has 4 brothers who think they need to choose her a husband. Since she will have a lot of money, they think they should choose so she doesn't have to worry about the motives of the men she might meet. She is shipped off to live under the eye of Jared, who she loved until he left her and married another woman. Jared lost his wife and finds he still has feelings for her. Will the brothers think he is a suitable match? Of course not, he is too much like them. A battle of wills ensues as the gentlemen try to find her a match. A fun read-love the time frame.

Caz says

I've given this a D for content and a B- for narration at AudioGals

The Rejected Suitor was originally published in 2004, and I regret to say that I don't think it has aged well. The story revolves around the on-off romance between Lady Emily Clearbrook and Jared Ashton, Lord Stonebridge, who had fallen in love three years earlier, but were unable to marry because her father refused to grant them permission. Following that, Jared had quickly married another woman and taken up a post in

India, breaking Emily's heart in the process.

In the year since his return from India as a widower, Jared has been working undercover for the British government, his sooper-sekrit identity known only to a select few – including Emily's eldest brother, who has worked alongside him. And unbeknownst to both her brother and Jared, Emily has a sooper-sekrit identity of her own, assumed when she began to work for Whitehall, too, to dull the pain caused by Jared's abrupt defection and departure.

This isn't a spy story, however – and more's the pity, because then it might have been more interesting.

The book opens as Lady Emily's four brothers inform her that they will shortly be choosing her a husband, much to her dismay. She is headstrong, beautiful and rich, and they want to make sure she doesn't end up in the clutches of some unscrupulous fortune hunter. Her eldest brother, Roderick, Duke of Elbourne, is dictatorial (to put it mildly) and acts as though he has a stick up his arse for most of the book. And the others aren't much better. Almost the entire first chapter – about twenty-five minutes long – consists of the five of them having the following conversation:

“You must marry the man we choose.”

“No!”

“Yes!”

“Daddy said I could choose my own husband.”

“Our father has been dead for three years, we’re your guardians now, and you do what we say.”

“No. And you’re all idiots.”

“How dare you, you inferior female!”

As he and his brothers are about to remove to London, the duke decrees that Emily should go to stay at the country home of Agatha Appleby, a friend of the family. But they need someone there to keep an eye on her. How about Agatha's nephew, the newly minted Earl of Stonebridge (Jared)? He's staying with his aunt, and is the ideal person to keep an eye on Emily! (*rolls eyes*)

You can read the rest of this review at [AudioGals](#).

Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" says

A DELIGHTFUL ROMANTIC STORY!!

When I first started reading *The Rejected Suitor*, I thought what in the world have I just spent my money on!! The story just kept pulling me in further and further until I couldn't put it down. This is a fun romantic love story. If you are looking for a Sensual story this is Not it. There is no love making in the story. But it is Madcap Keystone funny!!

Jared Ashton is now the Earl of Stonebridge and has returned home after years of working for Whitechapel as a agent for the Crown during the war.

Three years prior Jared had asked the Duke of Elbourne for his daughter Emily's hand in marriage. The Duke said No and rejected Jared and made sure that he could no longer pursue Emily.

Heather says

4.5 STARS. I ended up really liking this! The first half I enjoyed but wasn't loving(felt like 4 stars as I was reading), maybe because I felt like I should have known the characters already, but I didn't, so I had a hard time caring/getting into it completely. But it had great character depth for a fairly quick read, so the first half went by quickly and by halfway through I was beginning to love it, and by the end I knew I loved the story and couldn't wait to start the next book that follows one of the heroine's brothers. This author has a way of describing her heroes just the way I like them....noble/perfect gentlemen but strong and with quick tempers. I love the brothers and how they interact with each other! And I loved how involved they were with finding who they wanted their sister to marry, and how they were so against their sister being with anyone who is too much like them! Will definitely read more from this author!!

April says

I really wanted to love this book, it just did not connect for me. There was something about the dialogue that felt flat. It had witty moments but they just did not fell light.

Mostly I was annoyed with Emily, I know this is a historical but she was not to my liking. I wanted more fire and spunk from her. I was also not pleased with the hero, Jared married another woman and only came sniffing around again after she died. Nope not something I am generally a fan.

The story is nicely done, it just feels dry and did not give me warm fuzzies. I am not really sure what to expect in the brother's books either. They were very overbearing and really ticked me off.

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Pearl Hewitt, who does a great job. She has a really lovely voice that makes the read more enjoyable. Her pace is swift and really moves along keeping the pace steady. Her voices were fabulous and really consistent. I will definitely look for more of her work.

I already have the second book in the series, so I will give it a listen, but I am not sure if it is more like this. I really could have used more intrigue and less of the romance. Perhaps it was just my mood.

Disclosure - I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts, opinions and ratings are my own.

Lilmissmolly says

I want to preface my comments with the fact that I am a true fan of historical romance. I probably read and/or listen to about 100 such books per year. What attracted me to The Rejected Suitor is that it is set in the Regency period (think the Jane Austen era).

The story revolves around Jared, the Earl of Stonebridge, and Emily Clearbrook who is a Duke's daughter. Three years earlier Jared promised to marry her, but he left her without a word. Emily's brothers are committed to see her married soon, but she is too independent having served as a spy during the war.

I found the premise unrealistic and the characters unbelievable. I didn't understand why Emily's father blackmailed Jared into marrying someone else three years earlier, or how his new pending engagement was relevant to the story. Also why were Emily's brothers so intent on getting her married off quickly to anyone rather than someone she loved? Furthermore, why was Emily's now widowed mother willing to see her daughter married to the man the mother still loved?

Pearl Hewitt's narration was OK. I enjoyed most of her voices for the characters, but her voice for Jared was too soft and feminine-like. He should have been manly, more like the brothers.

Katie W says

I absolutely adored this story! I love great characters with subtle humor in a fun setting.

Emily and Jared have a past. They once wanted to marry, but when Jared left without a word and married another, Emily was left heartbroken and devastated. Years later, their paths cross again and neither of them are sure they can handle it.

I love a good lost love story. It was written in a way that was easy for me to sympathize with Emily--I could feel her pain and sorrow. Emily is a strong character, not willing to sit back without a fight while her four brothers try to find her the perfect match. She has a mind of her own and pushes the limits of what is acceptable for a lady in this time.

Jared has many secrets. He can't quite resist Emily, but for many reasons, he has to try. I wish he would've (or could've) been more trusting. Roderick, the oldest brother, has secrets as well. It almost seems like it's okay for him to do something, but Emily can't do the same thing without a big deal made.

The brothers and different encounters with potential suitors had me laughing and smiling throughout; the romance was toe-tingling and sweet; and the aunt/cousin were great, too. A very enjoyable and purely fun story!

Content: clean romance; mild language; mild violence. Clean!

THANKS, KATH!!
