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A Father's Duty

As soon as Colonel Gavin Romney has healed, he'll return to war and see Bonaparte vanquished forever. Yet his children's governess is proving a formidable adversary on the home front. For pretty, determined Hannah Fletcher wants the earl to fulfill the one role he's sure is beyond him: loving parent.

Hannah can't bear to see her three motherless charges lose their father, too. When Gavin impulsively offers a marriage of convenience for the children's sake, she believes the gulf between them is too wide. Now the earl is ready to wage a very different campaign—for Hannah's tender heart, and for the family he longs to reclaim...

Glass Slipper Brides: From governess to Cinderella bride

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Donna says

Misunderstandings

I love these novels about this group of young orphans who helped each other survive and find their happily ever after that they all assumed would never be them. Wow... that was a mouth full! There are many meaningful moments that are very inspiring. Here is an example: "I put so much energy into guilt and regret, yet they could not change a single moment of my past. All they did was spoil the present and threaten my future." Very profound.

Michelle says

Deborah Hale is one of my most reliable historical romance authors - she regularly delivers a great story and good characters (I love her heroes). The Earl's Honorable Intentions is a nice little read, and if you are not generally of the audience who reads from the "Love Inspired" category I would also say that nuances in the novel that put it in that category are not intrusive at all. (I am not a regular Love Inspired reader, but will follow Deborah Hale pretty much wherever she goes).

This book is set around the Napoleonic Wars, and the hero, Gavin Romney, is one of it's many victims, physically and psychologically. Hannah Fletcher, his children's governess, is challenged with breaking through Gavin's sense of failure - as a soldier, a father and a husband, but in the process must struggle with her own sense of abandonment and failures from when she was a child. The story is an intimate one, focusing mostly on the hero and heroine, and their chemistry is very good.

I did struggle a little bit with the heroine in this book - which is why this is a three and not a four star review. Hannah's internal conflict, which drove relationship with the Earl and his eldest son, was hard for me to identify with. There were just times she felt a little clingy, or something, but I am sure it's because I was having a hard time connecting with her backstory. At the end of the book the author said she struggled a bit with parts of this book and I wonder if this was it.

That being said, I still thought it was a fine read, a gentle romance (which I have a soft spot for) and well worth a look by anyone who enjoys regency romances.

Sarah Southerland says

A clean and OK read.

Melody says

This was a great story! I love when characters change their minds about another person when they get to know them better. I think that's why I love Pride and Prejudice so much. Anyway, I enjoyed this a lot!

5 stars.

Nicole Laverdure says

The Earl's Honorable Intentions by Deborah Hale 4 1/2 stars

This is this first book that I read by this author and I found it charming; It's the romantic story of Gavin, a colonel in the army and Hannah, a governess. I liked the time set in 1815. Gavin's wife had died while he had been in Northern France with the Duke of Wellington's army, preparing to battle Bonaparte's forces. Hannah is the governess of Gavin's three children and she only wishes that he would not remain in the army and instead be a loving father to his motherless children. Gavin comes back from war, a rude and arrogant man, a wounded soldier. He often felt it was his fault that his marriage failed. Soon, Gavin and Hannah will begin to share secrets and better understand why he reacts this way, and, because she is a strong believer in God, she will help him. Can a perfect soldier become a perfect father. It's a romantic story of tenderness and compassion. Very well written. Deborah Hale is a new to me author! Charming historical romance!

Shana says

Lots of history about Napoleon

Because this was a story about a man dealing with the loss of his best friend at Waterloo and the promise made, it was a bit too much war and Napoleon. But the story did give you more insight for why men choose war over family. The romance part was more a counseling for the soldier and the governess. Each had previous, negative family experiences to get over. It was a lovely read and the immense research of that part of history was appreciated.

Wendy Sparkes says

#3 Glass Slipper Brides

The Earl has made a vow to his dying friend. The governess of his son has made a vow to his late wife on her deathbed. Their vows seem to run contrary to each other – how can they both fulfil the vows they have made?

Both struggle with feelings of failure and unworthiness.

Both have formed strong, unfavourable opinions of the other, and are now feeling disconcerted as their former opinions are revised.

Both are concerned about the romantic feelings they should not be feeling towards each other!

This story is set against the background of the Battle of Waterloo. Napoleon has been captured – now the

question is, what is to be done with him so he can't escape to start another war. The Earl wants to do his part in ensuring that Napoleon can't return to do damage a 3rd time. Battle wounds though, enforce him to his home to recuperate. Being a soldier is the only thing he is good at – but Hannah Fletcher, his son's governess and late wife's confidant, is slowly showing him that maybe he's not the failure he's always thought he was and that his home is a place where he can succeed.

I loved the depth of feelings expressed in this story and how the passion was there, bubbling under the surface, but due to the circumstances was not expressed.

I enjoyed getting to meet again characters from *The Baron's Governess Bride*, as well as meeting new friends. While I really enjoyed reading *The Baron's Governess Bride* last year, it is this story which has made me want to put the first 2 books on my Amazon wish list, and am now hoping that Deborah Hale is writing a story for Leah and Evangeline also!

Glass Slipper Brides:

#0.5 ~ Rebecca's story is in *Much Ado About Nuptials*, and is where the story of the school friends who become governesses starts. As it is in with another story by Louise M. Gouge and shorter than the others in the series, it is not advertised as being the start of the *Glass Slipper Brides* series.

#1 ~ Marian's story.

#2 ~ Grace's story.

#3 ~ Hannah's story.

Update ~ Deborah Hale has now written Leah and Evangeline's stories:

#4 ~ Leah's story.

#5 ~ Evangeline's story.

LaDonna Holloman says

Enjoyed reading this 1st in a series about several orphaned clergy daughters. Can't wait to see what happens with the rest of the girls.

Brenda says

This was a very interesting story. Two strong willed individuals that have each made a vow to a dying friend. The story gets interesting when they find their vows are at cross purposes with each other. Great characters and a nice story of letting go of the past and seeing events from youth with adult eyes. A romance? I'd classify it more of an inspirational historical. Not a single kiss....

Brittany says

This review is for books 1-4 in the series. This is a clean romance series about a group of young women who

after facing hard times in the past meet their matches and fall in love. Their stories are heart warming and engaging. I finished this series very quickly and enjoyed the reads. I will have to look for more from this author.

Tom Prejsner says

Romance

Thank you for sharing these wonderful romance novels series books. Please keep writing more of these wonderful books. Thank you

Victoria says

[the back cover gives everything away! I was waiting for that proposal to happen waaayyyy earlier and to have more of a role in the plot, but it showed up with only a couple of chapters to go! It could have been spun a different way if that's how it was going to play out. Make the intended focu

S Hromas says

So-so

The story seemed to drag at times since one of the main characters was sick so there was not a lot of action to be had.

B. D. Mann says

Although “The Earl’s Honorable Intentions” is listed as the second in “The Glass Slipper Brides” series it is the story of the second of five governesses who survived the ordeal of a poor experience school for orphan girls of the clergy where the bonded as if they were siblings. The story of Rebecca Beaton was a novella titled “The Nobleman’s Governess Bride.” This is

followed by the story of Grace Ellerby and Rupert Kendrick, a novel titled “The Baron’s Governess Bride.” In this novel, we find the story of the third Governess, Hannah Fletcher, and Gavin Romney. For the best reading experience, I recommend reading these stories in sequence; however, they work well as stand-alone stories. All three stories are well written clean works that adhere to Christian principles. Christian doctrine is consistent with the Regency period and is included in a non-preachy style that is uplifting to Christians of any type. The published synopsis is well done so I need not expand on it. At this writing, I have completed reading all five stories and heartily recommend this competent author to any who appreciate works of the Regency period.

V says

I just found out that I won this through a Good Reads FirstReads giveaway. I am very excited for it to arrive!

Hale's romance, taking place at the end of the second Napoleonic War centers around a widower and his children's governess. If this seems at first reminiscent of Jane Eyre, the reader will be surprised with a much warmer story of a relationship. Character-driven, this novel provides a deep look into the flawed (and believable) characters. Precisely because they are flawed does the reader become quickly emotionally connected to the hero and heroine of this story. As their feelings change in realistic ways, the reader is drawn into the tale and cannot help but root for them to come together in the end. While the dialogue can seem a bit contrived at times, the pacing of the novel is not. In fact, it is difficult to put the book down -- so compelling is it. Readers seeking a fun, satisfying, and plausible sweetheart romance will find this a worthwhile way to spend a few afternoons.
