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She spied him in the shadows . . .

And in an instant, Thalia Langley knew the man before her was no saint. He might claim to be the Duke of Hollindrake's unassuming country cousin, but no man that handsome, that arresting, could be anything but . . . well, he simply *must* be an unrepentant rogue. His cat-like grace and power leave Tally shivering in her slippers at the notion of all the wicked, forbidden things he might be capable of doing . . . to her.

Indeed, Lord Larken is no bumbling vicar, but a master spy there in his majesty's service to find—and murder—a notorious pirate freed in a daring prison escape. Devoted to the Crown, Larken's not about to let an interfering (and not entirely innocent) Mayfair miss disrupt his ruthless plans. Yet how can he be anything but tempted by this lady in a little black gown . . . a dress tantalizing enough to lead even Larken astray.

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Yumru says

Keyifli bir hikayeydi. Hayvanlar'n kitaplarda yapt??? muzurluklar çok güldürüyor beni. Burada da köpek çok güldürdü birde erkek karakterin köpe?e bak?? aç?s? iç sesler komikti. Seriyi be?eniyorum bakal'm s?radaki kitap nas?l olacak ama 3.kitap daha iyiydi.

Mikka says

The book was okay overall, but Tally and Larken were not the most interesting part. I spent most of the book wondering about Pippin and Dash. Also, Felicity was really annoying in this book and seemed like a completely different character from the previous book. So far, this is the weakest book in the series.

Canan says

3,5

Neredeyse her kitab'n sonunda akl'm?z Pippin ve Dash'ta kal?yor. Olmuyor ama... ♥

Melis says

Larken ve Tally'nin e?lenceli ve bir o kadar komik halleri için sizleri Okyanusun Sözleri'ne alal'm ^_^

Jessica Grogan says

DNF. I Usually really enjoy Elizabeth Boyle's books and this started out well but I found myself bored and thinking of other books I want to read. It's been a few years since I read Felicity and Thatcher's story but I loved it and I don't remember her being so annoying. And I felt like this book was mostly to help set up Pippin and Dash's story and since I don't like Dash I've never been interested in reading that. I'm not invested enough in any of the rest of the characters to finish the series.

nurmawati says

ceritanya ttg lady thalia langley, kakaknya felicity langley menikah dengan duke of hollindrake (di buku sebelumnya)...

disini thalia yang biasa dipanggil tally terlibat dengan sepupunya, lady phillipa (pippin) menyelamatkan

seorang pirate yang di cintai lady pipin (juga dari buku sebelumnya)..dengan menyamar mereka membebaskan dashwell dari tahanan dan menyembunyikannya (cerita ttg pippin dan pirate dashwell bakal ada di buku lanjutan buku ini)...
eniwei....kerajaan menugaskan lord larken, seorang assasin dan spy buat mencari dan membunuh dashwell... lord larken menyamar menjadi seorang vicar dan mengaku sebagai sepupu jauh suami kakak tally....

tapi sejak awal tally di kenalkan dengan lord larkenm tally tau ada sesuatu yang salah dengan dia krn tally bisa melihat kalo dia bukan sekedar vicar biasa, ada aura misterius dalam diri mr. tatcher (nama yang dipakai lord larken buat menyamar)
dilain pihak, felicity menugaskan tally buat membantu mr. tatcher buat di kenalkan pada para gadis krn mr. tatcher bermaksud mencari istri...

mr. tatcher aka lord larken adalah seorang yang bitter, dia menyaksikan ayahnya mati d bunuh mistress nya di depan matanya bertahun2 silam...
dia hanya tau si pembunuh di sebut 'aurora'...sampai sekarang dia mencari si aurora buat membalas dendam..
dia ikut perang dan berjasa bagi inggris, menjadi mata2 dan pembunuh buat kerajaan inggris...
sebenarnya dia gak mau nerima tugas terakhir ini kalo gak terpaksa, karena dia mau retired...

lord larken yang dingin sejak awal ketemu tally merasa kalo tally ini merepotkan, beda dengan lady yang lain, pemberani dan sedikit2 desikit lord larken mulai membayangkan hal2 erotis bersama lady tally :p
apalagi pas ada acara jamuan makan, tally muncul dengan gaun hitam provocatif yang sebenarnya gak cocok di pakai lady..
tally yang iseng menemukan koper nya tertukar, nekad memakain black dress itu cuma buat isengin kakaknya felicity yang suka ngatur2...
melotot keluarlah mata lord larken yang dingin itu hahaha....

again mr. tatcher aka lord larken curiga bahwa tally dan sepupunya berhubungan dengan kaburnya kapten dashwell meyelidiki tally lebih intens....
akhirnya dia terjebak sendiri ...malah dia yang gak bisa jauh dari tally....apalagi waktu kebablasan mereka gak sengaja kissingan di taman...ehem :p

buku ini juga banyak adegan action, dengan munculnya si jahat aurora yang ternyata kembali ke inggris buat membunuh kapten daswell juga krn si kapten tau banyak mengenai organisasi kejahatan mata2 nya (dia bekerja buat pihak perancis)

aurora di bantu adiknya, lady browne, berhasil menyandera kapten dashwell dan di bantu dengan anak buahnya juga menangkap lord larken....
tally yang mestinya melapor minta bantuan ke kakak iparnya, duke of hollindrake justru memutuskan buat menolong lord larken dan kapten daswell dibantu sama pippin dan felicity...
jadi bukannya para co malah ce2 nya disini yang pemberani dan membunuh musuhnya hahaha...hebat banget....

adegan memorable nya (baca : uhuk2 :p)...pas lord larken di beri minuman mengandung obat tidur sama si tally..terbaring tak berdaya dikamarnya...soalnya biar kapten dashwell bisa kabur dan tally mau ngambil sesuatu di kamar lord larken....sayangnya (or asiknya ? ;p) lord larken yang setengah terbius menangkap tally....terus karena dikira mimpi, si lord mencium tally dengan bernaflu...si tally nya juga gak nolak sih...akhir nya kejadian deh....
gak cuma sekali....sampe 4 kali bo...(ini sebenarnya mabok apa gimana ya...) secara si tally juga sangat 'bersemangat' sekali...padahal dia lady yang lugu dan tak berpengalaman (aji mumpung soalnya yang jadi

modellord larken si paul marron sih)

hmmm terus ada lagi adegan bagian belakang sebelum prolog...lord larken yang merasa gak bisa hidup tanpa tally, pengen ngelamar tally tapi dia gak tau caranya, dia mencari tally yang sedang melukis di hutan keluarga hollindrake sambil bawa keranjang piknik dan selimut (ah bisaan ;p)
terus mereka berbincang...one thing let another itu selimut piknik nya malah di gelar di rumput dan mereka malah boboaan lagi dengan semangat nya (untung di hutan gak ada orang)...sampe ada licking2 an ama sucking2 an pulak (sensooooor)...soalnya seperti dibilangm tally nya bersemangat sekali, apa yang lord larken lakukan ke dia, dia balas lakukan 'sesuatu' yang sama persis olala...berani sekali :p
after capek baru deh mereka balik....
dan tally minta mereka menikah di gretna green aja karena dia gak mau perayaan besar2 an seperti yang felicity, kakaknya mau...
so bukannya pulang mereka ke kandang kuda dan kabur ke gretna green yang membutuhkan waktu seminggu kesana dengan naik kuda...tentu nya dengan di selingi berhenti di penginapan2 dan melakukan 'sesuatu' lagi hihihih.....
gw suka bagian belakangnya nih hahahahaha.....

nanti pengen baca buku sebelumnya yang ttg felicity dan duke of hollindrake sebelum mereka merit....^^

Blodeuedd Finland says

I enjoyed this book a lot, I even giggled from time to time. And it was sure hard to keep a straight face while reading if there were others having lunch at the same time. I do love a good historical romance, there is just something sweet, and sometimes oh so wicked about them. Not to mention that I love the time and the manners.

I liked Thalia, she was strong, and she knew what she wanted, a wicked rake, pirate or perhaps a spy. So when the man she spies in the shadows actually is a vicar she is truly disappointed. But still there is something strange about him and she is very curious. How can one man seem to be one thing one moment and something else the next? And after she puts on the little black dress she found, well no one can resist that.

Lord Larken, is all man with a troubled past and a ruined reputation. He comes to the Hollingdrake estate posing as a country vicar, a bumbling fool. But after he has meet Tally he is lost, and he needs to focus on his true quest. To kill the pirate they are believing to be hiding somewhere in the house. Larken is a wicked hero that then is really sweet and torn between what to do. I like them both, cos they fit each other so well.

There is one thing that I didn't like though, the rest was great but I honestly did not care for the sex scene. It felt wrong and weird, it did nothing for me, and I read fast past it since it killed the mood for me.

But except for that this was a great book. Romance, spies and assassins, what was there not to like. I really want to read about Tally's sister Felicity now and see how she met her man because she seemed a bit caught up in her matchmaking and a bit hard at time. Would like to have seen her melt away. Still I liked her a lot too, just as I did their friend Pippin, and yes I want to read her story too, pirates ;) Ok I just want to read all her books in the end, lol. They all sound great.

Shoshana G says

Thalia sees Lord Larkin and falls in love at first glance. Well, she falls in love with the dangerous man she sees under his unassuming cover, for Lord Larkin is pretending to be Rev. Milo Ryder while actually searching for the escaped pirate Thomas Dashwood. Larkin's mission to kill Dashwood brings him to conflict with Tally's goals, for after all she and her cousin Pippin were the ones who rescued him...

These just keep getting sillier!

SidneyKay says

Tally, Tilly, Pilly, Pippin, Dippen, Flippen

Nicknames, schmicknames. If you can get past the nicknames, you will find *Confessions of a Little Black Gown* to be a delightful book. I've mentioned before that I'm enjoying reading this series more now that I'm reading them one right after the other as opposed to the last time when I read them as they came out. While the books are written as stand-alones, I'm finding they work better when read in close proximity. This is a series full of rich storytelling and great characters - lots of characters.

Confessions of a Little Black Gown begins with our hero, Larken, as a youth witnessing the murder of his father by a shadowy organization of female assassins called the Black Lily. Fast forward. Larken is one of the many spies who seems to inhabit England and he has been told by the head of the spy organization that he must capture and kill Captain Dashwell, who they suspect is hiding out at the Duke of Hollendrake's house party. There is also a strong suspicion that Lady Phillipa Knowles and her cousin Thalia Langley are responsible for breaking Dashwell out of prison. Larken is sent to do the dirty deed and he's in disguise. He is disguised as a mild-mannered vicar, Mr. Ryder. He considers himself a pretty sneaky guy and a master of trickery. No one will be able to see through his camouflage. Enter Thalia Langley.

Thalia Langley, Tally to her friends, is a woman of unconventional upbringing. She dreams of a dangerous man who can sweep her away and fill her nights with thrilling adventures; none of that humdrum stuff for her. So when she hears a deep sensual voice coming from her brother-in-law's library, she thinks she has found him. Then she sees him, and his physical persona doesn't match the stimulating voice that sent chills down her spine. Immediately she suspects something is not quite right. Now, Tally is one smart cookie and her radar is on high alert. The reason for the high alert is because the suspicions of the English spy organization are correct. Tally did help Dashwell escape and she and Pippin (Lady Phillipa Knowles) are

hiding him. She is on to Mr. Ryder from almost the very beginning; she knows he isn't who he says he is. She just doesn't know who he is. She sets out to trip him up and make his life harder. And the sparks fly. Larken, like most of Ms. Boyle's male characters I'm finding out, just doesn't have a chance once he stumbles into Tally's net.

Confessions of a Little Black Gown is a great story, full of adventure, fun, mystery, villains and a wonderful cast of supporting characters.

Let's talk about Felicity. Felicity is Tally's sister and her story was told in *Love Letters from a Duke*. As I was reading this story it became abundantly clear to me just how much better these stories were when read close together. If I hadn't just read Felicity's story, I would have considered her a mean-spirited, irritating, controlling shrew in this book. However, because her character was so fresh in my mind, I had no problems with her and understood her better this time around. Felicity comes off better than she would if this were just a stand-alone book.

Overall, once again I was happy with my reread of this fun book, which is part of the Bachelor Chronicles. The test is going to be in the next book *The Memoirs of a Scandalous Red Dress*, which I don't believe I liked all that much.

Angel's books says

Tarihi a?ka doymad?m, hemen bir yenisine dald?m ?? Seriyeye ortadan giri? yapm???m yaln?z. Bu yazar bana biraz Nora Roberts'? an?msatt?. Kurgu itibariyle tabii, yoksa tarzlar?n?n birbirine benzedi?ini pek d?ü?ünmüyorum. Biraz macera, biraz suç, biraz polisiye kar???m? ve oldukça heyecanlı? bir tarihi a?k roman?. Çok olmasa da komedisi de var.

Angelc says

Unfortunately, I didn't finish this one, so no star rating for me. I felt like it was one of those romances where the 'mystery' takes up more of the story than the romance. I loved the basic idea of the rakish hero masquerading as a nerdy vicar, but the lack of interaction between the hero and heroine made me uninterested in them. If you are a big fan of the rest of this series, I'm sure you would like the book because the supporting characters are a huge players in this one. One thing that disappointed me was the portrayal of Felicity as an unlikeable bossy busybody. I loved her character and her book, "Love Letters from a Duke", so I wanted to see her portrayed more positively. Overall not a bad book, I just wasn't interested in all the spying and mystery so I didn't finish.

kris says

Geoff Larkin is tasked with locating the escaped pirate Daswhwell and killing him dead. Thalia "Tally" Langley helped the dread pirate escape and now must keep him hidden from those who'd like to kill him dead. When their paths cross, SPARKS FLY because something something BONERS. Will these two spies be able to out-spy each other before someone gets their spy broken?

1. WHY WAS ANYONE EVEN TRYING TO SAVE DASH HE SEEMED LIKE AN ASSHOLE?

2. So as much as I loved the fact that Tally was On her Game and saw through most of Larkin's nonsense, that was still some of the most inept spygames bs I've seen in a romance novel in a while. Larkin loses his wits almost immediately when Tally flashes him French-siren eyes and nearly confesses his dark, dark history to her--even though he's used to seduction as a tool. Tally has solid suspicions of Larkin / Mr. Ryder but dismisses them again and again--even though she has a history of diplomacy / spy-games / growing up with shady people. It's like they both took the INTRO TO SPY class and crammed the night before the final instead of it being steeped into their every action and reaction, as it would if they had actual spy-experience.

3. CAN I SAY SPY AGAIN. SPYING SPYFULLY SPIES.

4. The romance was hilariously rushed. Day 1: suspicion; makeouts in the garden; arousal. Day 2: heartfelt conversation; confirmation he's an evil spy; confirmation she's helped a traitor escape; hero-drugging; SEX. Day 3: confessions of love; the climax of the book. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU: IT WAS FAST AND LAZY.

5. I WANT TO KNOW THE STORY OF THE REAL MR. RYDER AND MISS DEFISSER???

6. Overall, I waswhelmed. It was decently written, decently entertaining, and not all together disagreeable. I would seek out more by this author, although perhaps not the next in the series (as it's Pippin/Dash and idk about Dash). It just wasn't *GREAT*.

Cynthia says

There were some ideas with potential floating around in this book:

Little Black Gown, Spy/Vicar, playwriting heroines, pirate jailbreaks, secret female spy order, and such. Too bad it came together in a boring inane mush. Ugh.

Honestly, I don't really care about Tally or Larken, especially when they aren't all that admirable and don't have any depth. Boyle tries to give them life but they fall flat.

Also, I'm assuming the sister Felicity and the Duke were the H/H of a previous book, but Felicity came off as a shrewish snob and the Duke as a doormat.

Dash came off as a useless alphole and Pippin was ok, but pretty foolhardy/forgettable.

All around it had weak characters, plot, writing.

Isalys says

I LOVED this book! One of my favorite qualities in any book is if it could make me laugh - and while reading this, if I wasn't giggling, I was trying to unravel the mystery of the missing American pirate that was freed from one of England's most secure prisons.

In the very beginning, the book didn't seem anything out of the ordinary [for a historical romance:] but at about chapter 3, it really started to come to life. Tally (Thalia Langley) was such a fun, flirty character who was anything but ordinary. Lord Larken assumed the identity of the awkward and clumsy Vicar Ryder, but was in fact a very dangerous spy.

Upon meeting, they both suspected that neither was what they pretended to be so their encounters were attempts to get them to fumble their "pretenses" and reveal their true selves (which was actually amusing). Their encounters transformed from playing mind games to resisting their attraction and then finally giving in to their mutual passions.

Meanwhile, the truth of the missing American pirate Thomas Dashwell begins to reveal itself taking with it a slew of accomplices that totally catch you by surprise! This story is filled with twists, turns and surprises!

The storyline is a lot to keep up with because so much is going on, but I think it made it all the more fun. There is just a "dash" of the love story between Tally's cousin Pippin and Dash which I cannot wait to read about in Boyle's follow up, "Memoirs of a Scandalous Red Dress".

Courtney says

Full review here: <https://courtneyreadsromancesite.wordpress.com/2015/05/01/review-of-the-ghost-of-the-ghost/>
