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Lady Adelaide Robins, the charming and beautiful daughter of an impoverished earl, was raised on the foggy moors of Yorkshire. Never in her wildest dreams did she imagine she would travel to London, capture the heart of a duke, and receive a proposal of marriage. Is she ready for a life of luxury and privilege as a duchess? Or will her heart forever belong to another?

William Thomas, the second son of a Yorkshire viscount, is about to be disowned for his unbecoming ambitions to become a medical doctor. But what does it matter if he can have the woman he loves at his side? Determined to finally claim the hand of Lady Adelaide, his lifelong beloved, William is shocked to discover that she has accepted a marriage proposal from a duke. With the wedding only days away, will he be able to win back her heart?

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Greeneyes Belle28 says

Really Good

Tabetha Waite says

As a fan of the Pembroke Palace series and Julianne Maclean, I thought this was a sweet story about unrequited love. I am much looking forward to Charlotte's story this year and hope that Adelaide and William finally gain their happy ever after :)

Mary says

This was a very very short novella that just didn't do anything for me. I never connected with the characters and at the end I was like "that's it?" I've read synopsizes that have had more substance than this story.

I'd skip this one.

Marcella says

Far too short to be able to say much about it. Not bad but forgettable.

Elizabeth Wright says

Great little read!

I absolutely love Julianne MacLean's books. Her writing is so fluid and evokes the most wonderful images. The story of Adelaide and William finally getting it together and running away was a sweet little addition to the series. Despite it's brevity it was full of emotion and warmth. I just loved it.

Kbee says

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Narrator: Rosalyn Landor as always does a great job.
The Duchess and the doctor the night before her wedding to the Duke.

Khanh, first of her name, mother of bunnies says

Weak plot, weak characters, no passion.

I'm not spoiling anything.

Lady Adelaide Robins is engaged to marry a Duke very shortly. The duke is a paragon; falls in love with her at first sight, is generous to her family, and handsome to boot. But nope, the lady in question is in love with William, her childhood friend and secret love. William is the second son of a Viscount who has left for two years without a single letter to her, and who meanwhile has discovered a newfound love of medicine, a wholly unsuitable career for someone of his station. A few weeks before the wedding, Adelaide writes to inform William of her pending marriage, and lo and behold, William realizes something to the tune of "Oh crap, I never knew anyone would lay claim to my childhood love, whom I admittedly took for granted would stay there until I'm good and ready to take her. Time to make a speedy return two days before the wedding so I can snatch her away from her handsome, wealthy duke!"

That was roughly the first 1/3 of the short novel. The latter has William trying to win back the hands of his beloved, and honestly, he doesn't seem to have to work too hard. More like

Him - "Oh, I've loved you all along, and I thought you'd always be there for me cause who else would take you, all isolated in your dad's household like that"

Her - "You jerk! I waited for you all these years---I'm getting married to my duke in two days, my whole family depends on it...Oh who am I kidding, I love you."

As I stated in the beginning. Weak plot and unbelievable characters.

Nicole Laverdure says

A sweet short novella 5/5

I just finished reading "A Kiss before the wedding" by Julianne MacLean.

It's the fifth story in the Pembroke Palace series as a very short novella. I loved it but it was so short, I just started to like her two characters! It's the story of Adelaide Robins and Dr. William Thomas. William has been Adelaide's best friend since childhood. Not receiving any news of him, she decides to move on with her life and to marry the Duke of Pembroke. But, when William finds out she is going to be married to someone else, he decides to give her a last kiss before the wedding. Adelaide feels torn between love and duty to her family. Will she find happiness? Julianne MacLean is one of my favorite authors and I can't wait to read her sixth book "Seduced at Sunset" of the Pembroke Palace series.

Nicole Laverdure says

I just finished listening to "A Kiss before the wedding" by Julianne MacLean. It's the fifth story in the Pembroke Palace series as a very short novella. I loved it but it was so short. Love it as an audio book and love the narrator's voice!

Amy Alvis says

This was a nice short read that should be read before Seduced at Sunset. I won't go into the story line as it's already been done, but if you have read the other books in the Pembroke Palace series you won't want to miss this one.

Tasha says

I am so much closer to being done with this series... it seems so sad that a year or two ago I started this series and now it is coming to a close... I always wondered about her story... Now I truly know. A what a story it was. I did not know the things I know... Her father... wow can I say he was an ***?

Toula says

Historical Regency . Novella. Hero is Thomas . Heroine is Adeline.

This is a pre short novella that tells a story about the duchess for the Pembroke series . Even though you see the Duchess in the series this story is before Adeline is married to the Duke .

Adeline and Thomas have loved each other since they were young . Thomas had thought that Adeline knew how he felt and an understand that he meant to marry her . Thomas went to Italy to study .

Adeline is the only one of her father's daughter that is not wed. One of her sisters is married to a Baron and the other is married to a younger son (a Vicar) . One night the Duke sees Adeline at a ball and he is smitten . After a few short meetings at a ball and a ride they are promised to each other .

Adeline feels that she should write Thomas and tell him . So she does .

One night in Italy Thomas feels that he can't believe how time has passed . Thomas wants to go to England and see Adeline but that night he receives a letter from Adeline advising that she will marry the Duke .

Thomas packs that night hoping he is in time to stop the wedding . Does he .

Grab the rest of the stories and read about the family . It's not a given till years later

Gemma says

Very short. I knew this was a novella, but the story is less than 70% of the book, the rest is author's note and preview of other books.

The ending was very abrupt and left me unsatisfied. I wanted to know what the fallout was from the heroine's choice. Maybe this is another book, IDK.

